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The Honorable Richard Ellison
Mayor of the Village of Elmwood Place
6118 Vine Street
Elmwood Place, Ohio 45216

Mr. Jack Wachter
City of Cincinnati
Risk Management Division
805 Central Avenue, Suite 100
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

**Re: Village of Elmwood Place Landfill, Hamilton County
Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Rule 3745-27-13 Authorization**

Dear Mayor Ellison and Mr. Wachter:

On June 26, 2006, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA), Division of Solid and Infectious Waste Management (DSIWM), Southwest District Office (SWDO) received a request titled Request for Authorization under OAC Rule 3745-27-13 for Filling and Grading at the Closed Village of Elmwood Place Landfill Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio from Keramida Environmental, Inc., on behalf of the City of Cincinnati (City), Risk Management Division, pursuant to OAC Rule 3745-27-13, to engage in filling, grading, excavating, building, drilling, or mining activities at the closed Village of Elmwood Place Landfill (Facility) located in Hamilton County. The Village of Elmwood Place (Village) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that, upon completion of proposed activities, the ownership of the Village of Elmwood Place Landfill property to which this authorization request pertains will be transferred to the City of Cincinnati.

OAC Rule 3745-27-13 requires authorization from the Director of Ohio EPA (Director) before engaging in filling, grading, excavating, building, drilling, or mining on land where a solid waste facility was operated. Specifically, the City requested to import clean fill to the site to bring the elevation of the landfill up to an elevation similar to the adjacent Center Hill Landfill located to the north. The final thickness of fill material will vary from approximately eight (8) to ten (10) feet across most of the site.

Based upon a review of the request, I have determined, pursuant to OAC Rule 3745-27-13, that the proposed activities will not result in a violation of applicable laws or regulations, will

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not create a nuisance, and are unlikely to adversely affect the public safety or health or the environment. Therefore, the City is hereby authorized to perform the activities outlined in this letter in accordance with the submitted plans, specifications, and information.

As part of this authorization, the City is subject to the following conditions:

CONDITIONS

1. This approval grants authorization to conduct activities at the Facility in accordance with the request titled Request for Authorization under OAC Rule 3745-27-13 for Filling and Grading at the Closed Village of Elmwood Place Landfill Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio only. All activities shall be conducted in strict accordance with the plans, specifications, and information submitted as part of this request. There may be no deviation from the approved plans without prior written authorization from Ohio EPA. Any future activities at the Facility may require additional Ohio EPA approval.
2. Not later than seventy-two (72) hours prior to the start of activities associated with this authorization, the City shall submit written notification, which specifies the anticipated date of work commencement, to Ohio EPA, SWDO and Hamilton County General Health District.
3. All on-site activities shall be accomplished in compliance with all applicable state and federal laws and regulations pertaining to environmental protection, including but not limited to the control of air pollution, leachate, surface water run-on and runoff, and protection of ground water.
4. All on-site activities shall be performed in a manner that prevents migration of leachate, explosive gas, or toxic gas from the Facility.
5. All activities undertaken shall not create a nuisance and shall not adversely affect public safety or health or the environment.
6. Not later than sixty (60) days after completing the activities authorized by this approval, the City shall submit to Ohio EPA, SWDO a certification report in accordance with OAC Rule 3745-27-13(H)(10).
7. The City shall take measures to minimize the potential for increased infiltration of surface water that may result from activities authorized by this action.
8. The City shall take measures to control fugitive dust and other air emissions that may result from activities authorized by this action.

9. In accordance with OAC Rule 3745-27-13(M), this authorization shall terminate three (3) years after its effective date if the City has not begun the activities authorized herein.
10. The Director may revoke this authorization if the City violates, or is likely to violate, any applicable law or if continued implementation of the approved plans causes a threat to human health or safety or the environment.
11. Nothing in this letter shall be construed to authorize any waiver from any requirements of applicable state solid waste laws or regulations. This authorization shall not be interpreted to release the City or others from responsibility under ORC Chapters 3704, 3714, 3734, or 6111; under the Federal Clean Water Act, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, the Toxic Substances Control Act, or the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act; or from other applicable requirements for remedying conditions resulting from any release of contaminants to the environment.

You are hereby notified that this action of the Director is final and may be appealed to the Environmental Review Appeals Commission (Commission) pursuant to ORC Section 3745.04. The appeal must be in writing and set forth the action complained of and the grounds upon which the appeal is based. The appeal must be filed with the Commission within thirty (30) days after notice of the Director's action. The appeal must be accompanied by a filing fee of \$70.00 which the Commission, in its discretion, may reduce if by affidavit you demonstrate that payment of the full amount of the fee would cause extreme hardship. Notice of the filing of the appeal shall be filed with the Director within three (3) days after filing with the Commission. Ohio EPA requests that a copy of the appeal be served upon the Ohio Attorney General's Office, Environmental Enforcement Section. An appeal may be filed with the Environmental Review Appeals Commission at the following address:

Environmental Review Appeals Commission
309 South Fourth Street
Room 222
Columbus, Ohio 43215

If you have any questions concerning this authorization, please contact Cheryl Allen of Ohio EPA, SWDO at (937) 285-6650.

Sincerely,

Joseph P. Koncelik
Director

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cc: Mayor Richard Ellison, Village of Elmwood Place
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