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Mr. John Butler
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**Re: Rumpke Sanitary Landfill, Hamilton County
Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Rule 3745-27-10(D)(7)(c)(ii) Approval**

Dear Mr. Butler:

On November 18, 2008, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA), Division of Solid and Infectious Waste Management (DSIWM), Southwest District Office (SWDO) received a document titled "Statistical Analysis of Detection Monitoring Results, 2008 Second Semiannual Sampling Event, Rumpke Sanitary Landfill" dated November 4, 2008, for the Rumpke Sanitary Landfill (Facility) located in Hamilton County. This document was submitted by Eagon & Associates Inc., on behalf of Rumpke Sanitary Landfill Inc., and contains the ground water sampling results and statistical analysis from the September 2008, ground water sampling event at the Facility.

According to the document, analysis of the ground water detection monitoring data indicated that the following statistically significant changes were detected: ammonia in MW-3, ammonia in MW-10 and chloride in HP-3IRN.

Pursuant to OAC Rule 3745-27-10(D)(7)(c)(ii), the owner or operator may demonstrate that a source other than the sanitary landfill facility caused the contamination, or that the statistically significant change resulted from error in sampling, analysis, or statistical evaluation or natural variation in ground water quality. A report documenting this demonstration must be submitted to and approved by Ohio EPA. If the owner or operator does not obtain approval to continue detection monitoring within two hundred ten (210) days from initial sampling, the owner or operator is required to comply with the provisions of OAC Rule 3745-27-10(E) for ground water quality assessment monitoring.

The November 4, 2008 document concluded that the statistically significant change for ammonia at MW-3 and MW-10 were due to the geochemical conditions in the bedrock, and the statistically significant change for chloride at HP-3IRN was due to the fact that the geochemical analysis of comparable parameters indicated no similarities to leachate. Therefore the three statistically significant changes were not a result of impact from the landfill.

Ohio EPA has reviewed the applicable information and concurs with the demonstration included in the November 4, 2008, document. Therefore, pursuant to OAC Rule 3745-27-10(D)(7)(c)(ii), the

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owner or operator is hereby authorized to continue the detection monitoring program at the Facility for MW-3, MW-10, and HP-3IRN.

Should future or existing ground water sampling results indicate statistically significant changes in ground water monitoring parameters, the owner or operator will be required to either enter into assessment monitoring in accordance with OAC Rule 3745-27-10(E) or obtain approval to remain in the detection monitoring program.

You are hereby notified that this action of the Director is final and may be appealed to the Environmental Review Appeals Commission pursuant to Section 3745.04 of the Ohio Revised Code. 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 of 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 letter, please contact Jay Cavender of Ohio EPA, SWDO at (937) 285-6357.

Sincerely,

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Chief, Southwest District Office
for Chris Korleski, Director

cc: Tracy Buchanan, DSIWM-SWDO Scott Hester, DSIWM-CO
Chuck DeJonckheere, Hamilton County Public Health

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