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**RE: FOLLOW-UP TO THE OCTOBER 8, 2007 MEETING REGARDING  
DEWATERING OF COUNTYWIDE LANDFILL**

Dear Mr. Lundell:

In our meeting on October 8, 2007, I was pleased to learn that Republic shares Ohio EPA's concerns with the substantial fluid levels in Countywide Landfill and sees the need to dewater the impacted 88 acres.

I recognize that Countywide has attempted to enhance its existing gas wells dewatering program by installing additional gas extraction wells, and dewatering pumps. Although the effort to remove leachate from the gas extraction wells moves Countywide closer to the complete dewatering of the impacted 88 acres, the speedy removal and subsequent offsite hauling of leachate from the leachate collection system is also paramount to achieving the goals specified in the March 28, 2007 Findings and Orders. I strongly encourage Countywide to adopt an aggressive dewatering schedule as it leads to an enhancement in the gas extraction efficiency, physical stability and liner integrity of the waste containment units in question. Dewatering of the impacted 88 acres would allow Countywide and Ohio EPA to further evaluate the performance of both leachate and gas collection systems of these units. Please continue acting promptly and treat the dewatering effort with the priority it deserves so that a final remedy may be selected quickly that is protective of both citizens' health and the environment.

Please contact me or Pam Allen with any questions you have, or assistance you require, at 614-644-2621.

Sincerely,

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