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BEFORE THE

OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

In the Matter of:

Hancock County Landfill 10400 Allen Township Road 107 Findlay, Ohio 45840	: : :	Director's Final Findings and Orders

I certify this to be a true and accurate copy of the official documents as filed in the records of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.

By: _____ Date: 6-18-08

PREAMBLE

It is agreed by the parties hereto as follows:

I. JURISDICTION

These Director's Final Findings and Orders ("Orders") are issued to the Hancock County Landfill ("Respondent") pursuant to the authority vested in the Director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency ("Ohio EPA") under Ohio Revised Code ("ORC") §§ 3704.03 and 3745.01.

II. PARTIES BOUND

These Orders shall apply to and be binding upon Respondent and successors in interest liable under Ohio law. No change in ownership of Respondent or of the Facility (as hereinafter defined) shall in any way alter Respondent's obligations under these Orders.

III. DEFINITIONS

Unless otherwise stated, all terms used in these Orders shall have the same meanings as defined in ORC Chapter 3704 and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

IV. FINDINGS

The Director of Ohio EPA has determined the following findings:

1. Respondent is a municipal landfill with its principal place of business at 10400 Allen Township Road 107 in Findlay. Respondent operates emissions units at its facility that are a Title V source, as defined in Ohio Administrative Code ("OAC") Rule 3745-77-01(LL), and is subject to the requirements of ORC Chapter 3704 and OAC Chapter 3745-77.

2. OAC Rule 3745-77-04(E) requires that a Title V permit renewal application shall be filed no earlier than eighteen months and no later than six months prior to the expiration of any Title V permit.

3. ORC § 3704.05(C) states, in part, that no person who is a holder of a permit issued under ORC § 3704.03(F) or (G) shall violate any of its terms or conditions.

4. ORC § 3704.05(G) states, in part, that no person shall violate any order, rule, or determination of the Director issued, adopted, or made under ORC Chapter 3704.

5. ORC § 3704.05(J)(2) states, in part, that, no person shall violate any filing requirement of the Title V permit program.

6. ORC § 3704.06(C) provides, in part, that any person violating ORC § 3704.05 shall pay a civil penalty of not more than $25,000 for each day of each violation.

7. On August 28, 2002, Ohio EPA issued a final Title V permit for Respondent's facility (Ohio EPA facility identification number 0332010095). The permit's expiration date of August 28, 2007, was given in the Final Issuance cover page of the permit, as well as a statement that Title V permit renewal applications are to be filed no earlier than eighteen months and no later than six months prior to the expiration of any Title V permit.

8. Respondent failed to submit an application to renew its Title V permit to Ohio EPA six months prior to the permit expiration date of August 28, 2007 (i.e., by 03/01/07), in violation of OAC Rule 3745-77-04(E) and ORC § 3704.05(G) and (J)(2).

9. Respondent submitted a complete Title V permit renewal application to Ohio EPA on August 28, 2007, 180 days after the application was required to be filed pursuant to OAC Rule 3745-77-04(E).

10. On October 23, 2007, Ohio EPA issued a NOV to Respondent, citing it with a violation of OAC Rule 3745-77-04(E), for failing to submit a timely and complete application for renewal of its Title V permit.

11. ORC §3704.05(K) states, in part, that no person shall operate a source that is required to obtain a title V permit unless a Title V permit has been issued authorizing operation of the source or unless a complete and timely application for the issuance, renewal, or modification of a Title V permit for the source has been submitted to the Director.

12. OAC Rule 3745-77-02(A) states that except for some exceptions that do not apply to Respondent in this matter, the owner or operator of a Title V source shall not operate the source after the date that a timely and complete application is required to be submitted, except in compliance with the Title V permit.

13. OAC Rule 3745-77-06(A) provides that the failure to have a Title V permit for a Title V source is not a violation, but only if a timely and complete initial or renewal application has been filed in accordance with, among other requirements, OAC Rule 3745-77-04(E).

14. In violation of ORC § 3704.05(K) and OAC Rule 3745-77-07(A), Respondent continued to operate its Title V source after the August 28, 2007 expiration date without a new or renewal Title V permit, and without having filed a timely and complete renewal application in accordance with OAC Rule 3745-77-04(E).

15. The Director has given consideration to, and based his determination on, evidence relating to the technical feasibility and economic reasonableness of complying with the following Orders and their relation to benefits to the people of the State to be derived from such compliance.

V. ORDERS

The Director hereby issues the following Orders:

1. Respondent shall continue to comply with all terms and conditions of its Title V permit, as issued on August 28, 2002, until the Director takes final action on the application submitted on August 28, 2007 or such time that a synthetic minor operating permit is issued that relieves Respondent of its Title V obligations.

2. Respondent shall pay the amount of twenty-seven thousand dollars ($27,000) in settlement of Ohio EPA's claims for civil penalties, which may be assessed pursuant to ORC Chapter 3704. Within thirty (30) days after the effective date of these Orders, payment to Ohio EPA shall be made by an official check made payable to "Treasurer, State of Ohio" for twenty-one thousand six hundred dollars ($21,600) of the total amount. The official check shall be submitted to Brenda Case, or her successor, together with a letter identifying the Respondent to:

Ohio EPA
Office of Fiscal Administration
P.O. Box 1049
Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049

3. In lieu of paying the remaining five thousand four hundred dollars ($5,400) of the civil penalty, Respondent shall within thirty (30) days of the effective date of these Orders, fund a Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) by making a contribution in the amount of $5,400 to the Ohio EPA's Clean Diesel School Bus Fund (Fund 5CD0). Respondent shall tender an official check made payable to "Treasurer, State of Ohio" for $5,400. The official check shall be submitted to Brenda Case, or her successor, together with a letter identifying the Respondent, to:

Ohio EPA
Office of Fiscal Administration
P.O. Box 1049
Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049

4. A copy of each check shall be sent to James A. Orlemann, Assistant Chief, SIP Development and Enforcement, or his successor, at the following address:

Ohio EPA
Division of Air Pollution Control
P.O. Box 1049
Columbus, OH 43216 -1049

5. Should Respondent fail to fund the SEP within the required time frame set forth in Order 3, Respondent shall immediately pay to Ohio EPA $5,400 of the civil penalty in accordance with the procedures in Order 2.

VI. TERMINATION

Respondent's obligations under these Orders shall terminate upon Ohio EPA's receipt of the official checks required by Section V of these Orders.

VII. OTHER CLAIMS

Nothing in these Orders shall constitute or be construed as a release from any claim, cause of action or demand in law or equity against any person, firm, partnership or corporation, not a party to these Orders, for any liability arising from, or related to the operation of Respondent's facility.

VIII. OTHER APPLICABLE LAWS

All actions required to be taken pursuant to these Orders shall be undertaken in accordance with the requirements of all applicable local, state and federal laws and regulations. These Orders do not waive or compromise the applicability and enforcement of any other statutes or regulations applicable to Respondent.

IX. MODIFICATIONS

These Orders may be modified by mutual agreement of the parties hereto. Modifications shall be in writing and shall be effective on the date entered in the journal of the Director of Ohio EPA.

X. NOTICE

All documents required by these Orders, unless otherwise specified in writing, shall be addressed to:

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
Lazarus Government Center
Division of Air Pollution Control
P.O. Box 1049
Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049
Attn: John Paulian

or to such persons and addresses as may hereinafter be otherwise specified in writing by Ohio EPA.

XI. RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

Ohio EPA and Respondent each reserve all rights, privileges, and causes of action, except as specifically waived in Section XII of these Orders.

XII. WAIVER

In order to resolve disputed claims, without admission of fact, violation or liability, and in lieu of further enforcement action by Ohio EPA for only the violations specifically cited in these Orders, Respondent consents to the issuance of these Orders and agrees to comply with these Orders. Compliance with these Orders shall be a full accord and satisfaction for Respondent's liability for the violations specifically cited herein.

Respondent hereby waives the right to appeal the issuance, terms and conditions, and service of these Orders, and Respondent hereby waives any and all rights Respondent may have to seek administrative or judicial review of these Orders either in law or equity.

Notwithstanding the preceding, Ohio EPA and Respondent agree that if these Orders are appealed by any other party to the Environmental Review Appeals Commission, or any court, Respondent retains the right to intervene and participate in such appeal. In such an event, Respondent shall continue to comply with these Orders notwithstanding such appeal and intervention unless these Orders are stayed, vacated or modified.

XIII. EFFECTIVE DATE

The effective date of these Orders is the date these Orders are entered into the Ohio EPA Director's journal.

XIV. SIGNATORY AUTHORITY

Each undersigned representative of a party to these Orders certifies that he or she is fully authorized to enter into these Orders and to legally bind such party to these Orders.

IT IS SO ORDERED AND AGREED:

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

Chris Korleski
Director

Date 6/16/08

IT IS SO AGREED:

Hancock County Landfill

By

Date 6/5/08

EDWARD INGOLD
Printed or Typed Name

County Comm
Title