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Ashland County Commissioners  
Ashland County Courthouse  
110 Cottage Street  
Ashland, Ohio 44805

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ENTERED DIRECTOR'S JOURNAL

**Re: Ashland County Landfill, Ashland County  
Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Rule 3745-27-13 Authorization**

Dear Commissioners:

By letter dated February 26, 2001, with subsequent revisions dated April 26, 2001 and July 29, 2002, Hull and Associates, Inc. (HAI) on behalf of the Ashland County Board of Commissioners, submitted a request to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) to install passive methane vents to minimize landfill gas migration in the vicinity of groundwater monitoring wells SW-7, SW-8, and SW-9 at the Ashland County Landfill. The request was submitted pursuant to OAC Rule 3745-27-13, which requires authorization from the director of Ohio EPA before engaging in filling, grading, excavating, building, drilling or mining on land where a solid waste facility was operated.

Based upon a review of the document and subsequent revisions submitted to Ohio EPA, I have determined that the proposed construction activities at the Ashland County Landfill will not result in a violation of applicable laws or regulations, will not create a nuisance and are unlikely to adversely affect the public safety or health or the environment. Therefore, the Ashland County Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized to perform the activities outlined in the Request for OAC Rule 3745-27-13 Authorization Permit for passive vent installation in accordance with the submitted plans, specifications, and information.

This approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Not later than 60 days after completion of the activities approved under this authorization, a certification report shall be submitted to Ohio EPA, Northwest District Office (NWDO), which demonstrates that the project was performed in accordance with this authorization, submitted plans, and specifications.
2. Ohio EPA, NWDO shall be notified at least three working days before initiation of any installation activities.

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Maureen O'Connor, Lieutenant Governor  
Christopher Jones, Director

3. The passive methane vents shall be constructed by utilizing a thirty-six inch bucket auger.
4. All activities undertaken shall not create a nuisance and shall not adversely affect public safety or health or the environment.
5. All liquids, semi-solids, industrial wastes, and other wastes regulated by ORC Chapter 6111 removed during intrusive activities shall be containerized and securely stored until these materials are properly characterized and disposed in accordance with ORC Chapter 6111 and regulations promulgated thereunder.
6. All solid and/or hazardous wastes removed during construction activities shall be containerized (e.g. roll-offs, drums) and securely stored until these materials are properly characterized and disposed in accordance with Chapter 3734 of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) and regulations promulgated thereunder.
7. 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 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 from the facility to the environment.

You are hereby notified that this action of the Director of Environmental Protection is final and may be appealed to the Environmental Review Appeals Commission (Commission) pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 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. Notice of the filing of the appeal shall be filed with the director within three (3) days after the appeal is filed with the Commission. An appeal may be filed with the Commission at the following address:

Environmental Review Appeals Commission  
236 East Town Street, Room 300  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

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If you have any questions, please contact Beth Skulina of Ohio EPA, NWDO at (419) 373-3141.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christopher Jones". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Chris" and last name "Jones" clearly distinguishable.

Christopher Jones  
Director

cc: Scott Hester, DSIWM-CO  
Beth Skulina, DSIWM-NWDO  
Mike Beal, DDAGW-NWDO  
Pat Donaldson, Ashland County Health Department  
James Pasche, Hull & Associates, Inc., Toledo, Ohio  
Dan Scott, Solid Waste District Coordinator