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Ashland County Commissioners  
Ashland County Courthouse  
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**RE: Ashland County Landfill, Ashland County  
Ohio Administrative Code Rule 3745-27-10(D)(7)(c)-Decline to Approve**

Dear Commissioners:

The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) has completed a review of the May 21, 2002, Statistical Report of Ground Water Quality (Report) for the Ashland County Landfill. The Report includes notification of a statistically significant increase in the concentrations of 1,1-dichloroethane, chloroethane and cis-1,2-dichloroethene in monitoring well SW-9, and an authorization request, pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Rule 3745-27-10(D)(7)(c), to continue ground water detection monitoring at SW-9.

The Report, in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Rule 3745-27-10(D)(7)(c), proposed that the statistically significant increases of 1,1-dichloroethane, chloroethane and cis-1,2-dichloroethene at monitoring well SW-9 were not a result of leachate from the landfill, but were instead caused by landfill gas migration.

Based on the review of the Report, there is insufficient evidence to support the owner/operator's demonstration that landfill gas migration caused the increase and I decline to grant approval to return to ground water detection monitoring for the above noted contaminants at monitoring well SW-9.

If you have any questions concerning this document, you may contact Ohio EPA, Northwest District Office at (419) 352-8461.

Sincerely,

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Director

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