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Putnam County Commissioners
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**Re: Putnam County Landfill, Putnam County
Ohio Administrative Code Rule 3745-27-10(D)(7)(c) Decline to Grant**

Dear Commissioners:

The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) received a report dated March 6, 2003, from the owner/operator of the Putnam County Landfill. The report summarized the findings of the September 2002 ground water sampling event and the December 2002 and January 2003 resampling events and served as notification that a statistically significant increase occurred for sodium at monitoring wells MW-1, MW-9, and MW-10.

Pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Rule 3745-27-10(D)(7)(c), the owner/ operator may demonstrate that a source other than the Facility caused the contamination, or the increase resulted from error in the sampling, analysis, or statistical evaluation, or natural variation in the ground water quality. The March 6, 2003, report represents the owner/operator's demonstration that the statistically significant increase of sodium at monitoring wells MW-1, MW-9, and MW-10 was not the result of the landfill.

The owner/operator did not provide ample demonstration that the increase in sodium at monitoring wells MW-1 and MW-9 was not the result of the landfill. Therefore, I decline to grant approval to return to ground water detection monitoring for sodium at MW-1 and MW-9.

The statistically significant increase of sodium at monitoring well MW-10 will be addressed in a separate letter.

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

Sincerely,

Christopher Jones, Director

Bob Taft, Governor
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