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Mr. Joseph Walker
Service Director
City of Strongsville
18688 Royalton Road
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**Re: Strongsville Landfill, Cuyahoga County
Explosive Gas Monitoring Plan Approval**

Dear Mr. Walker:

On March 7, 2003, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) received a document titled *"Explosive Gas Monitoring Plan for the City of Strongsville, closed Mill Hollow Lane Sanitary Landfill, Strongsville, Ohio dated March 6, 2003"*. Revisions were dated June 23, 2003, July 9, 2003, and July 11, 2003. The document was prepared by Clayton Engineering, P.C., on behalf of the City of Strongsville (Strongsville). The Strongsville Landfill is a closed municipal solid waste landfill facility located on the north side of Mill Hollow Road, approximately 1/4 mile south of S.R. 82, Strongsville, Ohio. The explosive gas monitoring plan was prepared in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Rule 3745-27-12, as effective June 1, 1994.

The explosive gas monitoring plan for the closed Strongsville Landfill, including revisions through July 2003, is hereby approved subject to the following conditions:

1. The explosive gas monitoring plan shall be implemented at the Strongsville Landfill, in accordance with the plan titled *"Explosive Gas Monitoring Plan for the City of Strongsville, closed Mill Hollow Lane Sanitary Landfill, Strongsville, Ohio dated March 6, 2003"* and revised through July 2003. All activities shall be conducted in strict accordance with the plans, specifications, and information submitted as part of this plan. There may be no deviation from the approved plan without the express written approval of Ohio EPA. Any future activities may require additional Ohio EPA approval.
2. Ohio EPA, Northeast District Office (NEDO), Division of Solid and Infectious Waste Management (DSIWM) and the Cuyahoga County Health Department shall receive written notice not later than 7 days prior to commencement of proposed activities.
3. Within 60 days from the date of this approval, Strongsville shall submit the certification report regarding the installation of the explosive gas monitoring system, pursuant to OAC Rule 3745-27-12(G).

Bob Taft, Governor
Jennette Bradley, Lieutenant Governor
Christopher Jones, Director

4. Issuance of this explosive gas monitoring plan approval does not constitute expressed or implied agreement that the monitoring of the facility performed and implemented in accordance with the approved explosive gas monitoring plan and/or its terms and conditions will constitute compliance with applicable federal and state laws, rules, and regulations, nor does issuance of this plan approval assure that necessary operating permits or licenses will be granted.

5. Nothing in this letter shall be construed to authorize any waiver from the requirements of any applicable state solid waste laws or regulations. Furthermore, this authorization shall not be interpreted to release Strongsville or others from responsibility under Ohio Revised Code (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 30 days after notice of the director's action. Notice of the filing of the appeal shall be filed with the director within three 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
309 South Fourth Street
Room 222
Columbus, Ohio 43215

If you have any questions concerning this authorization, please contact Dave Dysle of Ohio EPA NEDO at (330) 963-1286.

Sincerely,

Christopher Jones
Director

cc: Lynn Sowers and Judy Bowman, DSIWM-NEDO
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Vince Caraffi, Cuyahoga County Health Department
Richard Carmen, Clayton Engineering, P.C.