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Ms. Robin Jones
Waste Management of Ohio, Inc.
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**Re: ELDA Recycling and Disposal Facility, Hamilton County
Alteration to an OAC Rule 3745-27-13 Authorization**

Dear Ms. Jones:

On October 25, 2001, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) issued an authorization to Waste Management of Ohio, Inc. (WMO) pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Rule 3745-27-13 for its closed ELDA Recycling and Disposal Facility located in Hamilton County. The authorization allowed WMO to install additional explosive gas extraction wells to upgrade the facility's gas management system.

By letter dated March 13, 2003, WMO submitted a request to alter construction procedures associated with gas well installation. Specifically, WMO wants to alter the detailed well/header abandonment procedures to allow abandonment within and above the constructed cap system. The October 25, 2001, authorization required abandonment below the cap system. The altered procedures will be less intrusive and will result in less disturbance of the existing cap system.

Based on the information provided, the altered procedures described above meet the applicable rules and the activities will not create a nuisance and are unlikely to adversely affect the public safety or health or the environment. Therefore, I hereby approve the alteration described in the March 13, 2003, request. WMO shall continue to comply with all other requirements of the October 25, 2001, authorization and the associated plans, specifications, and information.

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 pursuant to Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 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:

Bob Taft, Governor
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Christopher Jones, Director



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If you have any questions concerning this authorization, please contact Russell Brown of Ohio EPA's Southwest District Office at (937) 285-6046.

Sincerely,

Christopher Jones
Director

cc: Russell Brown, DSIWM-SWDO
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Rick Thornburg, City of Cincinnati Health Department