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Hancock County Board of Commissioners
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**Re: Hancock County Landfill
Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Rule 3745-27-10(E)(9)(a) Approval**

Dear Commissioners:

On August 4, 2003, the Hancock County Board of Commissioners submitted a request to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) to reinstate ground water monitoring well MW-4 at its landfill back into the detection monitoring program. During a previous sampling event, that monitoring well indicated elevated levels of chloride and ammonia.

The request was submitted in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Rule 3745-27-10(E)(7)(a), as effective on June 1, 1994. However, since then, OAC Rule 3745-27-10 was amended, and the new rule became effective on August 15, 2003. Under the new rule, the appropriate reference is OAC Rule 3745-27-10(E)(9)(a). OAC Rule 3745-27-10(E)(9)(a) states:

If the owner or operator determines that the concentrations of all waste-derived constituents are shown to be at or below background values, using the statistical procedures described in paragraph (C)(6) of this rule for two consecutive sampling events, then the owner or operator may request, in writing, that the director approve reinstatement of the detection monitoring program described in paragraphs (C) and (D) of this rule.

Based on information contained in the request, the results of the October 2002 and November 2002 sampling events indicated that the level of ammonia in monitoring well MW-4 was below the statistical limit for background values. Furthermore, the results of the April 2003 and July 2003 sampling events indicated that the level of sodium at monitoring well MW-4 was below the statistical limit for background values. Ohio EPA has reviewed the information, and we concur with the commissioner's conclusions. Therefore, pursuant to OAC Rule 3745-27-10(E)(9)(a), I hereby approve reinstatement of monitoring well MW-4 back into the detection monitoring program.

Should future or existing ground water sampling results indicate statistically significant differences in ground water monitoring parameters, the commissioners will be required to either enter into assessment monitoring in accordance with OAC Rule 3745-27-10(E) or obtain approval to remain in the detection monitoring program.

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



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Environmental Review Appeals Commission
309 South Fourth Street
Room 222
Columbus, Ohio 43215

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Ben Smith of Ohio EPA's Northwest District Office at (419) 373-3062.

Sincerely,

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Director

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