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Patrick Nortz
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Lorain County II Landfill Office
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**Re: BFI Willowcreek Sanitary Landfill, Portage County
Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Rule 3745-27-10(E)(9)(a) Approval**

Dear Mr. Nortz:

By letter dated December 1, 2003, Browning-Ferris Industries of Ohio, Inc. (BFIO) requested that the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) reinstate a ground water monitoring well at its BFI Willowcreek Sanitary Landfill back into the detection monitoring program. The request was made in accordance with OAC Rule 3745-27-10(E)(9)(a), which states:

Reinstatement of detection monitoring . . . 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.

Several previous sampling events have sporadically indicated statistically significant increases of arsenic, lead, and chromium at monitoring well MW-6, each at different events. However, results from two subsequent consecutive sampling events indicate that the levels are below background values.

Ohio EPA has reviewed the applicable information, and we concur with BFIO's demonstration. Therefore, pursuant to OAC Rule 3745-27-10(E)(9)(a), I hereby approve reinstatement of monitoring well MW-6 back into the detection monitoring program.

This approval to reinstate monitoring well MW-6 back into the detection monitoring program applies only to ground water results submitted prior to December 1, 2003. Should future or existing ground water sampling results indicate statistically significant changes in ground water quality, BFIO will be required to begin assessment monitoring in accordance with OAC Rule 3745-27-10(E) or obtain approval to remain in detection monitoring.

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



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 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 regarding this approval, please contact Jeffrey Rizzo of Ohio EPA's Northeast District Office at (330) 963-1115. Please submit all correspondence to Jarnal Singh, Ohio EPA, Division of Solid & Infectious Waste Management, Northeast District Office, 2110 East Aurora Road, Twinsburg, Ohio 44087.

Sincerely,

Christopher Jones
Director

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