MARCH 27, 2019

Mr. Leigh Woodall
Property Manager
Wildwater Kingdom
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Re: Geauga Lake Landfill
Director's Authorization
Approval
Municipal Solid Waste Landfills
Geauga County
MSWL.020664

Subject: Geauga Lake Landfill, Geauga County
End of Post-Closure Care Period

Dear Mr. Woodall:

Wildwater Kingdom is the owner of the Geauga Lake Landfill (Facility), located southwest of the intersection of Geauga Lake and Depot Roads on Parcel #02-126700 in Bainbridge Township, Geauga County. The closure of the municipal solid waste (MSW) landfill was completed on May 31, 1988. On December 10, 2018, the following report was submitted to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA): “Post-Closure Certification, Geauga Lake Landfill, Geauga Lake Road, Bainbridge Township, Geauga County, Ohio.” In addition to documenting the completion of the post-closure care (PCC) period, the report requests the termination of the PCC period at the Facility.

As an MSW landfill, the applicable PCC period for the Facility is 30 years. The PCC period, therefore, ended on May 31, 2018. During the PCC period, the owner performed groundwater monitoring, explosive gas monitoring, and quarterly inspections of the Facility.

Ohio EPA staff have reviewed the available documents, conducted a site inspection, and concluded that the PCC requirements have been met and current site conditions do not pose a risk to human health or the environment. Therefore, I acknowledge that the PCC obligations, as required by Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 3745-27-14, for the Geauga Lake Landfill have been completed and authorize the discontinuance of the PCC period.

Please be advised that OAC Rule 3745-27-13 is still applicable to this facility. OAC Rule 3745-27-13(A) states:

No person shall, without authorization from the director, engage in filling, grading, excavating, building, drilling, or mining on land where a hazardous waste facility or solid waste facility was operated. Any person proposing to engage in these activities on land
where a hazardous facility or solid waste facility was operated shall comply with the requirements of this rule.

While Wildwater Kingdom is no longer obligated to conduct post-closure activities at the Facility pursuant to the solid waste regulations, Wildwater Kingdom should recognize that Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Chapter 6111 prohibits causing pollution to waters of the state. Therefore, Ohio EPA recommends that Wildwater Kingdom continue to undertake reasonable measures to prevent impacts from the Facility, such as periodic inspections and maintenance of the landfill cap and any surface water control features on the property.

You are hereby notified that this action of the Director of Environmental Protection (Director) 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 thirty (30) days after notice of the Director's action. The appeal must be accompanied by a filing fee of $70.00 made payable to "Treasurer, State of Ohio." The Commission, in its discretion, may reduce the fee if by affidavit it is demonstrated that payment of the full amount of the fee would cause extreme hardship. Notice of the filing of the appeal shall be filed with the Director within three (3) days of filing with the Commission. Ohio EPA requests that a copy of the appeal be served upon the Ohio Attorney General's Office, Environmental Enforcement Section. An appeal may be filed with the Environmental Review Appeals Commission at the following address:

Environmental Review Appeals Commission  
30 East Broad Street, 4th Floor  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Jerry Parker of Ohio EPA, NEDO at (330) 963-1186.

Sincerely,

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Director

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