Village of St. Vernard

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Craig W. Butler, Director Ohio EPA Director's Office 50 West Town Street, Suite 700 Columbus, OH 43215 Tim Ingram
Health Commissioner
Hamilton County Public Health Dept.
250 William Howard Taft Road, 2nd Floor
Cincinnati, OH 45219

Re: Consent Order: State of Ohio v. Village of St. Bernard

Dear Mr. Butler and Mr. Ingram:

To fulfill Paragraphs 13 and 15 of the Consent Order (enclosed) entered by the Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas on November 3, 2014 in the *State of Ohio v. Village of St. Bernard* matter, we are hereby notifying you that an Affidavit relating to the Village of St. Bernard landfill property was recorded with the Hamilton County Recorder's Office on November 19, 2014. A copy of this Affidavit (with attached map) is also enclosed.

Sincerely,

William C. Burkhardt

Mayor

c: Nicholas J. Bryan, OAG (w/enclosures)

Enclosures (Consent Order, Affidavit of Facts)

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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO

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STATE OF OHIO, ex rel.
MICHAEL DEWINE
OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL,

CASE NO. A 1 4 0 8/4 0 8

JUDGE

Plaintiff,

VILLAGE OF ST. BERNARD 110 WASHINGTON AVENUE ST. BERNARD, OHIO 45217,

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CONSENT ORDER

Defendant.

The Complaint in the above-captioned matter has been filed and Plaintiff, the State of Ohio, by its Attorney General, Michael DeWine ("Plaintiff" or "State"), and Defendant, the Village of St. Bernard, Ohio ("Defendant") consent to the entry of this Order (the Plaintiff and Defendant collectively referred to as the "Parties".

NOW THEREFORE, without trial of any issues of fact or law, without any admission of any issues of law, liability or fact, and upon the consent of the Parties hereto, it is ADJUDGED, ORDERED, and DECREED as follows:

I. JURISDICTION AND VENUE

This Court has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of this
action pursuant to R.C. Chapter 3734. Venue is proper in this Court. Solely for purposes
of this Consent Order and the underlying Complaint, Defendant does not contest that the
Complaint states a claim upon which relief can be granted and the jurisdiction of the Court
or the ability of the Plaintiff to enforce this Consent Order against Defendant.

II. PARTIES

- 2. The provisions of this Consent Order shall apply to and be binding upon the Parties and their respective successors in interest and assigns to the extent provided by Rule 65(D) of the Ohio Rules of Civil Procedure. The undersigned representatives of each party to this Consent Order certify that he or she is fully authorized by the party whom he or she represents to enter into the terms and conditions of the Consent Order and to execute and legally bind that party-to it.
- 3. Defendant shall provide a copy of this Consent Order to any person that it engages to perform work required under this Consent Order at Ludlow Park, a.k.a. the Bank Avenue Landfill, a.k.a. the St. Bernard Landfill ("Landfill") and the Bank Avenue Sub Recorder #236 20 ("Bank Avenue Subdivision"). The Landfill is depicted on the map attached as Exhibit A, and the Bank Avenue Subdivision is depicted on the map attached as Exhibit B. Defendant shall provide a copy of, or website link to, this Consent Order to any person it engages to provide services or work required under this Consent Order at the Landfill and the Bank Avenue Subdivision.

III. SATISFACTION OF LAWSUIT AND EFFECT OF CONSENT ORDER

- The State has alleged that Defendants have violated R.C. Chapter 3734 and the rules promulgated thereunder. Defendants have denied these allegations.
- 5. Except as otherwise provided in paragraph 6 of this Consent Order, compliance with the terms of this Consent Order shall constitute a full release and satisfaction of any civil and administrative liability of Defendant and its agents successors in interest and assigns for the claims alleged in the State's Complaint or known by the Ohio

Environmental Protection Agency DMWM ("Ohio EPA") related to the Site at the time this Consent Order is entered by the Court.

- 6. Nothing in this Consent Order shall be construed to limit the authority of the State to seek relief from Defendant for: (A) claims or violations not known by the Ohio . Environmental Protection Agency; (B) any violations arising out of acts or omissions first occurring after the effective date of this Consent Order; or (C) claims or violations under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§9601 et seq. or R.C. 3734.20 through 3734.27 for any emergency, removal, remedial, corrective actions, or natural resource damages. Defendant retains all rights, defenses, and/or claims it may legally raise to the extent that the State seeks further relief from Defendant in the future, or in any action brought to enforce the terms of this Consent Order, except that Defendant shall not assert, and may not maintain, against Plaintiff the defenses of waiver, res judicata, collateral estoppel, issue preclusion, or claim splitting based upon any contention that the claims raised by the State in subsequent proceedings were or should have been brought in the instant case.
- 7. Entering into this Consent Order, the Consent Order itself, or the taking of any action in accordance with it and/or any work performed at the Facility to date does not constitute an admission of any liability, wrongdoing, or misconduct on the part of Defendant, its officials, employees or representatives. This Consent Order does not confer any rights on any individual or entity not a party to this Consent Order.
- Except for the manner of compliance set forth in this Consent Order,
 nothing herein shall be construed to relieve Defendant of its obligation to comply with all

applicable federal, state, or local statutes, regulations, or ordinances, including but not limited to the applicable permit requirements thereunder.

9. To the extent that the September 16, 2009 Director's Final Findings and Orders entered into by the Ohio EPA and Defendant for the Landfill conflict with this Consent Order, this Consent Order shall control.

IV. PERMANENT INJUNCTION

10. Except as set forth in Section V, Defendant agrees and is ordered and permanently enjoined to comply with R.C. Chapter 3734 and the rules promulgated thereunder with respect to the Landfill and the Bank Avenue Subdivision.

V. INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

- 11. Effective immediately, Defendant shall-maintain the existing explosive gas monitors in good working order at each of the nearby homes as required by Ohio Adm.Code 3745-27-12(D)(5)(a)(ii)(b).
- 12. Within thirty (30) days of entry of this Consent Order, Defendant shall record on the plat and deed to the Landfill, or on some other instrument which is normally examined during title search, notification that in perpetuity will inform any prospective purchaser of the impacted acreage, location, depth, volume, and nature of solid waste deposited in the Landfill on at least parcel numbers: 582-0007-0002-90, 582-0007-0262-90 and 582-0007-0287-00.
- 13. Within thirty (30) days of recording the Landfill notification document as set forth in the preceding paragraph, Defendant shall notify the Director of the Ohio EPA and the Hamilton County Public Health in writing of the recording of the plat and deed to the Landfill, or some other instrument which is normally examined during title search,

which describes the existence of a sanitary landfill on at least parcel numbers: 582-0007-0002-90, 582-0007-0262-90 and 582-0007-0287-00.

- 14. Within sixty (60) days of entry of this Consent Order, Defendant shall revise each of the plats and deeds, or other instrument which is normally examined during a title search of the properties located in the Bank Avenue Sub Recorder #236- 20 that in perpetuity will notify any potential purchaser of each property of the existence of solid waste used as fill for the construction of the Bank Avenue Subdivision by Defendant.
- 15. Within sixty (60) days of entry of this Consent Order, Defendant shall submit to Ohio EPA and Hamilton County Public Health:

A. a copy of each plat map delineating the limits of waste placement in the Landfill, including all roads, homes and property boundaries; and

- B. a copy of each plat and deed, or other instrument which is normally examined during a title search, to the Landfill required in Paragraph 13 above.
- 16. Within ninety (90) days of entry into this Consent Order, Defendant shall update and revise the Landfill's explosive gas monitoring plan (EGMP) for Ohio EPA's approval. In the event the revised EGMP is not approvable by Ohio EPA, Ohio EPA may approve the revised EGMP with appropriate conditions and Defendant shall implement the approved EGMP with conditions upon Ohio EPA's written approval.
- 17. Within ninety (90) days of entry into this Consent Order, Defendant shall engage the services of a qualified individual or consultant responsible for the maintenance of activities involving the Bank Avenue Landfill. At a minimum, this individual or consultant shall have extensive knowledge and training regarding sanitary landfill explosive gas monitoring systems and an understanding of Ohio's landfill explosive gas

monitoring regulations in Ohio Adm. Code 3745-27-12.

- 18. Within ninety (90) days of entry into this Consent Order, Defendant shall create and maintain a link on Defendant's website, www.cityofstbernard.org, providing public access to this Consent Order, the corresponding Complaint, explosive gas monitoring activities and results, and any current and future updates regarding activities related to the maintenance of the Bank Avenue Landfill and the Site as a whole as required by this Consent Order. Defendant shall maintain this link on its main page entitled "Bank Ave. Landfill/Ludlow Park Information." In the event that the Defendant no longer maintains said website, Defendant shall use another effective form of notice to the public reasonably acceptable to Ohio EPA.
- District Office, Division of Materials and Waste Management in writing of any future request to excavate within the Bank Avenue Subdivision. Such written notification and details of the request for excavation shall be made at least thirty (30) days prior to the proposed date of excavation unless emergency circumstances are present, in which case Defendant shall notify Ohio EPA within forty-eight (48) hours of the emergency situation beginning. Such a non-emergency request may require specific authorization by the Director of Ohio EPA to commence any excavation. Defendant's Department of Buildings and Planning should consult with Ohio EPA as necessary.
- 20. Within thirty (30) days of entry into this Consent Order, Defendant shall send a copy of this Consent Order to each property owner located at the Bank Avenue Subdivision.

Effective immediately, Defendant shall comply with the September 16,
 2009 Director's Final Findings and Orders issued to the Defendant.

VI. CIVIL PENALTY

22. Defendant is ordered and enjoined to pay a civil penalty of one hundred and sixty thousand dollars (\$160,000) to the State within thirty (30) days of the entry of this Consent Order. Such payment shall be made by delivering a check or checks for the appropriate amount, payable to the order of "Treasurer, State of Ohio", to Scott Hainer, Paralegal, or his successor, Office of the Attorney General, 30 E. Broad Street, 25th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3400.

VII. ATTORNEY GENERAL ENFORCEMENT COSTS

- 23. In addition to the payment of a civil penalty required by the preceding paragraph, Defendant is ordered and enjoined to pay the enforcement costs of the Ohio Attorney General in the amount of twenty-eight thousand dollars (\$28,000.00) in two separate payments, as follows:
 - (i) Defendant shall pay the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) within ten (10) days after entry of this Consent Order by the Court by delivering a check payable to the "Treasurer, State of Ohio" to Scott Hainer, Paralegal, or his successor, Office of the Attorney General, Environmental Enforcement Section, 30 E. Broad Street, 25th Floor, Columbus, Ohio; and
 - (ii) Defendant shall pay the sum of eighteen thousand dollars (\$18,000.00) within ten (10) days after entry of this Consent Order by the Court by delivering a check payable to the "Ohio Environmental Education and Charitable Trust" Scott Hainer, Paralegal, or his successor, Office of the

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Attorney General, Environmental Enforcement Section, 30 E. Broad Street, 25th Floor, Columbus, Ohio. The purpose of this trust is to support and enhance environmental education and science to benefit the citizens of the State of Ohio, including but not limited to the education of law enforcement and compliance personnel, students and scientists, and to support and enhance the prosecution of the environmental laws of the State of Ohio.

VIII. STIPULATED PENALTIES

- 24. In the event that Defendant fails to substantially comply with any of the requirements of this Consent Order, Defendant shall immediately and automatically be liable for and shall pay a stipulated penalty that is meant to be coercive in nature in accordance with the following schedule:
 - Defendant shall pay one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) per day for each day any such requirement is violated up to thirty (30) days;
 - From thirty-one (31) days through ninety (90) days,
 Defendant shall pay two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) per day for each day any such requirement is violated;
 - After ninety (90) days, Defendant shall pay five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per day for each day any such requirement is violated.
- 25. Stipulated penalties due under this Consent Order shall be paid by certified check or money order in the appropriate amount given the days of violation, payable to "Treasurer, State of Ohio" and mailed to Scott Hainer or his successor, Paralegal, at the Office of the Attorney General of Ohio, Environmental Enforcement Section, 30 East Broad Street, 25th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3400. Payment of stipulated penalties

shall satisfy any obligation for civil penalties sought for violation by Defendant of this Consent Order.

IX. NOTICES

26. All documents required to be submitted under this Consent Order shall be submitted to the following, or their successor:

As to Plaintiff:

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency District Office Solid Waste Supervisor 401 East Fifth Street Dayton, Ohio 45402

As to Defendant: Mayor Village of St. Bernard 110 Washington Avenue St. Bernard, Ohio 45217

With a copy to: Director of Law Village of St. Bernard 110 Washington Avenue St. Bernard, Ohio 45217

27. Either Party may change the name and/or address of its contact person(s) by sending written notice to the other Party.

X. EFFECTIVE DATE

28. This Consent Order shall become effective upon the date of its entry by the Court.

XI. COSTS

29. Defendant is hereby ordered to pay the court costs of this action.

XII. RETENTION OF JURISDICTION

30. This Court shall retain jurisdiction of this action for the purposes of making any Order or Decree, which it deems appropriate to carry out this Consent Order.

XIII. SIGNATORIES

31. Each of the undersigned representatives of the Parties represents that they are fully authorized to enter into the terms and conditions of this Consent Order and legally bind the respective party to this document. 11-7-14

IT IS SO ORDERED

JUDGE

Court of Common Pleas

HAMILTON COUNTY County, Ohio

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

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Title: Mayor

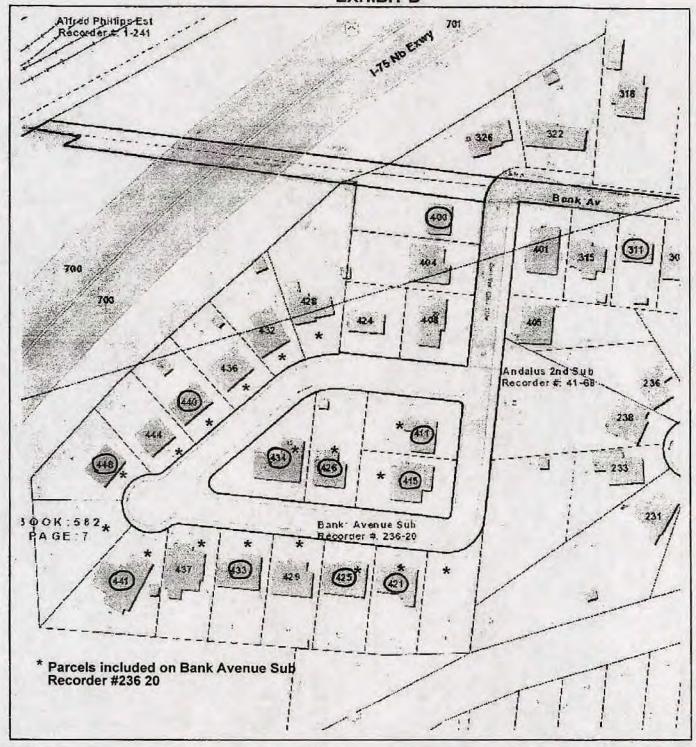
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EXHIBIT B





STATE OF OHIO) SS: COUNTY OF HAMILTON)

AFFIDAVIT OF FACTS

The Affiant, William C. Burkhardt, Mayor of the Village of St. Bernard, Ohio, whose address is c/o Village of St. Bernard, 110 Washington Ave., St. Bernard, Ohio 45217, being first duly cautioned and sworn, deposes and says of his own personal knowledge as follows:

- Affiant is the Mayor of the Village of St. Bernard, Ohio and is authorized to make this Affidavit of Facts on behalf of the Village of St. Bernard, Ohio.
- Affiant is making this Affidavit pursuant to Section 5301.252, Ohio Revised Code.
- 3. Certain real property, located in the Village of St. Bernard, County of Hamilton, State of Ohio, more particularly described in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein (the "Property") was conveyed to the City of St. Bernard (now known as the Village of St. Bernard) (the "Village") pursuant to deeds recorded in Deed Book 2085, Page 306, Deed Book 2912, Page 1, Deed Book 3983, Page 718, and Official Record Book 11410, Page 1484. The Village previously operated a landfill on portions of the Property as shown on Exhibit B.
- 4. The Village of St. Bernard entered into a Consent Order with the State of Ohio on November 3, 2014. Pursuant to this Consent Order, the Village of St. Bernard is required to place of record a map of the landfill that exists on or adjacent to the Property. Attached as Exhibit B is a map of the landfill that is being recorded to fulfill this requirement under the Consent Order. The attached map relates to only a portion of the Property - specifically to Hamilton County Auditor Tax Parcel Numbers: 582-7-2, 582-7-207, 582-7-262, and 582-7-287 as shown on Exhibit B.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

William C. Burkhardt, Mayor of the Village of St. Bernard, Ohio

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 18 day of November, 2014.

Leighanne M. Helmes Notary Public, State of Ohio My Commission Expires 08-29-2017

Notary Public

This instrument prepared by:

Kim K. Burke Taft, Stettinius & Hollister LLP 425 Walnut Street, Suite 1800 Cincinnati, OH 45202-3957 (513) 381-2838

EXHIBIT A

PROPERTY

Parcel No. 1:

Situate in Section 16, Township 3, Fractional Range 2, Miami Purchase, Millcreek Township, City of Saint Bernard, Hamilton County, State of Ohio, and being a part of Lot 2 of Alfred Phillips Estate Subdivision as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 241. Hamilton County Recorder's Office, and being more particularly described as follows, to wit:

Commencing at a point at a concrete monument denoting the Southeast corner of the Bank Avenue Subdivision recorded in Plat Book 236, Page 20, Hamilton County Recorder's Office, and being a point in the West Right-of-Way line of the Miami and Erie Canal at station 12502+93 of said canal, thence along the Southerly line of said Bank Avenue Subdivision, South Eighty-five degrees, Twenty minutes, Fifty-three seconds West for a distance of 98.14' to a point; thence continuing along the Southerly line of said Bank Avenue Subdivision, North Eighty-nine degrees, Zero minutes, Zero seconds West for a distance of 339.00' to a point being a point in the South line of Lot 8 of said Bank Avenue Subdivision, being the True Point of Beginning for this description;

Thence along the Southerly line of said Bank Avenue Subdivision, North Eighty-nine degrees, Zero minutes, Zero seconds West for a distance of 61.00' to a point being the Southwest corner of Lot 8 line of said Bank Avenue Subdivision; thence leaving the Southerly line of said Bank Avenue Subdivision, and running along the West line of said Lot 8 North Thirty-eight degrees, Twenty-five minutes, Forty-one seconds East for a distance of 41.71' to a point; thence leaving the West line of said Lot 8 and running along a new dividing line South Forty-six degrees, Six minutes, Seventeen seconds East for a distance of 48.66' to a point in the Southerly line of said Bank Avenue Subdivision, and said point being the True Point of Beginning for this description.

Containing 0.02319 acres, more or less.

Parcel No. 2:

Beginning at the intersection of the easterly line of Lot 3 of the Alfred Phillips Estate Subdivision, of which this tract is a part, with the center line of Bank Street 25 feet wide (being the Northwest corner of a tract of ten (10) acres formerly owned by E. M. Gregory and in 1896 known as the Starch Factory property); thence along the center line of said Street, North 88° 45' West 306.72 feet to a stake at the intersection of the center line of said Street with the right of way line of the Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern Railroad Company; thence South 56° 20' West 833.19 feet parallel to and distant 100 feet from the center line of the east bound main track of said Railroad to a stake; thence South 24° 04' West 416.84 feet to a point in the Corporation line between the City of Cincinnati and the City of St. Bernard; thence along said

Corporation line South 0° 30' West 1320 feet to a stake; thence North 20° 59' East 789.32 feet to a stake; thence North 21° 42½' East 102.01 feet to a stake; thence North 44° 19½' East 116.75 feet to a stake; thence North 45° 02' East 323.13 feet to a stake; thence North 56° 18' East 449.36 feet to a stake; thence North 65° 30½' East 178.16 feet to a stake in the line of Lot 3 of the said Alfred Phillips Estate Subdivision, being also the west line of the ten (10) acre tract formerly owned by E. M. Gregory; thence along said east line North 1° 15' East 689.14 feet to the place of beginning.

Parcel No. 3:

All that lot of land in the City of St. Bernard situated in Section 16, Town 3, F. R. 2 Miami Purchase, City of St. Bernard, Hamilton County, Ohio, and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the intersection of the southerly line of Bank Street (25 ft. wide) with the westerly line of Andalus Subdivision as recorded in Plat Book 34, Page 14, Hamilton County, Ohio Records; thence North 86° 39' West, 968.95 feet to the westerly line of a 10 acre tract conveyed to the Valley Building and Construction Company by deed recorded in Deed Book 1740, Page 76 of the Hamilton County Recorder's Office; thence South 3° 21' West along said westerly line 200.00 feet to the real place of beginning;

thence South 3° 21' West, 474.54 feet; thence North 53° 01' East, 100.66 feet; thence North 59° 35' East, 100 feet; thence North 66° 24' East, 33.81 feet; thence North 3° 21' East, 340.59 feet; thence North 86° 39' West, 190.00 feet to the real place of beginning.

Parcel No. 4:

Situated in the City of St. Bernard, Hamilton County, Ohio.

Beginning at or near Station 12471 + 47.4 in the transit line of the F. H. Nichols Survey of the Miami and Eric Canal property and extending thence southwesterly with the lines of said canal property to Station 12513 + 16 of said survey and being all that portion of said canal property that is located between and at right angles to Stations 215 + 00 and 255 + 00 in the center line of the survey for the proposed Millcreek Expressway.

For further description of the above described property reference is hereby made to plat entitled scheme "D" of the Millcreek Expressway, prepared by Vogt, Ivers, Seaman and Associates dated July 1954; also to plat No. 249 of the F. H. Nichols survey of said canal property now on file in the office of the Department of Public Works at Columbus, Ohio.