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July 10, 2020

Mayor Michael Pelegreen
Village of Hopedale
P.O. Box 476
Hopedale, Ohio 43976

Re: Hopedale Landfill
Director's Authorization
Approval
Municipal Solid Waste Landfills
Harrison County
MSWL019402

**Subject: Hopedale Landfill, Harrison County
End of Post-Closure Care Period**

Dear Mayor Pelegreen:

The Village of Hopedale is the owner (Owner) of Hopedale Landfill (Facility), a closed landfill located on a 44-acre parcel (# 130001331000) on Dump Road in Green Township, Harrison County. This municipal solid waste landfill operated from 1968 until 1988 and serviced Green Township and Hopedale Village. The waste stream consisted primarily of household trash. On August 10, 1989, the Village of Hopedale certified closure of the Facility by final capping the approximately 6-acre area of waste placement.

On May 1, 2020, Ohio EPA received a request from the Owner to be released from the post-closure care requirement pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Rule 3745-27-14(C). The Facility has been in post-closure care for 30 years as of August 10, 2019. During the post-closure care period, the owner performed quarterly inspections of the Facility.

Ohio EPA staff have reviewed the available documents, conducted a site inspection, and concluded that the post-closure care requirements have been met and current site conditions do not pose a risk to human health or safety or the environment. Therefore, I acknowledge that the obligations as required by OAC Rule 3745-27-12 and OAC Rule 3745-27-14 for the Facility have been completed and authorize the discontinuance of the post-closure care period.

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

In the future, should Ohio EPA find that explosive gas formation and migration threatens human health, safety, or the environment, the Owner may be required to perform such measures as necessary to abate or minimize the formation or migration of explosive gas at the Facility.

Also, please be advised that OAC Chapter 3745-513 is still applicable to this facility. OAC Rule 3745-513-300(A) states, in part:

Any person proposing to engage in [filling, grading, excavating, building, drilling, or mining] at a modern or historic facility shall submit an application to Ohio EPA to demonstrate that the proposed... activities will not result in violation of applicable laws and regulations administered by the director, will not create a nuisance, and will not adversely affect the public health or safety or the environment.

You are hereby notified that this action of the 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, OH 43215

If you have any questions regarding this authorization, please contact Nathan Johnson of Ohio EPA's Southeast District Office at (740) 380-5439.

Sincerely,



Laurie A. Stevenson, Director

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