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Mike DeWine, Governor Jon Husted, Lt. Governor Laurie A. Stevenson, Director

January 5, 2021

Angela DeRolph
Health Commissioner
Perry County Health Department
403 Lincoln Park Drive
New Lexington, Ohio 43749

Re: Perry County Health Department

Director's Authorization

Approval

Health District Partners

Perry HD6400

Subject: Placement on the director's approved lists

Solid & Infectious Waste Programs

C&DD Program

Dear Ms. DeRolph:

On November 25, 2020, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) completed its annual survey of your health district regarding your Solid and Infectious Waste Programs and Construction and Demolition Debris Program in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Rule 3745-37-08. The annual survey included the time period between April 18, 2019 and November 25, 2020.

Upon review of the survey findings, I have determined that the Perry County Health Department is in substantial compliance and I hereby place the Perry County Health Department on my approved lists of health districts authorized to administer and enforce the solid and infectious waste and construction and demolition debris laws and rules in accordance with Sections 3734.08 and 3714.09 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Additionally, you are hereby notified that this action of the Director is final and may be appealed to the Environmental Review Appeals Commission pursuant to ORC 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:

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

I consider our agencies regulatory partners and appreciate the efforts of your dedicated staff. I recognize the extraordinary role your agency has played in addressing the COVID-19 pandemic, and the challenge this incredible response may have had on health district staffing and implementation of your Solid and Infectious Waste and Construction and Demolition Debris programs. If at any time Ohio EPA can provide assistance to support these programs, please encourage your staff to contact Ohio EPA's Southeast District Office.

Enclosed please find a copy of the annual survey evaluation report for your health district, which includes an assessment of administrative activities. Please note that this annual survey evaluation has been modified due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which may have adjusted the survey period and the conventional scope of file review and field inspections. Ohio EPA hopes to resume the normal evaluation procedure for future annual surveys. If you have questions or comments regarding the manner in which our agencies administer these programs, please contact me or Vlad Cica, Chief of the Division of Materials and Waste Management.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Sara Anderson of Ohio EPA's Southeast District Office by telephone at (740) 380-5219.

Sincerely,

Laurie A. Stevenson

Director

Enclosure: 2020 Annual Survey Evaluation Report

cc: Brian Dearth, DMWM-CO

Ralph McGinnis, DMWM-CO Sara Anderson, DMWM-SEDO



Annual Survey Evaluation Report

Ohio EPA's Delegation of the Solid & Infectious Waste and Construction & Demolition Debris
Programs to Local Health Districts

Health District:	Survey Period:	
Perry County Health Department	Start Date: 4/18/2019	
Core ID: 437269	End Date: 11/25/2020	
Secondary ID: HD6400	Ohio EPA Inspector: Sara Anderson	

Administrative Review

A health district either meets program requirements (Y), does not meet program requirements (N), or requirements are not applicable (N/A). Upon review of health district records and other documentation, Ohio EPA made the following conclusions:

	Solid & Infectious Waste (ORC 3734)		Construction & Demolition Debris (ORC 3714)			
	Υ	N	N/A	Υ	N	N/A
OAC Rule 3745-37-08(C)(1) and (D)(1)	\boxtimes					\boxtimes
Applications for licenses are on file for each licensed solid waste, infectious waste treatment, or Cⅅ facility in the health district.						
OAC Rule 3745-37-08(C)(2) and (D)(2)	\boxtimes					
Applications are properly completed with all required information.						
OAC Rule 3745-37-08(C)(3) and (D)(3)	\boxtimes					\boxtimes
All known solid waste, infectious waste treatment, and Cⅅ facilities operating in the health district do hold valid and unexpired licenses.						
OAC Rule 3745-37-08(C)(4)	\boxtimes					
No license has been issued for any new solid waste or new infectious waste treatment facility prior to the director's issuance of required permits and approval of required detail plans.						
OAC Rule 3745-37-08(C)(5) and (D)(4)	\boxtimes					\boxtimes
Certification of inspection and compliance has been made to the director within thirty days after issuance of any license.						
OAC Rule 3745-37-08(C)(6) and (D)(5)	\boxtimes					\boxtimes
The health district inspects solid waste, infectious waste treatment, and Cⅅ facilities with sufficient frequency to ensure substantial compliance.						

	Solid & Infectious Waste (ORC 3734)		De	structi emoliti Debris RC 37	on	
	Υ	N	N/A	Υ	N	N/A
OAC Rule 3745-37-08(C)(7) and (D)(6)	\boxtimes					
The health district maintains a file of information relating to each licensed solid waste, infectious waste treatment, and Cⅅ facility throughout each facility's operation and applicable closure periods. Each file includes applications for licenses, certification records, inspection records, approved plans, litigation information (except that privileged by the attorney-client relationship), and other pertinent information.						
OAC Rule 3745-37-08(C)(8) and (D)(7)	X			X		
The health district undertakes appropriate actions against persons whenever necessary to bring about substantial compliance with Chapters 3734. and 3714. of the Revised Code and rules adopted thereunder.						
OAC Rule 3745-37-08(C)(9) and (D)(8)	\boxtimes			\boxtimes		
The health district takes immediate action to abate serious hazards to the public health resulting from violations of Chapters 3734. and 3714. of the Revised Code and rules adopted thereunder.						
OAC Rule 3745-37-08(C)(10) and (D)(9)						
The health district complies with applicable facility license transfer procedures.						
OAC Rule 3745-37-08(C)(11) and (D)(10)	\boxtimes					
The health district seeks legal assistance from appropriate state and local agencies as necessary to carry out its assigned responsibilities.						
OAC Rule 3745-37-08(D)(11)				\boxtimes		
Each health district staff person possesses either a registered sanitarian/sanitarian-in-training certificate, the equivalent educational background required, or two years adequate work experience inspecting waste facilities.						
OAC Rule 3745-37-08(D)(12)						
The health district maintains a file of information relating to each exemption and license special term/condition. The file includes a copy of each exemption order issued and each license issued that contains special terms and/or conditions, as well as the health district's written justification for each action.						

Comments:

OAC Rule 3745-37-08(C)(8) and (D)(7):

Ohio EPA determined that the health district undertook appropriate actions against noncompliant persons whenever necessary to bring about compliance. The administrative review of health district files found that the health district received seventy-seven (77) open dumping complaints during the survey period. The health district responded to all complaints in a timely manner. Sixty-six (66) open dumping complaints have been resolved. The health district will continue to notify the landowners of the remaining eleven (11) complaints in writing of observed violations and perform follow-up inspections until violations are abated. If noncompliance continues, the health district next refers unresolved cases to the Perry County Board of Health.

OAC Rule 3745-37-08(C)(9) and (D)(8):

No serious public health hazards resulting from violations of the solid and infectious waste or construction & demolition debris rules were on record for this survey period.

Field Surveys

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic, field surveys could not be conducted by Ohio EPA staff.

Facility & Inspection Inventory From: 4/18/2019 To: 11/25/2020					
Facility Name	Facility Type & Minimum Annual Inspection #	Comprehensive Inspections Completed	"Other" Inspections Completed		
Tunnel Hill Reclamation Landfill	MSW Landfill (4)	5	0		
Suburban Landfill	MSW Landfill (4)	5	0		
Ludowici – Celadon Landfill	Closed MSW Landfill (4-30 yrs pcc) (1)	0	0		
Taylor Landfill	Closed MSW Landfill (4-30 yrs pcc) (1)	1	0		

Inspection Summary

The health district performed required facility inspections despite resource strains due to its COVID-19 pandemic response. The health district did not perform the annual inspection at the closed Ludowici-Celadon Landfill, which is typically completed as part of the annual survey. Ludowici-Celadon Landfill will reach thirty years of post-closure care on December 18, 2020. As part of its evaluation and prior to making a recommendation for ending post closure care obligations pursuant to OAC Rule 3745-27-14, Ohio EPA will contact Perry County Health Department to discuss current site conditions and schedule a site visit to evaluate site conditions including cap integrity, explosive gas, and groundwater considerations.

Solid and Infectious Waste Programs Summary

Ohio EPA would like to thank the health department for their continued dedication to the solid waste, infectious waste, and demolition debris programs during these unprecedented times. The Agency recognizes the tremendous strain that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on your health department and we commend you for the outstanding work you have done.

The health district conducts required comprehensive inspections at licensed and registered facilities within its jurisdiction to ensure compliance with the solid and infectious waste regulations. Due to circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the health district was unable to complete one of the required facility inspections as noted above.

Additionally, I observed no deficiencies during the administrative review of the annual survey. The health district appropriately documents violations with a comprehensive notice of violation (NOV) letter to the property owner or facility operator detailing any violations, including rule citations and any additional information from the inspection. The health district does request a response from the property

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owner or facility operator on actions taken to remedy or prevent the violation from recurring and conducts re-inspections if violations are noted to ensure that compliance is achieved. The health district effectively manages solid waste complaints and has procedures in place to escalate enforcement if necessary.

It is the role of Ohio EPA to provide oversight and education to the health district in each of the programs outlined in this letter. The health district's ability to recognize, identify and cite violations in all program areas, as well as familiarity with the regulations during all types of inspections is critical to complete thorough site evaluations and enforcement of the regulations. The health district staff periodically called or emailed Ohio EPA's staff for technical assistance within the program areas. Ohio EPA will continue to conduct peer reviews of inspection letters and provide technical assistance to the health district, as necessary.

Construction and Demolition Debris Program Summary

No licensed C&DD facilities exist within the jurisdiction of the health district. The health district investigates C&DD illegal disposal and open burning complaints as they become known.

Post-Survey Conference

I held a virtual post-survey conference on November 25, 2020, with Mr. Cary Bowers, Environmental Health Sanitarian. During the post-survey conference, we discussed the health district's compliance with ORC Sections 3734.08 and 3714.09. I informed Mr. Bowers that based on my observations during the survey, I would be recommending the health district remain on the director's approved lists.

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This Annual Survey Evaluation Report (Report) is for internal use to perform a preliminary assessment of approved health districts. It is not to be used as an indication of a health district's overall compliance with OAC Rule 3745-37-08, which is a determination of the director of Ohio EPA. This Report and any accompanying information will be forwarded to the director for consideration and to determine substantial compliance with Rule 3745-37-08 of the Administrative Code.

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