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Mr. Steve Sieracke
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Re: Kwest Group – Port Clinton
Director's Authorization
Acknowledgment
Residual Solid Waste Landfills
Ottawa County
RSWL019457

**Subject: Kwest/Celotex Class II Residual Waste Landfill, Ottawa County
End of Post-Closure Care Period**

The Kwest Landfill (Landfill), formerly the Celotex Corporation Landfill, is a closed Class II Residual Solid Waste Landfill located in Portage Township, Ottawa County, Ohio. By letter dated July 14, 1994, the final closure certification for the Landfill was submitted to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Rule 3745-30-09. On July 11, 2014, Ohio EPA reclassified the Landfill from a Class I Residual Waste Landfill to a Class II Residual Waste Landfill. As a Class II Residual Waste Landfill, the applicable post-closure period for the Landfill is twenty (20) years. The end of the scheduled post-closure care period was July 14, 2014.

On October 8, 2014, Ohio EPA received a letter documenting the completion of post-closure care at the Landfill and requesting formal acknowledgement of the end of post-closure care from Ohio EPA.

Ohio EPA staff has reviewed the above referenced document, along with ground water sampling data, and has concluded that the post-closure requirements have been met. Therefore, I acknowledge that the post-closure care period for the Landfill ended on July 14, 2014, and that post-closure care under OAC Rule 3745-30-10 is not required after that date.

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

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 waste facility or solid waste facility was operated shall comply with the requirements of this rule.

Please note that all monitoring wells at the Landfill should be properly abandoned as directed in Chapter 9 of Ohio EPA's Division of Drinking and Ground Waters' Technical Guidance Manual for Ground Water Investigations: Sealing Abandoned Monitoring Wells and Boreholes. An electronic version of this guidance document can be found at the following web link: http://www.epa.ohio.gov/Portals/28/documents/TGM-09_1009.pdf. A Water Well Sealing Report must be submitted to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for each abandoned well. An example of this report is provided in the above-referenced document.

While Kwest is no longer obligated to conduct post-closure care activities at the Landfill pursuant to the solid waste regulations, Kwest should recognize that ORC Chapter 6111 prohibits causing pollution to waters of the state. Therefore, Ohio EPA recommends that Kwest continue to undertake reasonable measures to prevent impacts from the Landfill, such as periodic inspection and maintenance of the Landfill cap.

Kwest must also remain cognizant of the Environmental Covenant recorded with the Ottawa County Recorder to fulfill the requirement set forth in Ohio EPA's December 3, 2009 Director's Final Findings and Orders to approve an alternate setback distance at the Landfill. The Environmental Covenant establishes certain prohibitions within specific areas of the Landfill and surrounding properties.

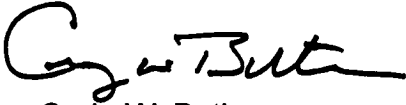
You are hereby notified that this action of the Director of Environmental Protection (Director) is final and may be appealed to the Environmental Review Appeals Commission pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3745.04. The appeal must be in writing and set forth the action complained of and the grounds 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
77 South High St., 17th Floor.
Columbus, Ohio 43215

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If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Tyler Madeker of Ohio EPA, NWDO at (419) 373-3078.

Sincerely,



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