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Joe Miller, Chairman  
Holmes County Board of Commissioners  
2 Court Street, Suite 14  
Millersburg, OH 44654

RE: Holmes County Landfill  
Director's Authorization  
Approval  
Municipal Solid Waste Landfills  
Holmes County  
MSWLQ18757

**Subject: Holmes County Landfill, Holmes County  
Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Rule 3745-27-10(E)(9)(b) Approval**

Dear Mr. Miller:

On September 14, 2015, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA), Division of Materials and Waste Management (DMWM), Northeast District Office (NEDO) received a document titled "Ohio Administrative Code 3745-27-10(E)(9)(b) Demonstration - Groundwater Monitoring Well UZ-1, Holmes County Landfill," dated September 9, 2015, for Holmes County Landfill (Facility) located in Holmes County. This document was submitted by North Point Engineering Corporation (NPE) and HzW Environmental Consultants (HzW), on behalf of the Holmes County Board of Commissioners, pursuant to OAC Rule 3745-27-10(E)(9)(b), and requested reinstatement of the ground water detection monitoring program for specific monitoring wells at the Facility and to release the owner or operator from the obligation to comply with the ground water quality assessment monitoring program implemented due to the detection of statistically significant changes for sodium in monitoring well UZ-1 during the June 2013 and October 2013 ground water sampling events at the Facility.

Pursuant to OAC Rule 3745-27-10(E)(9)(b), the owner or operator may demonstrate that a source other than the sanitary landfill facility caused the contamination, or that the statistically significant change resulted from error in sampling, analysis or statistical evaluation or from natural variation in ground water quality and request that the director approve reinstatement of the detection monitoring program.

The September 9, 2015, document concluded that the statistically significant changes for sodium at monitoring well UZ-1 were due to natural variation in ground water quality, and not as a result of impact from the landfill. Ohio EPA has reviewed the applicable information and concurs with this conclusion. Therefore, pursuant to OAC Rule 3745-27-10(E)(9)(b), I hereby approve reinstatement of the ground water detection monitoring program for the monitoring wells in the ground water quality assessment monitoring program, noted above, and release the owner or operator from the obligation to comply with this assessment monitoring program at the Facility. This approval of reinstatement of the detection monitoring program applies to monitoring well UZ-1.

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Should future or existing ground water sampling results indicate statistically significant changes in ground water monitoring parameters, the owner or operator will be required to either enter into the ground water quality assessment monitoring program in accordance with OAC Rule 3745-27-10(E) or obtain approval to remain in the detection monitoring program pursuant to OAC Rule 3745-27-10(D)(7)(c).

This approval shall not be construed to release the owner or operator from the obligation to comply with the requirements of any other ground water quality assessment monitoring program being conducted at the Facility.

You are hereby notified that this action of the Director of Ohio EPA (Director) is final and may be appealed to the Environmental Review Appeals Commission pursuant to Section 3745.04 of the Ohio Revised Code. 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., 17<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Katharina Snyder, DMWM, NEDO at (330) 963-1257.

Sincerely,



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Northeast District Office  
for Craig W. Butler, Director

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