December 29, 2015

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SUBJECT: MINOR AMENDMENT TO APPROVED POST-CLOSURE PLAN, REALM LANDFILL, ELYRIA, CLOSED LANDFILL, LORAIN COUNTY, OHD004201091 (PROJECT ID 247-000337-006)

Dear Ms. Barnett:

On December 17, 2015, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) received a request for an amendment to the approved post-closure plan for "The REALM Landfill, Elyria facility, located at 1400 Lowell Street, Elyria, Ohio. The most recent post-closure plan is dated October 10, 2008. Pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Rules and Regulations, Chapter 3745-66-18, REALM modified the post-closure plan to implement the requirements of OAC Chapters 3745-65 and 3745-66, as these requirements specifically pertain to final ground water monitoring and response, and cap maintenance. The requested modification reduces sampling of the landfill monitoring well network from annually to biennial. The requested modification also reduces the inspection of the security fence from daily to twice a month.

When a facility proposes to amend an approved post-closure plan, the owner/operator must submit a written request, in accordance with OAC rule 3745-66-18(D), and receive authorization for the amendment from Ohio EPA. OAC rule 3745-66-18(D)(4) further states that if the amendment to the post-closure plan is equivalent to a Class 2 or Class 3 permit modification (according to the criteria in OAC rule 3745-50-51), then the amendment to the plan must be authorized through submittal and director approval of an amended post-closure plan (OAC rule 3745-66-18(F)). Ohio EPA has evaluated the requested amendment received on the above noted date and has determined it does not meet the criteria, as equivalent to a Class 2 or Class 3 permit modification. The Agency has also evaluated the amendment and determined that it does comply with applicable regulations. Therefore, with this letter, Ohio EPA approves the amendment to the approved post-closure plan.
If you have any questions concerning this action, please contact Bill Lutz at Ohio EPA’s Northeast District Office (NEDO) by telephone at (330) 963-1245 or at bill.lutz@epa.ohio.gov. When submitting written correspondence about this site, please reference Site ID Number 247-000337-006, as well as the U.S. EPA RCRA Facility ID Number OHD 004 201 091.

Sincerely,

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