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MAY 31 2016

Commissioner Vince Schroeder
Chair, Putnam SWMD Board of
Directors
Putnam County Courthouse
245 E. Main Street, Suite 101
Ottawa, Ohio 45875

**Re: Putnam County SWMD
Long Term Planning for Reg Entity
Final Approval or Acknowledgement
Solid Waste Management Planning
Putnam County
SWMD169**

**Subject: Putnam County Solid Waste Management District Solid Waste
Management Plan Approval**

Commissioner Schroeder:

The Director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Director) has reviewed and approved the ratified draft solid waste management plan update (Plan) for the Putnam County Solid Waste Management District (District). Director's Final Findings and Orders approving the Plan are enclosed with this letter. Attachment 1 is a summary of the implementation schedule that was derived from the District's Plan.

I would like to personally commend District staff for their hard work and dedication to this Plan. Planning can be a demanding process that requires a significant amount of effort and can feel quite tedious at points, especially during the revisions stage. Despite the other competing demands, both Jack and Ashley did a wonderful job. The Plan continues many of the great programs that are proving to be very effective while introducing new complementary programs and will hopefully push the District to new successes. I am sure they are happy to have completed this project and they deserve significant praise for their work.

The District should proceed to implement its approved Plan in accordance with the implementation schedule and timeline contained in the approved Plan and in Attachment 1 to the enclosed Director's Final Findings and Orders. Please be advised that Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 3734.55(C)(4) also requires the Policy Committee to "...annually review implementation of the approved plan... and report its findings and recommendations regarding implementation to the board of county commissioners or board of directors of the district."

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:

Environmental Review Appeals Commission
77 South High Street
17th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215

If you have any questions regarding implementation of the approved Plan, please contact me at (614) 728-5317 or christopher.germain@epa.ohio.gov.

Sincerely,



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Waste & Recycling Planner
Division of Materials and Waste Management

Enclosures (2): Director's Final Findings and Orders
 Attachment 1 to the Findings and Orders

Cc/ec (with enclosures): Jack Betscher, Coordinator, Putnam County SWMD
 Mike Reiser, Environmental Supervisor, DMWM-NWDO

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ENTERED DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

BEFORE THE

OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

In the matter of:

Putnam County	:	Director's Final
Solid Waste Management District	:	Findings and Orders
245 E. Main Street, Suite 101	:	
Ottawa, Ohio 45875	:	

I. JURISDICTION

These Director's Final Findings and Orders (Orders) are issued to the Putnam County Solid Waste Management District (District), pursuant to the authority vested in the Director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) under Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 3734.55(C).

II. PARTIES

These Orders shall be binding upon the District.

III. DEFINITIONS

Unless otherwise stated, all terms used in these Orders shall have the same meanings as defined in ORC Chapter 3734 and the rules promulgated thereunder.

IV. FINDINGS

The director of Ohio EPA has determined the following findings:

1. Pursuant to ORC Section 3734.56, the policy committee of a solid waste management district (SWMD) with an approved solid waste management plan that contains a planning period of fifteen or more years is required to submit an amended solid waste management plan that complies with the requirements in Divisions (A), (B), (D), and (E)(1) of ORC Section 3734.53 to the director of Ohio EPA on or before the fifth year anniversary of the date the existing solid waste management plan was approved.
2. The District's existing solid waste management plan was approved on April 16, 2010 and covers a planning period of fifteen or more years. The District's draft amended solid waste management plan was due to Ohio EPA on April 16, 2015.

3. On May 18, 2015, Ohio EPA received a draft amended solid waste management plan from the District's Policy Committee.
4. Pursuant to ORC Section 3734.55, the director of Ohio EPA is required to provide the policy committee of a SWMD with a written, nonbinding advisory opinion regarding a draft solid waste management plan and any recommended changes to it that the director considers necessary to effect its approval.
5. On July 1, 2015 Ohio EPA mailed a written, nonbinding advisory opinion concerning the draft amended solid waste management plan received on May 18, 2015 to the District's Policy Committee.
6. Pursuant to ORC Section 3734.55, the policy committee of a SWMD is required to submit a draft solid waste management plan that was ratified in accordance with the criteria established in Division (B) of ORC Section 3734.55 to the director of Ohio EPA to be reviewed for compliance with Divisions (A), (B), (D), and (E)(1) of ORC Section 3734.53.
7. On April 19, 2016 Ohio EPA received a ratified, draft, amended solid waste management plan from the District's Policy Committee.
8. The director has determined that the District's ratified, draft, amended solid waste management plan is in compliance with Divisions (A), (B), (D), and (E)(1) of Section 3734.53 of the ORC.

V. ORDERS

1. The District's ratified, draft, amended plan that was received by Ohio EPA on April 19, 2016 is hereby approved.
2. The District shall proceed to implement its approved solid waste management plan in accordance with the strategies, programs, and activities described in the ratified, draft, amended solid waste management plan and contained in the implementation schedule included as Attachment 1 to these Orders.

VI. OTHER APPLICABLE LAWS

All actions required to be taken pursuant to these Orders shall be undertaken in accordance with the requirements of all applicable local, state, and federal laws and regulations.

VII. RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

Nothing contained herein shall be construed to prevent Ohio EPA from seeking legal or equitable relief to enforce the terms of these Orders or from taking other administrative, legal, or equitable action as deemed appropriate and necessary, including seeking penalties against the District for noncompliance with these Orders.

Nothing contained herein shall be construed to prevent Ohio EPA from exercising its lawful authority to require the District to perform additional activities pursuant to ORC Chapter 3734 or any other applicable laws in the future. Nothing herein shall restrict the right of the District to raise any administrative, legal, or equitable claim or defense with respect to such further actions which Ohio EPA may seek to require of the District. Nothing in these Orders shall be construed to limit the authority of Ohio EPA to seek relief for violations which may occur.

VIII. EFFECTIVE DATE

The effective date of these Orders is the date these Orders were entered into the Ohio EPA Director's Journal.

IT IS SO ORDERED:



Craig W. Butler, Director
Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

ATTACHMENT 1 TO THE FINDINGS AND ORDERS
Summary of the Implementation Schedule for the

Putnam SWMD

Several sections of the ratified, draft amended solid waste management plan update (Plan) submitted by the Solid Waste Management District or Authority identified above are considered to be part of the implementation schedule required in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 3734.53(A)(13). This attachment lists the elements that Ohio EPA understands to constitute the implementation schedule contained in the District's or Authority's Plan. These elements are listed in the table below.

Implementation Schedule for Facilities, Strategies, Programs and Activities

1. Elements of the Plan	2. According to the Plan, when will implementation of this strategy begin and end?	3. Which Goal will this strategy be used to demonstrate compliance with?
Commercial/Industrial Sector TA and Education		
7578 (PC-13) Commercial/Industrial Surveys	Ongoing	Goal 3, 4
9586 (PC-20) Ohio Materials Exchange - Promotion	Ongoing	Goal 3, 4
7577 (PC-21) Commercial/Industrial Technical Assistance	Ongoing	Goal 2, 3, 4
9587 (PC-22) "Do-It-Yourself" Audit Kit	2017 - Ongoing	Goal 2, 3, 4
Curbside Recycling		
9567 (PC-1) Adoption/Expansion Assistance: For any community wishing to adopt, expand or improve a curbside program.	Ongoing	Goal 1, 2
Curbside Recycling, Non-subscription		
7562 (PC-1) Ottawa Village NS Curbside Initiative: Outreach & Marketing Plan (2019 - 2021) Initiative: Get Caught Green Handed (2019 - Ongoing)	Ongoing	Goal 1, 2
Curbside Recycling, Subscription		
9566 (PC-1) Glandorf Village Subscription Curbside	Ongoing	Goal 1, 2
Drop-off Recycling		
9571 (PC-2) New Drop-Off: District will provide free collection or free processing for any new community-supported drop-offs.	Ongoing	Goal 1, 2

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Drop-off Recycling, FS, Urban

7566 (PC-2) Ottawa Village - Walmart Ongoing Goal 1, 2

Drop-off Recycling, PT, Rural

7568 (PC-2) Columbus Grove & Pleasant Twp. Ongoing Goal 1, 2

7567 (PC-2) Continental Village & Monroe Twp. Ongoing Goal 1, 2

9568 (PC-2) Fort Jennings Village & Jennings Twp. Ongoing Goal 1, 2

9570 (PC-2) Kalida Village & Union Twp. Ongoing Goal 1, 2

7564 (PC-2) Lepsic, Liberty, Van Buren Twps Ongoing Goal 1, 2

9569 (PC-2) Miller City (Village) & Palmer Twp Ongoing Goal 1, 2

7570 (PC-2) Ottoville Village & Monterey Twp. Ongoing Goal 1, 2

Electronics Collection

9577 (PC-9) Annual Collection Event Ongoing Goal 2, 5

Financial Incentives/PAYT

7589 (PC-11) Pay-As-You-Throw Promotion & Technical Assistance Ongoing N/A

7590 (PC-12) "Buy Recycled" Campaign Ongoing N/A

Household Hazardous Waste

9576 (PC-8) Annual Collection Event Ongoing Goal 2, 5

7581 (PC-8) General Education & Outreach Efforts Ongoing Goal 3,4,5

Landfill Post-Closure Activities

7591 (PC-23) Putnam County Landfill: Post-Closure Activities Ongoing N/A

Lead-Acid Battery Programs

7584 (PC-10) Maintain and publish list of private sector options Ongoing Goal 3, 4, 5

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9578 (PC-10) Annual Collection Event	Ongoing	Goal 5
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Market Development Programs

9579 (PC-14) List of businesses that sell recycled products (SWCD partnership)	Ongoing	Goal 7
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Other Residential/Commercial Recycling

9583 (PC-18) Glass Recycling Program: Drop-Offs and Expansion of Bar & Restaurant Collection	Ongoing	Goal 2, 3, 4
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9572 (PC-3) Village of Pandora Infrastructure: District will assist to establish a drop-off or curbside program in the village by helping with grants, ambassadors and outreach.	2016 - Ongoing	Goal 1, 2
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3759 (PC-4) County Office Recycling (Paper)	Ongoing	Goal 2
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9573 (PC-5) School Recycling - Mobile (Paper & OCC)	Ongoing	Goal 2
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9574 (PC-5.1) School Recycling - Permanent (Paper & OCC) Leipsic Schools permanent, others may pilot.	Ongoing	Goal 2
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Residential Sector Education and Awareness

9582 (PC-15) General Outreach Activities	Ongoing	Goal 3, 4
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7575 (PC-15) Print advertising: At least 8 print communications annually.	Ongoing	Goal 3, 4
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2709 (PC-15) School Outreach: Grade appropriate classroom presentations targeting at least 500 students per year.	Ongoing	Goal 3, 4
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7574 (PC-15) Special Event Outreach: Displays to promote WRR for at least one special event each year	Ongoing	Goal 3, 4
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9584 (PC-15) Conservation Days (5th Grade)	Ongoing	Goal 3, 4, 6
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9581 (PC-15.1) Outreach, Marketing & Education Tracking Initiative: District will implement systems to better track activities.	2016 - Ongoing	Goal 3, 4
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7576 (PC-16) Website Initiative: Upgrade (2017)	Ongoing	Goal 3, 4, 5
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9580 (PC-17) Social Media Outreach Program	2016 - Ongoing	Goal 3, 4
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9585 (PC-19) Recycling Ambassadors	2016 - Ongoing	Goal 3, 4
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Scrap Tire Programs

9575 (PC-7) Annual Collection Event	Ongoing	Goal 2, 5
7580 (PC-7) Maintain and publish list of private sector options for scrap tires.	Ongoing	Goal 2, 5

Yard Waste Programs

7587 (PC-6) Public and Private Composting Facilities	Ongoing	Goal 2, 5
7586 (PC-6) Backyard Composting Education Program	Ongoing	Goal 3, 4, 5