



John R. Kasich, Governor  
Mary Taylor, Lt. Governor  
Craig W. Butler, Director

SEPTEMBER 18, 2017

Ashland County Commissioners  
Ashland County Courthouse  
110 Cottage Street  
Ashland, Ohio 44805

Re: Ashland County Landfill  
Director's Authorization  
Approval  
Municipal Solid Waste Landfills  
Ashland County  
MSWL019358

Ohio EPA SEP 18 '17  
Entered Directors Journal

**Subject: Ashland County Closed Landfill, Ashland County  
Revised Explosive Gas Monitoring Plan Approval**

Dear County Commissioners:

On August 3, 2017, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA), Northwest District Office (NWDO), Division of Materials and Waste Management (DMWM), received a revised explosive gas monitoring plan titled, "Ashland County Landfill Explosive Gas Monitoring Plan," (EGMP), dated August 2, 2017, for the Ashland County Closed Landfill (Facility) located on the south side of County Road 1754, Vermilion Township, Ohio. The Plan was prepared by Mannik & Smith Group on behalf of Ashland County Commissioners in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Rule 3745-27-12.

Ohio EPA has reviewed the EGMP and has determined that it meets the applicable requirements. Therefore, I hereby approve the EGMP for the Facility with the following conditions:

### CONDITIONS

1. All activities shall be conducted in strict accordance with the plans, specifications, and information submitted as part of the EGMP. There may be no deviation from the approved plans without the express, written approval of Ohio EPA. Any future activities may require additional Ohio EPA approval.
2. Not later than 30 days after the effective date of this approval, the Ashland County Commissioners shall implement the EGMP.
3. Issuance of this approval does not constitute expressed or implied agreement that the monitoring of the Facility performed and implemented in accordance with the approved EGMP and/or its terms and conditions will constitute compliance with applicable state and federal laws, rules, and regulations, nor does issuance of this plan approval ensure operating permits or licenses will be granted.

4. Nothing in this letter shall be construed to authorize any waiver from the requirements of any applicable federal or state laws or regulations. Furthermore, this authorization shall not be interpreted to release the owner or others from responsibility under Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Chapters 3704, 3714, 3734 or 6111; under the Federal Clean Water Act, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, the Toxic Substances Control Act, or the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act; or from other applicable requirements for remedying conditions resulting from any release of contaminants to the environment.

#### END OF CONDITIONS

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 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  
30 East Broad Street, 4th Floor  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

If you have any questions concerning this approval, please contact Susan Hardy of Ohio EPA, DMWM, NWDO at [susan.hardy@epa.ohio.gov](mailto:susan.hardy@epa.ohio.gov) or 419-373-3043.

Sincerely,



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Director, Ohio EPA

Ec: Pat Donaldson, Ashland County Health Department  
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