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Mr. Ken Westmoreland
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Sylva, North Carolina 28779*Transmitted by Facsimile
and First Class Mail*Subject: Well Drilling Activity
Jackson County Closed Landfill
Dillsboro, North Carolina

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Dear Mr. Westmoreland:

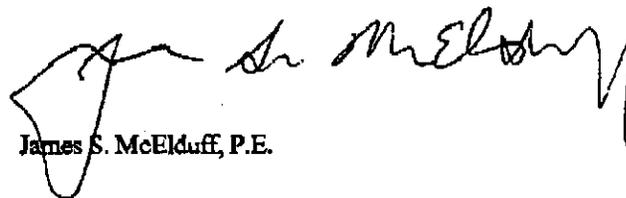
I would like to update you on the status of two current projects at the Closed Jackson County Landfill in Dillsboro: groundwater assessment and landfill gas extraction. Two groundwater monitoring wells (one shallow; one bedrock) are scheduled to be installed on the north side of the landfill between March 15 and 17, 2004. During the same period, three landfill gas extraction wells will also be installed near the top of the landfill.

Altamont has been in frequent contact with Mr. Chad Parker to coordinate these two activities. Additionally, Mr. Parker recently met with Jim Patterson, of the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Solid Waste Section, to discuss these activities. Mr. Patterson reportedly provided a general approval of all well locations. Additionally, in order to provide vehicular access, he stated his approval of temporary minor alterations to stormwater structures on the landfill cap. We have communicated with other DENR personnel assigned to each of the two projects, as well as the Sylva Fire Department.

I am writing to ensure that you are aware of these scheduled events. We will provide additional updates concerning these projects after the completion of the field activities scheduled for next week.

Please contact me if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,



James S. McElkuff, P.E.

cc: Mr. Ed Mussler – DENR Solid Waste Section
Mr. Tim Jewett – DENR Solid Waste Section