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Mr. Joe Hinkie, Plant Manager
Jackson Paper Manufacturing Company
Sylva, North Carolina 28779

Dear Mr. Hinkie:

When Jackson Paper Company began operations and started generating large amounts of solid waste, the County agreed to allow your company to use a specific area at the landfill below Dillsboro so the Company would have time to locate, and have approved, a place to dispose of your solid waste. A plan of operation was developed by Jackson County and approved by the State for the use of the Dillsboro site. Jackson Paper was presented with a plan for the area which you were to use and those plans were explained to company officials and a contractor for the company at that time. The Company was also given a key for a padlock and asked to keep a cable across the roadway leading into that area.

Today I received a visit from Mr. James E. Patterson from the Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Branch of the Division of Health Services. Mr. Patterson stated that one of our monitoring wells has been damaged by Jackson Paper Company and that it may have to be replaced. He also states that your material has not been placed in the area according to the plan and that you may have exceeded the amount of material that can go in there.

Although the Paper Company is responsible for that area, State Officials look to the County, because the permit and approved plans are issued to Jackson County. The Division of Health Services has the authority to levy fines on the County for non compliance.

Your prompt attention in this matter, so the landfill will be in compliance will be appreciated. If you are unable to locate your plan for the area, our sanitation department will be happy to supply you with a copy and go over them with you. After getting the area in proper shape, if it appears you are approaching or exceeding the limits for its use, you may wish to get in touch with Mr. Gordon Layton at: Division of Health Services, Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Branch, P.O. Box 2091, Raleigh, N.C., 27602; Phone No: (919) 733-2178. Mr. Layton is the only official who could authorize a change in the plan that would allow additional material in the site.

If I can be of assistance please get in touch.

Sincerely,

Wayne Hooper, Chairman
Jackson County Board of Commissioners

cc: James Patterson
Gordon Layton