



North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources
Division of Waste Management

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December 18, 2013

Elmer Etheridge
219 36th Street SW
Hickory, NC 28601

Re: Walnut Avenue
Rhodhiss, Caldwell County

Dear Mr. Etheridge:

On June 24, 2013, your property was inspected by a State contractor (Marshall Miller and Associates, Inc.) to determine if it had previously been used as a landfill and to identify any potential hazards if a landfill was present. That inspection confirmed the presence of a landfill.

A report was submitted to the North Carolina Division of Waste Management by the contractor identifying the property's past use as a landfill and included general information about the property and vicinity. A copy of the report is available at your request. No immediate hazard was observed associated with the landfill area. The property will remain as part of the Division's inventory of pre-regulatory landfills and continue to be part of public record.

To address properties such as yours, the General Assembly of North Carolina ratified Senate Bill 1492 that creates a program whereby the State will assess and remedy the environmental hazards at these old pre-regulatory landfills. Under Senate Bill 1492, as long as owners fully cooperate with the State in its performance of this work and monies are available, the owner will not have to conduct the work at their expense. A state-wide disposal tax was established by Senate Bill 1492. Fifty percent of the proceeds go to conducting this work. Cooperation with assessment and implementation of control and mitigation measures may include, but are not limited to, granting access to the site, allowing installation of various monitoring wells (groundwater) and probes (landfill gas), allowing installation and maintenance of improvements to the landfill cap, allowing installation of security measures, agreeing to record and implement land-use restrictions, and providing access to any records regarding the old landfill.

Prior to the passage of this law, owners and operators of the landfill property and other responsible parties were obligated to fund any required assessment and cleanup work to address the public health and environmental hazards posed by these properties.

Your cooperation for assessment and remediation activities will be appreciated.

Thank you for your cooperation thus far in allowing access to this property. Please contact our office before any changes in property ownership occur. Also, we ask that our office be notified prior to any redevelopment plans so that public health or the environment is not adversely affected. Call me at (919) 707-8346 if you have any questions regarding the content of this letter.

Sincerely,



Analee Thornburg, Hydrogeologist
Pre-Regulatory Landfill Unit
Inactive Hazardous Sites Branch, Superfund Section
Division of Waste Management

Cc: Stan Kiser, County Manager, PO Box 2200, Lenoir, NC 28645
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Casey Wallace
PO Box 152
Granite Falls, NC 28630

Re: Walnut Avenue
Rhodhiss, Caldwell County

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