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North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources
Attn: Mr. James C. Coffey, Asheville Regional Engineer, Solid Waste Section
2090 U.S. Highway 70
Swannanoa, N.C. 28778

Dear Mr. Coffey,

I am responding on behalf of your letter dated December 21st requesting additional information as to what actions the County has taken to warrant the increase of tonnage at the Uwharrie Environmental landfill. The process has been lengthy and tedious but the County wanted to make sure that every step was followed to comply with all state regulations regarding this matter. The following is a brief explanation as to what transpired beginning in October of 2005:

The Board of Commissioners began the process of approving the landfill expansion and tonnage cap increase in October of 2005 when we approved the expansion site plan. However, the Board of Commissioners was not finished with contract negotiations with Republic and actually those negotiations took an additional twelve months. One of the reasons for the length in the negotiations was that we employed the services of GBB, who are solid waste consultants, to assist in negotiations. It did prove quite favorable since we did finally settle with a much improved contract than what we had previously. Finally, in October of 2006, the County concluded negotiations with Republic and had two votes to approve the franchise for the expansion of the site and an increase in the tonnage cap from 2,000 to 3,000 tons average per day. In summary, the process began in late 2005 and was concluded in October 2006.

If you have any additional questions, then please feel free to contact me or the County Manger, Lance Metzler.

Sincerely,

William D. Maness, Chairman

cc: Mr. Lance L. Metzler, County Manager
Mr. Drew Isenhour, Republic Services of NC, LLC