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Monica O. McCann  
The Conservation Fund  
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Re: Considerations for Recreational Use of Buffer Area  
Hoke County Closed MSW Landfill  
Hoke County, North Carolina  
Permit No. 47-01  
Doc ID No. 11713

Dear Ms. McCann:

Thank you for your telephone call Wednesday, September 29, regarding the above referenced project. In general, we support the reuse of landfill properties as community resources, but with safeguards in place for the protection of the general public and the landfill facility.

As requested, below are issues that you might consider as you work with Hoke County to develop trails that cross through the closed landfill buffer area.

- Drawings must be submitted to the Solid Waste Section for review and either approval or concurrence prior to the initiation of any construction activity. Construction activities that take place over waste disposal areas may require a permit action on the part of the County. Incidental usage of landfill buffer will likely not require a permit action.
- Secure fencing or other methods must be established to control access to the landfill. Also, the County should determine whether existing ground water/landfill gas monitoring wells need additional protection.
- A regular inspection routine should be established for monitoring for the presence of methane gas along the trail and the water quality of near-by surface water. The inspection program should also monitor fencing condition and look for signs of suspicious activities, illegal dumping or other adverse conditions.
- Signs should be posted at prominent points that:
  - Prohibit smoking, campfires or other open flames;
  - Prohibit camping;
  - Encourage users to stay on the trail;
  - Report any problems or suspicious activities to a contact telephone number; and
  - Restrict trail usage to daylight hours.
- Markers should be provided that direct users to trailheads (and away from landfill areas).

- Emergency vehicles should have access to all areas of the trail located in the landfill buffer area.

Please note that the list above might not be comprehensive and other conditions may need to be addressed as they become apparent.

Thank you for your efforts in this matter. If you have questions about the above information, please contact either me at 919.508.8498 or Drew Hammonds, Environmental Senior Specialist for the facility, at 910.433.3351.

Sincerely,

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