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Mr. Allen Gaither
 Solid Waste Permitting Section
 Division of Waste Management
 North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources
 2090 U.S. Highway 70
 Swannanoa, North Carolina 28778

RE: Revisions to the Closure Plan
 Closure of the Highlands C & D Landfill
 Permit # 57-04
 Macon County, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Gaither:

On behalf of Macon County, we are providing this letter to request revisions to the approved closure plan for the Highlands Construction/ Demolition Waste Landfill (C&DLF). The County received approval of the Closure Plan on December 19, 2008 with the requirement to be closed by June 16, 2009. The County began work immediately on closure activities; and as of today, the County is approximately 75% complete with the closure. Based on our current status, we are requesting the following revisions to our Closure Plan.

1) 60 Day Closure Extension

- o Since the receipt of the approval of the Closure Plan on December 19, 2008, the County experienced a severe winter, which was not conducive for placing fill material. Fill placement specifications require that fill material not be placed on frozen ground. At the elevations of the Highlands C&DLF, at least two months was lost due to the cold temperatures experienced.
- o An extremely wet spring season has been realized at the Highlands Construction/ Demolition Waste Landfill. During the 20 weeks since the closure plan approval, there have been 10 weeks where landfill personnel could not conduct landfill closure activities due to excessively wet conditions.

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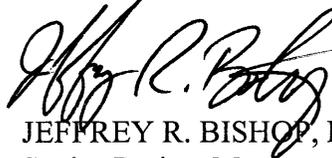
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2) Moving of Waste

The County requests permission to move in-place C&D wastes in order to achieve final grades. With the closure of the C&DLF on June 30, 2008, low waste disposal volumes at the time meant that design grades for the cap of the landfill could not be reached. At the northern margin of the landfill near the access road, the final grades do not meet the minimum 5% slope required by the Solid Waste Rules. The County would like to relocate approximately 1,200 cubic yards of C&D wastes in order to achieve the required 5% minimum slopes and to construct surface water conveyance measures. Appropriate cover materials shall be placed on the relocated wastes.

The County anticipates completing the closure grading and seeding work by August 16, 2009. We appreciate your consideration of this request. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or if you require additional information.

Sincerely,
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