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November 8, 2007

Mr. Edward F. Mussler, III, P.E.  
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**Re: East Carolina Regional MSW Landfill  
Permit No. 08-03  
Bertie County, North Carolina  
HHNT Project No. 6703-260-01**

Dear Mr. Mussler:

This letter follows up our discussion concerning soil borings in future cell development areas on the subject project. Over the past 14 years this site has been thoroughly investigated with soil boring density exceeding one per acre over all developed areas. Much information has been obtained during these past soils/hydrogeological efforts.

The principal purpose of this letter is to request a variance from Rule T 15A.13B.0538 concerning the density of one boring per acre. We request that for the remainder of the site, the boring density be changed to one boring per four acres. Justification for approving this request includes:

- A. 205 soil borings have been advanced on this property during the past 14 years. Ample data exists for this site.
- B. Due to the Coastal Plain geology and the lack of topographical relief, there is minimal variability across this site.
- C. Should the Section feel additional data is required during the review process, additional borings can be requested.

Since soil explorations are ongoing at this facility, we request a response at your earliest convenience.

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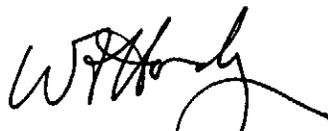
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Should you have any questions, please call.

Sincerely,

**HODGES, HARBIN, NEWBERRY & TRIBBLE, INC.**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. F. Hodges', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

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