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CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED



Mr. Bobby Arrington
Carolina Grading & Excavating Co., Inc.
Route 3, Box 322
Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27516

Re: Landfill Fire
Womble-Arrington LCID Landfill
Permit #19-A/Chatham Co.

Dear Mr. Arrington:

Thank you for taking time to meet with us yesterday at the subject facility to discuss management of the subsurface fire that has apparently been burning for two months or more beneath the western slopes of the landfill. Although the Solid Waste Section only learned of the fire this week, we understand that you have been attempting to control the fire since you discovered it by covering the slopes with soil to smother the burn. This letter serves to detail the approach that was agreed upon at yesterday's on-site meeting regarding further management of the situation.

The following actions shall be taken to manage the facility so as to control the fire until such time as the fire appears to be extinguished:

1. Cease disposal of vegetative material at the current working-face area of the landfill;
2. Cover the working face and any other exposed woody waste on existing slopes with at least one foot of clean soil;
3. Isolate all incoming vegetative debris well away from any slopes or areas suspected to be underlain by burning waste; such vegetative debris may be temporarily stockpiled at the facility as follows:
 - A. Vegetative waste may be stockpiled atop the landfill on areas previously covered with soil and compacted, as far away as possible from the southern and western landfill slopes; this should be a temporary and limited storage area, utilized only until the area described below is available for use;
 - B. Vegetative waste may be stockpiled within the permitted facility footprint on the north side of the landfill; this area should be the main stockpile area for

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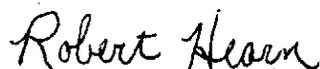
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incoming vegetative material; any other materials currently stored in this area should be moved or managed so as to allow utilization of this area as soon as possible;

4. Continue to apply cover using clean soil to smother the fire; take particular care to cover any areas where smoke or steam is observed to exit the fill, or any subsidence cracks, which may facilitate air flow to or from the burn;
5. Monitor the entire landfill on a daily basis so as to identify and address any areas that need covering with soil as described above; in addition to monitoring by landfill staff, personnel from Chatham County and the Solid Waste Section will visit the site regularly to conduct independent monitoring, with any concerns to be communicated to you or landfill staff; additionally, landfill staff shall notify Chatham County and the Solid Waste Section of any extraordinary observations or events related to the fire;
6. The Department will facilitate air sampling at the site to characterize emissions from the fire.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions, please call me at (919) 571-4700.

Sincerely,



Robert Hearn
Environmental Technician
Solid Waste Section

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