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Charles Brushwood
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Re: Comments Regarding a Proposed Horse Trail
Davidson County MSW Landfill
Davidson County, North Carolina
Permit No. 29-06
Doc ID No. RCO1069

Dear Mr. Brushwood:

Thank you for meeting with Brian Wootton and myself at the proposed landfill expansion site yesterday. As you requested by telephone earlier this week and in person yesterday, below are issues that you might consider when you review the request from the Davidson County Horsemen's Association for trails around the facilities.

- In general, we support the use of landfill property as a resource to the community, but with safeguards in place for protection of the riders, horses and facility.
- The County might consider establishing a routine surface water quality program demonstrating background levels of surface water quality.
- The trails should be regularly checked for explosive gases. Signage should be placed prohibiting smoking, campfires, etc.
- Secure fencing or other methods must be constructed (Solid Waste Rule .1626(6)) to limit access to the landfill. Also, the County should consider providing additional protection to groundwater and LFG monitoring wells.
- Access for emergency vehicles should be provided.
- Markers should be provided directing users to trailheads (and away from the fill area).
- Use of trails should be restricted to daylight hours.
- The trails and fencing should be routinely inspected for suspicious activities, illegal dumping, and other adverse conditions.

Should the County wish to develop trails at the facility, then we would need drawings indicating the trail locations, access points, and an amended Operations Plan with a detailed discussion on the operation and maintenance of the trails addressing the above issues.

Some people that you might contact to discuss incorporating park and trail activities at an operating landfill are:

Don George or Paul Thompson
Garland County Department of Environmental Services
Hot Springs, Arkansas
501-622-3658

A web site that discusses the park facility adjacent to the Garland County landfill is:
http://trails.mtbr.com/cat/united-states-trails/trails-arkansas/trail/PRD_164610_4514crx.aspx#reviews

Thank you for your inquiry. Should you have any questions regarding this letter or wish to discuss the matter further, please contact me at (919) 508-8504.

Sincerely,



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