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Division of Waste Management
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Attention: Ms. Jaclyne Drummond



Via Electronic Mail and US Mail

Reference: R.J. Reynolds Ash Landfill - Permit #34-05
Compliance Order (April 17, 2009)
Abandonment of Well PW-1
Rural Hall, North Carolina

On behalf of R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company ("RJRT"), ERM NC, PC (ERM) submits this letter in response to the April 17, 2009 Compliance Order issued by the NCDENR Division of Waste Management ("DWM") to RJRT and specifically the Conditions for Compliance.

Under item #2, DWM requested the abandonment of well PW-1. ERM requests approval to conduct a downhole inspection of well PW-1 to evaluate the well construction for the following reasons. In preparation of the assessment work plan required by the Compliance Order, ERM has completed a historical file review and site visit to compile the data currently existing for the site. To date, subsurface geological and hydrogeological data are not abundant. ERM believes that an inspection of PW-1 borehole via video camera could reveal information that will be valuable for evaluation of site-specific geologic information and ground water flow regimes. In addition, such inspection will determine well construction and geologic details throughout the depth of well PW-1. Based on the results of the video camera inspection, ERM may recommend that the PW-1 well be integrated into the ground water quality monitoring program for the Site. The pump will not be replaced following the video inspection. Negotiations are ongoing between RJRT and the current well and property owners, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Hawks, regarding potentially converting this well to a monitoring well or permanently closing the well.

If you should have any questions or require additional information concerning this letter, please contact us at your convenience at (704) 541-8345.

Sincerely,

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