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November 24, 2008

Mr. Allen Gaither
Division of Waste Management
Solid Waste Section
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Dear Allen.

In cooperation with McDowell County Public Works Department, NC Department of Corrections, McDowell County Community College, and the McDowell County Sheriffs Department, we submit this plan to construct a Qualifying Firing Range at a permanent location adjacent to the closed landfill facility, and with your permission, using the landfill access road as the range access road also. The new range will meet NC safety standards for ranges, and will support the needs of the departments mentioned.

Our goal is to produce one state of the art Firing Range that will provide all concerned departmental needs for a range for the immediate and foreseeable future, and possibly be recognized as one of the best.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Gladden".

Mike Gladden, Director
Public Works Department

cc: file

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ASHEVILLE REGIONAL OFFICE**

McDowell County Firing Range

Operations Plan

The following guidelines will be observed for the use of the McDowell County firing range:

1. The McDowell County Sheriff's Office, or their designee, will be responsible for scheduling and the keys for the range.
2. The Firing Range will be used by McDowell Technical Community College to provide training in the following areas: Basic Law Enforcement Firearms Certification, Concealed Hand-Gun class and In-Service Training classes for law enforcement agencies and the Department of Corrections.
3. The use of the firing range is approved for regional and statewide North Carolina Department of Correction's participants and it is the responsibility of the Department of Corrections to approve the use of the firing range by other state agencies within the Department of Corrections.
4. The McDowell County Sheriff's Office is authorized to approve the use of the firing range by other units of government including Federal, State and local government.
5. The McDowell County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to approve other possible agency utilization of the facility in the future. This use of the facility will occur only after careful consideration of the danger and liability inherent in a firing range and the needs and constraints of the Sheriff's Office, the Community College, and the Department of Corrections.
6. The access road to the McDowell County firing range will be controlled by a gate that will remain locked when the firing range is not in use.
 - a. When the firing range is in use, the gate will remain unlocked to permit access of emergency vehicles.
7. A flag pole will be mounted at the access road entrance and a red flag will be flown anytime the firing range is in use.
 - a. After dark, a battery-operated red light will be activated when the firing range is in use.
8. No stopping or parking will be allowed on the access road or in any area of the landfill.
9. Warning signs will be placed at 50 foot intervals around the entire perimeter of the firing range stating: **DANGER: FIRING RANGE**.
10. In case of fire, the firing range is located in the Marion Fire Department response district.
11. No smoking will be permitted in the parking areas or on the access road.
 - a. A designated smoking area will be identified.
12. The gate leading to the landfill and the transfer station areas will be closed at 4:00 p.m.
 - a. No one will be allowed at the transfer station after 4:00 p.m.
13. The gate to the Convenience Center at Highway 226 South will close at 6:30 p.m.

14. In the event that any structure is built at the firing range, the building will be equipped with smoke alarms and air quality devices.
15. A copy of this operations plan will be provided to agency using the firing range and will be posted on site.

Small on Sheriff's Ranch

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1" = 5'

