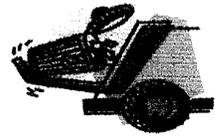


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Mr. Allen Gaither
NC Dept. of Environment & Natural Resources
Asheville Regional Office
Division of Waste Management – Solid Waste Section
2090 US 70 Highway
Swannanoa, NC 28778

RE: Usage of Category 1 landfill for storage

Dear Mr. Gaither:

A nationally known industry has approached us and we are in discussion with them about the possibility of locating a facility, on County property adjacent to County Transfer Station, which will process our wood waste into pellets for fuel and shavings for large animal bedding.

All of the property in discussion falls under our permitted Transfer Station. They would utilize our existing wood waste and white goods area. Also, we would be requesting the use of the closed out Category 1 landfill area, approximately 6 acres for storage of pulp wood to be used in their process.

This will be a great opportunity for McDowell County.

- The industry would employ 10 – 12 people in the beginning
- The industry would use our wood waste greatly reducing our costs. (Approximate savings per year would be \$35,000)
- There is also a chance of receiving grant money for sewer and water
- The industry would purchase pulpwood locally to use in their manufacturing process

- They would build their own building on the current white goods/wood waste site and their product would be processed here on site
- They will be sharing the use of our scales
- The property in question would remain part of County property and the industry would be paying a fee for its use.

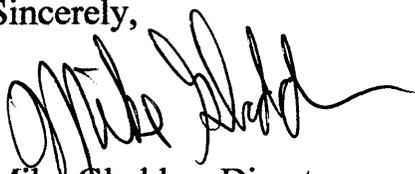
Because of their need for storage, we are requesting permission to use approximately 6 acres of a closed out Category 1 landfill to store pulpwood to be used in their processing. The plan for this storage will not cause penetration of the final cap of the landfill. Possibly, if needed, we could apply additional cap layer.

Relocation of the white goods facility - we have two options as shown on the enclosed map. We could probably use available white goods grant money to relocate the facility to the rear of the Transfer Station or to the Public Works facility.

I think this would be an excellent project for the county. We are currently restricted on the size of wood waste we can accept. With the addition of this industry we will be able to accept most any size which would be a benefit to local development of the county.

The enclosed maps and/or drawings should indicate the areas in question. The industry leaders are only here in McDowell County for a short time before they go back to their main office and we would like to get a response as quickly as possible. Please don't hesitate to call if you have questions or comments.

Sincerely,



Mike Gladden, Director

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