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Subject: Request for Additional Information
Alexander County Transfer Facility
Alexander County, Permit #02-02, Document ID No. 12161

Mr. Mitchell:

The Division of Waste Management, Solid Waste Section (Section) has completed the review of the document titled *Alexander County Solid Waste Transfer Station, Permit # 02-02T, Operation Plan* (DIN 11674) submitted in request of a five-year renewal of the Permit to Operate. The document was received in the Asheville Regional Office on September 20, 2010.

The submittal has been reviewed for completeness in accordance with General Statute 130A-295.8(e). A determination of completeness means that the application includes all required components but does not mean the required components provide all of the information that is required for the Section to make a decision on the application. The permitting activity fee, in addition to the components required by 15A NCAC 13B.0401, has been submitted so the application is deemed complete.

Based on this review, it has been determined the Section requires clarification or additional information in order to approve the Operation Plan. Please provide a response for each of the followings items and revise the Operation Plan as necessary:

1. Section VI. Operation Plan, part B. Scale House Contingency Plan states the "landfill will be closed until the malfunction is corrected and if a problem occurs due to electrical outage, the landfill gate will be closed until power is restored". Does this mean the transfer facility will continue to operate if the scale malfunctions? If the transfer facility will cease operations also, modify the text to include the term "transfer facility" in addition to "landfill".
2. Section VI. Operation Plan, part F. Wastewater Management states "Wastewater generated as a result of daily operations and periodic cleaning of the facility will be collected by a 1500 gallon holding tank through drain in the lower loading bay". Specify the frequency of the periodic cleaning (assumed to mean washing not just sweeping of the floor) of the facility.
3. Section VI. Operation Plan, part H. Hazard and Nuisance Control, Training of Facility personnel states the "transfer station employees will be SWANA certified Transfer Station Operations Specialists". Indicate if **ALL** employees will be certified or if only a few key personnel will be certified. In the case of the later, it should be stated a certified individual will be on site at all times that the facility is open to the public.

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4. Section VI. Operation Plan, part H. Hazard and Nuisance Control, Fire states “in the case of a fire, the local Fire Department will be contacted by calling 911”. The Section would like to see, within the Operations Plan, emergency procedures and contact information for, at a minimum, fire, weather and equipment failure.
5. Section VI. Operation Plan, part H. Hazard and Nuisance Control, Litter states “Windblown material, if any, will be picked up and discarded as needed”. Revise the plan to agree with 15A NCAC 13B.0402(7) which requires wind-blown wastes to be collected at the end of each day.
6. Section VII. Yard Waste Operation Plan states “The leaves and grass will be pushed into a static pile or window using the loader at the transfer station”. Should the term “window” be replaced with the term “wind row”?

If you should have any questions regarding this matter please contact me at (828) 296-4703, or by email at allen.gaither@ncdenr.gov .

Sincerely,



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