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Mr. Paul Crissman, Chief
Solid Waste Section
Division of Waste Management
1646 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699

Re: City of Hickory Transfer Station
Compliance Order (Permit #18-08T)

Dear Mr. Crissman,

I am writing to inform you of the work that has been completed to bring the City's Transfer Station into compliance as requested in NC DENR's Compliance Order with Administrative Penalty which was originally issued on August 13, 2008.

Even prior to the issuance of the Order, all seals were replaced on all trailers. These seals are monitored daily for leakage and drivers are instructed to have them replaced by our Fleet Services Department immediately if any leakage is detected.

Relative to leachate entering the storm drain system on site, the following actions were taken:

On September 26, Mid Atlantic Drainage of Irmo, South Carolina was contracted with by the City to extend the existing drain channel which leads into the sanitary sewer in order to direct any liquids emanating from upgrade of this location into the sanitary system. 57 feet of 8" channel was installed to accomplish this.

In October the City's Streets Department capped the offending storm drain which was located approximately 50 feet in front of the trash compactors at the site in order to eliminate any possible incursion of leachate from either the compactors themselves or the tractor trailers which drive in the area of the storm drain. The underlying basin still functions as a junction box for storm water originating off-site; however no surface liquids can enter the system from above.

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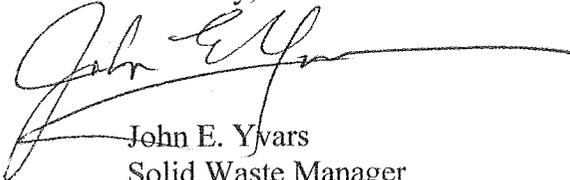
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In early November, Burke Grading and Paving of Drexel, North Carolina re-graded the area to prevent ponding over the area where the storm drain was previously located as well as to build up the grade on the haul road and surrounding area to ensure any liquids would be directed away from a nearby detention pond and towards the aforementioned newly installed channel leading to the sanitary sewer. 211 tons of asphalt was placed to accomplish this.

I have attached a photograph of the improvements made. Including the penalty, the City has spent \$41,638.37 to bring the facility into compliance. The only remaining action is to make some minor changes to our revised Operating Plan which is based upon feedback from your regional staff. This should be accomplished and submitted in the next week or so.

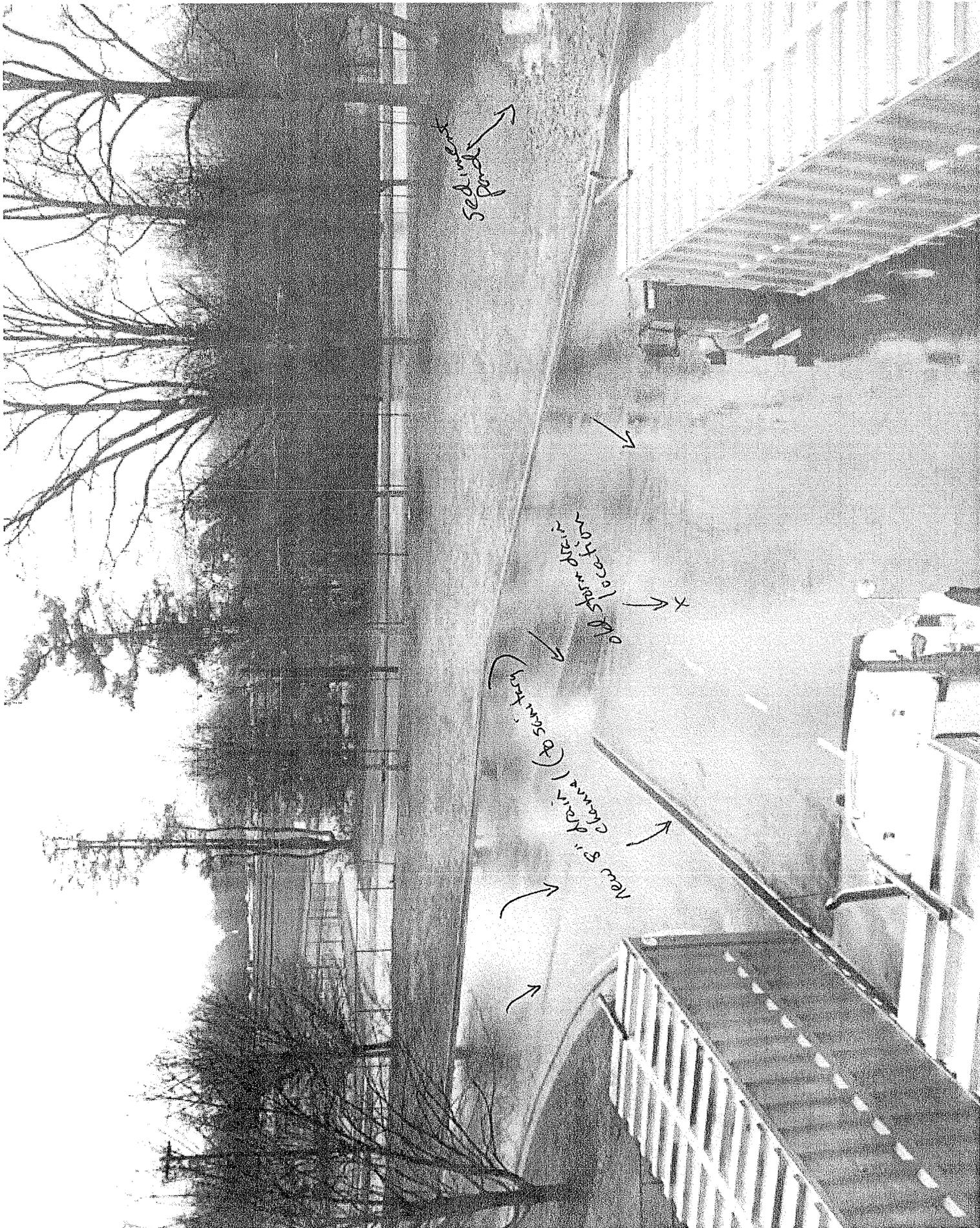
It is hoped that this remedial activity will prove sufficient in addressing the problem identified at the facility. The City of Hickory will continue to strive to improve its infrastructure and solid waste programs in order to retain our reputation as a leading municipality in this regard.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John E. Yvars", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

John E. Yvars
Solid Waste Manager
City of Hickory
828-323-7439

Cc: Charles Gerstell, NC DENR Mooresville Regional Office
Larry Frost, NC DENR Regional Engineer, Swannanoa Office
Chuck Hansen, PE, Public Services Director, Hickory
Armita Dula, City Attorney



Sediment Pond

Old Storm Drain

New Storm Drain (to Sanitary)