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February 3, 2010

Mr. Lewis Berry, Solid Waste Supervisor
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Subject: Permit to Operate Amendment – Technical Review
City of Hickory Solid Waste Transfer Station, Permit No. 18-08-T
Catawba County, DIN 9533

Dear Mr. Berry:

On February 2, 2010 I received your revised application for Permit to Operate – Amendment for 5 Year Renewal for the City, entitled;

Request for Permit Renewal, City of Hickory Transfer Station, Permit No. 18-08T. Prepared by the City of Hickory. Revised February 1, 2010. DIN 9530.

The technical review of your application has been completed; please address the following issues in order for the Permit to be amended;

1. The application indicates that the facility receives 51 tons of commercial and 52 tons of residential waste each day, for a total of 103 tons of waste per day. Furthermore, the application indicates that approximately six (6) fully loaded trailers transport waste to the Blackburn Landfill each day, this number would indicate that much more than 103 tons are being transferred by this facility each day. Please explain the difference in these numbers.
2. The application indicates that the facility has five (5) certified individuals. However, a recent compliance audit indicates there are only four (4) certified individuals. Please explain the difference the numbers of certified individuals.
3. Financial assurance documentation in accordance with North Carolina General Statute N.C.G.S. 130A-294(b2) is required for all permits. The applicant must submit a cost estimate in the application equal to the cost to hire a third party to remove, cleanup, haul and dispose of a minimum of five days volume of incoming waste plus the maximum amount of materials (waste and recyclables) that the facility plans to store onsite. This is required in the event of site abandonment or if the site is found to be in substantial non-compliance with State requirements. The facility may be considered in substantial non-compliance if it is found storing more waste/recyclables on site than the facility's operations plan and/or the



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facility's financial assurance mechanism covers. Once the Solid Waste Section has approved the cost estimate, the financial assurance mechanism for the amount must be submitted soon after the permit is issued. Please provide the appropriate cost estimate for financial assurance for your facility.

If you should have any questions regarding this letter you may contact me at (828) 296-4704 or my email address Larry.Frost@ncdenr.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Larry Frost".

Larry Frost
Regional Engineer

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