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Subject: Engineering Review / Completeness Letter
Graham County Transfer Facility
Graham County, Permit #38-03, Document ID No. 8829

Mr. Orr:

The Division of Waste Management, Solid Waste Section (Section) has completed the engineering review of the five-year renewal submittal (DIN8623) for the Graham County Transfer Facility permit. The document was received in the Asheville Regional Office on September 18, 2009.

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 that 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 have been submitted so the application is deemed complete.

It has been determined the Section requires clarification or additional information in order to issue a Permit. Please revise the Operation Plan to provide a response for each of the following items:

1. Section II. Operations Procedure, Part A. Overview states the waste will be *transferred to the Pinebluff Landfill in Ballground, Georgia*. The Permit Identification Number for this facility should be listed in the permit.
2. Section II. Operations Procedure, Part C. Characterization of Waste Stream states the *transfer station will only accept...waste generated in Graham County*. However, the Section understands the facility receives some waste generated in the Deals Gap area of Swain County. If this is correct, the Operations Plan should include Swain County in the service area description.

In addition to the Operation Plan revisions, the following conditions must be met in order to receive a solid waste Permit:

1. Submit Financial Assurance information according to NCGS 130A-295.2
2. Complete an Environmental Compliance Review according to NCGS 130A-295.3

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In partial fulfillment of the Financial Assurance requirements, please submit a closure cost estimate equal to the cost to hire a third party to remove and clean up a week's worth of waste from the facility. The cost estimate must include hauling and disposal of the waste at an approved facility and any other measures necessary to secure the solid waste facilities. Ms. Shawn McKee, Compliance Officer, will be contacting you, under separate cover, regarding any further information that may be needed to satisfy these two requirements.

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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Environmental Engineer

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