

January 15, 2013

Ms. Jaclynne Drummond
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NCDENR
1646 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-1646

**RE: Update on Landfill Gas Collection System Upgrades
Avery County Closed MSW Landfill
Spruce Pine, North Carolina**

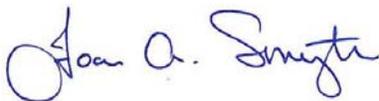
Dear Ms. Drummond:

This letter provides an update on planned upgrades to the landfill gas collection system¹ at the Avery County Closed MSW Landfill which included the installation of two new landfill gas extraction wells. These upgrades were approved in your letter² of November 15, 2012.

The proposed upgrades to the system were not a planned expenditure by the Avery County Solid Waste Department in this fiscal year. As a new expenditure, additional funding was required prior to proceeding with the project. At this time, the County has secured funding and we have scheduled a tentative well installation date in early February. We will keep you informed of our progress as we implement the approved scope of work.

Please let me know if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,
SMITH GARDNER, INC.



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Buddy Norris – Avery County
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¹ Smith Gardner, Inc., *Annual Landfill Gas Monitoring Report*, November 2012.

² Letter from Ms. Jaclynne Drummond of NCDENR to Buddy Norris of Avery County RE: Annual Landfill Gas Monitoring Report dated November 15, 2012.