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Mr. Allen Gaither  
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**April 3, 2013**  
Solid Waste Section  
Asheville Regional Office

RE: Permit Application Renewal; Highlands Transfer Station; Permit #57-04T

Mr. Gaither:

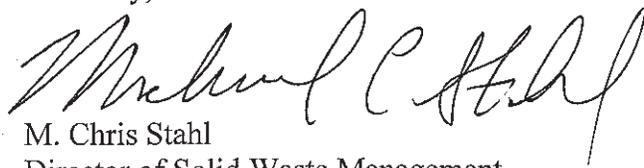
This letter is sent in support of permit documents (Operations Plan, Site Plan) submitted by McGill Associates on behalf of Macon County for the renewal of the Permit to Operate the Highlands Transfer Station; Permit # 57-04T. The purpose of this letter is to outline modifications to the Operations Plan with regards to the Plan approved December 7, 2007.

The most significant change to the Operations Plan was to bring all of the active operations out of the Highlands Construction and Demolition Landfill Permit (#57-04) into the Transfer Station Permit. These include the yard and wood waste processing area; recycling and convenience drop-off area; white goods pad; used oil, anti-freeze and oil filter area; and, scrap tire trailer. In this renewal, we are also seeking a modification to the yard waste area operation to allow pallets and clean wood waste to be included in materials accepted for processing. At present, we are not recycling clean wood waste at the transfer station due to storage limitations and costs of hauling to the MSW Landfill facility in Franklin; where these items are accepted for grinding and use as an alternate daily cover. Pallets are recycled, but must be loaded whole onto a trailer and delivered to the yard waste area in Franklin. All of the ground material from the yard waste area at the Highlands facility is transferred and added to the grindings pile at the Franklin yard waste area. To wit, pallets and clean wood waste recovered at the transfer facility will ultimately wind up in the same place and for the same use. We are simply seeking to reduce processing and handling costs of having to deliver these materials separately.

One other significant change is an update of the Operations and Site Plans to include the trailer staging pads as approved by the Section November 2011. A full description of the pads and operation can be found in the McGill Associates submittal received by your office on November 4, 2011; on file in your database.

Thank you for your time and attention to this permit renewal request. If you should have any questions or require additional information from Macon County regarding this request, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Chris Stahl". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "M. Chris" and the last name "Stahl" clearly distinguishable.

M. Chris Stahl  
Director of Solid Waste Management

Cc: Mr. Troy Harrison, DENR SWS  
Mr. Mark Cathey, McGill Associates