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Mr. Nathan Bennett, County Manager
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Subject: Determination of Completeness & Technical Review
Yancey-Mitchell Transfer Facility
Yancey County, Permit #100-03T, Document ID 20395

Mr. Bennett:

The Division of Waste Management, Solid Waste Section (Section) has completed a review of the document titled *Operations Plan, Yancey County Transfer Station, Permit # 10003T-Transfer-1995* (DIN 20130). The document was submitted on your behalf by Altamont Environmental and received in the Asheville Regional Office on November 8, 2013.

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 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 has been paid, and all the components required by 15A NCAC 13B.00401 have been submitted, so the application is deemed **complete**.

However, based on this review, the Section would like to request additional information as well as some minor revisions to the *Operation Plan* prior to completing the Permit renewal. Please provide a response to the following items:

1. Section 1.3, Service Area, states the *primary service area for the Transfer Station is Yancey and Mitchell Counties*. Given the service area cannot change without Section approval, please specifically state which counties are in the service area.
2. Section 2.1, Overview, states the *Transfer Station property is secured by a locking gate that blocks access to the site after closing each day*. Given the Energy Exchange is accessible after Transfer Station hours of operation, please specify what is included in the 'Transfer Station property'.
3. Section 2.5, Housekeeping and Litter Control, and Section 2.7, Wastewater Collection, refer to liquids generated from Transfer Station operations as *runoff from the truck bay area, water accumulation* and *wastewater*. In order to avoid confusion and be consistent with the definitions in 15A NCAC 13B.0101, please utilize the word **leachate** to reference all liquids generated from Transfer Station operations.

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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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Allen Gaither', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Allen Gaither
Environmental Engineer

Cc: Ms. Marta VanDussen – Altamont Environmental
Ms. Deb Aja – SWS/ARO