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May 22, 2007

Mr. Paul Crisman, Chief, Solid Waste Section
NCDENR - Division of Waste Management
401 Oberlin Road, Suite 150
1646 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-1646

Dear Mr. Crisman:

The City of Durham obtained a permit for a Large Type 1 Solid Waste Compost Facility to begin operation in January 1992. This letter serves as a follow up to our conversation Wednesday, May 9, 2007 about the feasibility of the City of Durham to renew the City's operating permit, No. SWC-32-04, for yard waste treatment and processing only.

Since the City of Durham has opted to eliminate the composting process, Surface Water Quality Standards and Surface Water Requirements referenced on page 2 of the Executive Summary is revised to 'not applicable'. The Ground Water Requirements outlined on pages 2-3 is revised to state, 'The Durham *yard waste* facility will not contravene groundwater standards (15A NCAC 2L). Only yard waste and clean wood waste will be accepted, leachate will be minimal, and a site investigation (see Appendix B) indicated loam soil and no presence of ground water within four (4) feet of the surface.'

Additionally, Sections 2.11 Surface Water Requirements (15A NCAC 13B.1404(a)(9)) and 2.12 Ground Water Requirements (15A NCAC 13B.1404(a)(10)) referenced on page 12 will not be applicable to yard waste treatment and processing. The Compost System Process Design (Figure 3, Process Flow Diagram), outlined on page 12 of our original application, will require a modification to change the name to 'Treatment and Processing Design' and remove 'active composting and curing' from the flow diagram. All other components would remain as outlined.

We are ahead of schedule for clearing the remaining material from the site and anticipate having the work completed 12-months in advance of the December 31, 2008 deadline. Receipt of a Treatment and Processing permit would demonstrate the commitment we have made to meet NCDENR compliance requirements while serving the needs of the citizens of Durham. We would remove processed yard waste from the site within 120 business days, thereby eliminating the need for composting.

Paul, this letter serves as a formal request from the City of Durham to obtain a Treatment and Processing permit for the Yard Waste Facility. Please alert me immediately if we will need to submit additional documents. I am also requesting contact information for the appropriate person(s) in the Water Quality Division, so we can provide any documentation they may need from the City of Durham in order for your office to issue us a Treatment and Processing Permit. Thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald M. Long". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Donald M. Long, Director

cc: ✓ Mark Poindexter, Field Operations Branch Supervisor
 Ted Lyons, Supervisor, Composting and Land Applications
 Wanda Page, Deputy City Manager