

January 5, 2000

Ms. Sherry Giarusso-Mulhearn, Executive Director
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RE: Recent Landfill Compliance Issues

Dear Ms. Giarusso-Mulhearn:

Based on inspection reports received during the past week from Fuss & O'Neill, Inc. as well as RIDEM staff, several issues continue to be documented at the landfill which remain to be addressed. While it has been reported to me that the horizontal gas collection trench has been completed, litter and daily cover continue to remain specific problems.

The issues documented by field staff this past week are as follows:

- Leachate breakouts were again observed at the toe of the southeastern slope (near pond 3) which was recently winter stabilized but not capped.
- Litter continues to be a problem at the site and is being blown into the sedimentation basins thereby increasing risk of litter entering off-site watercourses.
- Two of the three culverts connecting Pond 3A and Pond 3 are blocked with sediments.
- Several culverts under the access road on the northern slope are also blocked with sediments as well as the twin culverts under the ramp to the new 2000 cfm flare on the southwestern corner of the landfill.
- Waste has also been observed not adequately covered at the end of the day on the working face. While the depth of daily cover appears to be adequate in most areas, some waste is still exposed

As stated in my earlier correspondences, these inspection summaries are being sent as an additional follow up measure to the on site inspections being conducted by Fuss & O'Neill and RIDEM staff. As you aware, RIRRC field staff do accompany these personnel during these inspections when the

deficiencies are noted, and the Department does reserve its rights to issue future enforcement actions based upon the results of these inspections. The intention of these summaries, however, is to ensure that RIRRC management is aware of the results of the recent inspections, to ensure actual corrective measures are implemented as promptly as possible.

If you have any questions with the above-cited issues, please do not hesitate to contact me at (401) 222-2797, ext. 7502.

Sincerely,

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