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January 16, 2007

Mr. Thomas Elegeert, Chairman  
Delta County Board of Commissioners  
310 Ludington Street  
Escanaba, Michigan 49829

Dear Mr. Elegeert:

The locally-approved amendment to the Delta County Solid Waste Management Plan (Plan Amendment) received by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) on November 15, 2006, is hereby approved.

The Plan Amendment adds Section 21 and the south half of Section 15 to the description in the Siting Criteria and Process of the area to which the Delta County landfill facility may be expanded. The Plan Amendment also provides that any and all references to Mead Paper throughout the Delta County Solid Waste Management Plan be changed to New Page. The DEQ has determined that the Plan Amendment complies with the provisions of Part 115, Solid Waste Management, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended, and its administrative rules.

The DEQ would like to thank Delta County for its efforts in addressing its solid waste management issues. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Rhonda Oyer Zimmerman, Chief, Solid Waste Management Unit, Storage Tank and Solid Waste Section, Waste and Hazardous Materials Division, at 517-373-4750.

Sincerely,

Steven E. Chester  
Director  
517-373-7917

cc: Senator Michael Prusi  
Representative Tom Casperson  
Mr. David Gillis, Central Upper Peninsula Planning & Development Regional Commission  
Mr. Leo Evans, Delta County Solid Waste Committee  
Mr. Joe Erickson, Delta County Administrator  
Mr. Jim Sygo, Deputy Director, DEQ  
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Ms. Carol Linteau, Legislative Liaison, DEQ  
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July 27, 2006

Joe Erickson  
Delta County Administration  
310 Ludington Street  
Escanaba, MI 49829

Dear Joe,

On behalf of the Delta County Solid Waste Planning Committee, we are requesting the County Board of Commissioners review the enclosed County Solid Waste Plan Amendments and approve the Amendments at your earliest convenience.

The Delta County Solid Waste Management Authority made a formal request to amend the solid waste plan siting criteria to allow for future landfill expansions into Sections 21 and 15. The Solid Waste Planning Committee held a public hearing on the amendment (no one attended the public hearing except for Committee members and Morgan Tatrow from Garden Township) and has subsequently approved the plan amendment. Attached is the page from the Solid Waste Plan with the amendment in bold. In addition, all references to Mead Paper in the plan have been changed to New Page.

Minutes from the two Solid Waste Planning Committee meetings are attached, along with a complete copy of the Delta County Solid Waste Management Plan, with proposed amendments.

We have also attached a simple resolution for your consideration. Once the County Board approves the plan amendment, we will send it to all local units of government in Delta County to obtain at least 67 percent approval, and then transmit to the state for their approval.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

David C. Gillis  
Executive Director

Attachments

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE & COUNTY REPRESENTED**

Chairperson – L. Benson, *Menominee* • Vice-Chairperson – G. Corkin, *Marquette* • Secretary – J. Stevens, *Dickinson* • Treasurer – D. Erickson, *Schoolcraft*  
Director – D. Bovin, *Alger* • Director – B. Nelson, *Delta* • Director – D. DuFour, *Schoolcraft* • Director – C. Bergquist, *Hannahville Indian Community*  
Executive Director – David C. Gillis

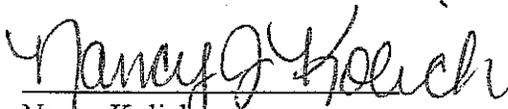
**RESOLUTION ON THE ADOPTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE  
DELTA COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Whereas, the Delta Solid Waste Management Authority has requested an amendment to the Delta County Solid Waste Plan to include Section 21 and the southern half of Section 15, Township 39 North, Range 23 West for possible Delta Landfill facility expansions; and

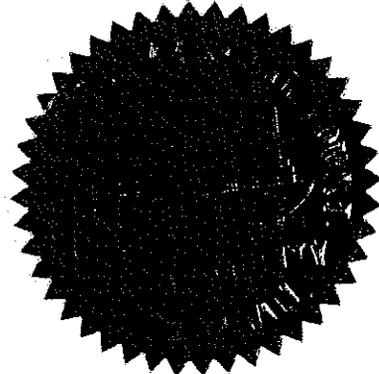
Whereas, the Delta County Solid Waste Planning Committee held a public hearing on the amendment on June 8, 2006, and has recommended the County Board approve the amendment. The amendment also includes any and all references to Mead Paper throughout the solid waste plan be changed to New Page.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Delta County Board of Commissioners approve the following amendment to the Delta County Solid Waste Plan under the Siting Criteria and Process (page III-34) to read as follows: Expansions of the Delta Landfill facility located in Section 22, **Section 21, and the South half of Section 15**, Township 39 North, Range 23 West is permitted.

Motion to adopt the above resolution was made by Ruohomaki, supported by, Schultz, and carried by the following vote 4 ayes 0 nays 1 absent.

  
Nancy Kolich  
Delta County Clerk

8-1-06  
Date



## SITING REVIEW PROCEDURES

### AUTHORIZED DISPOSAL AREA TYPES

The following solid waste disposal area types may not be sited by this Plan. Any proposal to construct a facility listed herein shall be deemed inconsistent with this Plan.

### SITING CRITERIA AND PROCESS

Expansion or constructions of the following solid waste facilities are considered to be consistent with the Delta Solid Waste Management Plan Update:

- Expansions of the Delta Landfill facility located in Section 22, **Section 21, and the South half of Section 15**, Township 39 North, Range 23 West, Delta County is permitted.
- Expansions of the Escanaba Paper Company (Mead Paper Publishing Division) landfill facility located in Sections 25 and 36, Township 40 North, Range 23 West is permitted.
- Construction of a solid waste transfer station in Section 22, Township 39 North, Range 23 West, Delta County is permitted.

Facilities other than those identified above require a formal amendment to the Plan Update in order to be considered consistent with the County Solid Waste Management Plan. Ten years of landfill capacity has been provided to Delta County and therefore Delta County chooses not to have a siting process in its Plan.