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October 29, 2012

Mr. Wayne Wales, Chair
Iron County Board of Commissioners
2 South Sixth Street, Suite 7
Crystal Falls, Michigan 49920-1413

Dear Mr. Wales:

The locally-approved amendment to the Iron County Solid Waste Management Plan (Plan Amendment) received by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) on July 20, 2012, and updated with revised municipal approval resolutions on September 10, 2012, is hereby approved.

The Plan Amendment creates the following changes:

- The import and export authorizations include primary disposal options to and from all Michigan counties.

The DEQ would like to thank Iron County for its efforts in addressing its solid waste management issues. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Rhonda S. Oyer, Chief, Sustainable Materials Management Unit, Solid Waste Section, Office of Waste Management and Radiological Protection, at 517-373-4750; oyerr@michigan.gov; or DEQ, P.O. Box 30241, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7741.

Sincerely,

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Radiological Protection
517-373-9523

cc: Senator Tom Casperson
Representative Matt Huuki
Mr. Kim Stoker, Western Upper Peninsula Planning &
Development Regional Commission
Mr. Dan Wyant, Director, DEQ
Mr. Jim Sygo, Deputy Director, DEQ
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July 18, 2012

Ms. Christina Miller
Solid Waste Management Coordinator
Resource Management Division
Department of Environmental Quality
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RE: Iron County Solid Waste Management Plan Amendment

Dear Ms. Miller,

The current import and export volume authorizations require all municipal waste to be disposed of at the Iron County Solid Waste Transfer Station (Attachment 1). The approved amendment would allow Iron County to accept waste from all Michigan Counties and export waste to all Michigan Counties (see Attachment 2, proposed amendment).

July 19, 2011 - the Iron County Solid Waste Committee discussed and approved amending the Iron County Solid Waste Management Plan. The motion was passed with the condition that Mr. Spear (of Great American Disposal) correct the language of each page as necessary (Pages I-1, I-4, II-4-6, II-11, II-1-2, III-5, III-7-10). Attendance sheet also attached. (Attachment 3).

October 4, 2011 - the Committee again approved amending the Solid Waste Management Plan by changing Table 1-A so that Exporting County states "All Michigan Counties" and Table 2-A states "All Michigan Counties". (Attachment 4)

November 14 - all Iron County municipalities were sent a letter announcing the 90-day Public Review Period along with the Public Review Period notice and the current import/export policy and proposed amendment. (Attachment 5 - cover letter to municipalities and Public Review Period notice. The current and proposed amendment can be found in Attachment 1 and Attachment 2 above).

November 16, 2011 – the Public Review Period notice is placed in The Reporter (Iron County newspaper) announcing a proposed Amendment to the Solid Waste Management Plan for a 90-day public review and comment. (Attachment 6).

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January 11, 2012 - a Notice is published in The Reporter, announcing a public hearing to be held on Tuesday, January 24, 2012 to receive comments on the proposed Amendment to the Solid Waste Management Plan. The 90 day comment period will expire on Monday, February 23, 2012. (Attachment 7 – cover letter, Notice of Public Hearing and Affidavit attached)

January 24, 2012 – Iron County Board of Commissioners holds a Public hearing on January 24, 2012 to receive comments on the proposed 2011 Amendment to the Iron County Solid Waste Management Plan. (Attachment 8 – Iron County Board of Commissioners meeting January 24, 2012.

February 15, 2012 - all Iron County municipalities are sent a letter stating the Iron County Board of Commissioners approved the Amendment to be sent out for local municipality concurrence. In order for the Amendment to be adopted by the County and MDNR, at least 67% of the municipalities within Iron County must approve this Amendment. The letter asked that each municipality take action either approving or disapproving. (Attachment 9 – Cover letter, sample resolution).

Municipality Approval - As of April 18, 2012, all municipalities approved the plan amendment (Attachment 10 - Letters from Municipalities). These were sent to you previously).

May 8, 2012 – The Iron County Board of Commissioners approves the Amendment to the Solid Waste Management Plan. (Attachment 11)

Please contact me at 906-482-7205, ext. 316 or by email at kstoker@wuppd.org if you have any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Kim J. Stoker
Executive Director

Attachments

cc: Sara Basso, Iron County Solid Waste Committee
Sue Clisch, Iron County
Wayne Wales, Chair, Iron County Board of Commissioners

SELECTED SYSTEM

IMPORT AUTHORIZATION

If a Licensed solid waste disposal area is currently operating within the County, disposal of solid waste generated by the EXPORTING COUNTY is authorized by the IMPORTING COUNTY up to the AUTHORIZED QUANTITY according to the CONDITIONS AUTHORIZED in Table 1-A.

Table 1-A

CURRENT IMPORT VOLUME AUTHORIZATION OF SOLID WASTE

IMPORTING COUNTY	EXPORTING COUNTY	FACILITY NAME ¹	AUTHORIZED QUANTITY/DAY	AUTHORIZED QUANTITY/ANNUAL	AUTHORIZED CONDITIONS ²
Iron	Ontonagon	Krist Oil Company	--	1,000 cu.yds.	
Iron	Houghton	Krist Oil Company	--	1,000 cu.yds.	
Iron	Alger	Krist Oil Company	--	1,000 cu.yds.	
Iron	Baraga	Krist Oil Company	--	1,000 cu.yds.	
Iron	Schoolcraft	Krist Oil Company	--	1,000 cu.yds.	

____ Additional authorizations and the above information for those authorizations are listed on an attached page.

¹Facilities are only listed if the exporting county is restricted to using specific facilities within the importing county.

²Authorization indicated by P = Primary Disposal; C = Contingency Disposal; * = Other conditions exist and detailed explanation is included in the Attachment Section.

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EXPORT AUTHORIZATION

If a Licensed solid waste disposal area is currently operating within another County, disposal of solid waste generated by the EXPORTING COUNTY is authorized up to the AUTHORIZED QUANTITY according to the CONDITIONS AUTHORIZED in Table 2-A if authorized for import in the approved Solid Waste Management Plan of the receiving County.

Table 2-A

CURRENT EXPORT VOLUME AUTHORIZATION OF SOLID WASTE

EXPORTING COUNTY	IMPORTING COUNTY	FACILITY NAME¹ DAILY	AUTHORIZED QUANTITY/ANNUAL	AUTHORIZED QUANTITY/ANNUAL	AUTHORIZED CONDITIONS²
Iron	Ontonagon	K & W Landfill	All	10,000 tons	P
Iron	Menominee	Menominee Michigan Environs	All		C
Iron	Alger	Wood Island	All		C

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IRON	ALL MICHIGAN COUNTIES	N/A	N/A	N/A	P

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