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Mr. Ernie Krygier, Chairperson
Bay County Board of Commissioners
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Bay City, Michigan 48708-5125

Dear Mr. Krygier:

The locally approved amendment to the Bay County Solid Waste Management Plan (Plan Amendment) received by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) on April 7, 2015, is hereby approved.

The Plan Amendment makes the following changes:

Adds language that specifically states: "All disposal areas besides Transfer Facilities are deemed inconsistent with the Plan."

Adds a siting review procedure for Transfer Facilities found on page III-30 which includes the following:

1. The proposed facility must be located on a Class A, All-Season Road, with the Facility access directly from the Class A All-Season Roadway.
2. The facility must meet all applicable state and local laws, zoning and ordinances in effect at the time of application.

The DEQ would like to thank Bay 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 517-284-6591; oyerr@michigan.gov; or DEQ, P.O. Box 30241, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7741.

Sincerely,

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cc: Senator Mike Green
Representative Charles Brunner
Representative Vanessa Guerra
Mr. Tom Hickner, Bay County Executive
Ms. Laura Ogar, Bay County Environmental Affairs & Community Development
Mr. Dan Wyant, Director, DEQ
Mr. Jim Sygo, Deputy Director, DEQ
Ms. Maggie Pallone, Legislative Affairs, DEQ
Mr. Phil Roycraft, DEQ
Ms. Rhonda S. Oyer, DEQ
Mr. Steve Sliver/Ms. Christina Miller, DEQ\Bay County File

SITING OF WASTE DISPOSAL AREAS NOT APPLICABLE -- ADEQUATE SPACE FOR ESTIMATED WASTE GENERATION IS CERTIFIED IN THIS PLAN

See Page III-7, the facility description of Whitefeather Landfill. This landfill has 4,175,153 yards of capacity or 18.8 years of capacity alone. Bay County requires 120,968 tons of disposal capacity, or roughly 352,904 cubic yards per year. This is 11.5 years, assuming that all Bay County Waste is disposed of in this landfill. The County has access to at least 5 other landfills, totaling 24,543,741 cubic yards of capacity or an additional 203 years of capacity.

SITING REVIEW PROCEDURES, Authorized Disposal Area Types

All disposal areas besides Transfer Facilities are deemed inconsistent with the Plan.

SITING REVIEW PROCEDURES, Siting Criteria and Process

Siting for Criteria for Transfer Facilities:

1. The proposed facility must be located on a Class A, All-Season Road, with the Facility access directly from the Class A All-Season Roadway; if an additional access approach is proposed for the location, the entire access route to the facility must be upgraded and approved to meet Bay County Road Commission and/or MDOT standards for Class A, All-Season Road by the Facility Owner/Developer expense, prior to any waste being received at the facility.
2. The Facility must meet all applicable state and local laws, zoning and ordinances in effect at the time of application.

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