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March 26, 2008

Mr. Larry Emig, Chairperson
Osceola County Board of Commissioners
301 West Upton
Reed City, Michigan 49677

Dear Mr. Emig:

The locally-approved amendment to the Osceola County Solid Waste Management Plan (Plan Amendment) sent to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) on December 10, 2007, is hereby approved.

The Plan Amendment authorizes 82 Michigan counties for importation and exportation of Osceola County solid waste if the reciprocal county Solid Waste Management Plan also authorizes Osceola County to do so. 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 Osceola 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 Michelle McManus
Representative Darwin Booher
Ms. Kim Yost, Administrative Aide, Osceola County
Mr. Jim Sygo, Deputy Director, DEQ
Ms. JoAnn Merrick, Chief of Staff, DEQ
Ms. Carol Linteau, Legislative Director, DEQ
Mr. George W. Bruchmann, DEQ
Mr. Steven Sliver, DEQ
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Ms. Christina Miller, DEQ
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December 10, 2007

Ms. Christina Miller
Department of Environmental Quality
Waste and Hazardous Materials Division
PO Box 30241
Lansing, MI 48909-7741

Dear Ms. Miller,

Osceola County has completed the process to amend the Osceola County Solid Waste Management Plan. The County has received the required 67% approval from its 22 governmental entities with the results as follows:

Approval: City of Evert, City of Reed City, Hartwick Township, Highland Township, Lincoln Township, Marion Township, Middle Branch Township, Orient Township, Osceola Township, Richmond Township, Rose Lake Township, Sherman Township, Sylvan Township, Village of Hersey, Village of LeRoy and the Village of Marion.

Denial: Burdell Township, Cedar Township, Evert Township, Hersey Township and the Village of Tustin.

Currently, LeRoy Township is pending as no decision has been made by their board if they either approve or disapprove of the amendment.

Enclosed please find the requested documents relating to the process followed by the County's Solid Waste Management Committee, Planning Commission and Board of Commissioners to adopt Osceola County Solid Waste Plan Amendment #1.

If any additional documents or information is needed, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or the County Coordinator's office at 231-832-6196. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Larry Emig
Chairperson

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DATE: July 19, 2007

TO: Osceola County Township Officials, Municipal Officials
And Village Officials

FROM: Osceola County Board of Commissioners

RE: Proposed Amendment #1 to the Osceola County Solid Waste Management Plan

The Osceola County Board of Commissioners, upon recommendations from the Osceola County Solid Waste Management Planning Committee and the Osceola County Planning Commission, approved a proposed amendment to the County's Solid Waste Management Plan at their July 19, 2007 meeting. This amendment would ensure that all counties in the State that list Osceola County as an importing county can then export waste to Osceola County.

The amendment process requires, once the amendment is approved by the Board of Commissioners, that it be sent to all governmental entities in the County for their consideration to either approve or reject the proposed amendment. The amendment will require 67% of the local entities approval before it can be submitted to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality for their consideration. A copy of the proposed changes to the Plan is attached for your reference.

The following is a summary of the changes to the plan:

1. The current text on pages III-3 to III-4, Table 1-A in the Approved Solid Waste Management Plan (Plan) will be deleted and replaced with the wording: "All other 82 counties that list Osceola County as an importing County in their Solid Waste Management Plans."
2. The current text on page III-5, Table 1-B in the Plan will be deleted and replaced with the wording: "The text of Table 1-B was deleted as a result of Amendment #1 dated mm/dd/yyyy" as the text is no longer applicable.
3. The current text on pages III-6, Table 2-A in the Plan will be deleted and replaced with the wording: "All other 82 counties that list Osceola County as an exporting County in their Solid Waste Management Plans. (Amendment #1 dated mm/dd/yyyy)."

The Board of Commissioners wishes to thank you for your consideration of this proposed amendment and respectfully requests a response from the local entities by October 12, 2007.

If you should have any questions, please contact the County Coordinator's office at 231-832-6196.

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

The text of Table 1-A was deleted as a result of Amendment #1 dated mm/dd/yyyy

All other 82 Counties that list Osceola County as an importing county in their Solid Waste Management Plans.

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If a new solid waste disposal area is constructed and operating in the future in the County, then disposal of solid waste generated by the EXPORTING COUNTY is authorized by the IMPORTING COUNTY up to the AUTHORIZED QUANTITY according to the AUTHORIZED CONDITIONS in Table 1-B.

Table 1-B

**FUTURE IMPORT VOLUME AUTHORIZATION OF SOLID WASTE
CONTINGENT ON NEW FACILITIES BEING SITED**

The text of Table 1-B was deleted as a result of Amendment #1 dated mm/dd/yyyy

SELECTED SYSTEM

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

All other 82 Counties that list Osceola County as an exporting county in their Solid Waste Management Plans. (Amendment #1 dated mm/dd/yyyy)