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July 11, 2016

Jito Coleman, Chair
District 5 Environmental Commission
5 Perry Street, Suite 60
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Re: Moretown Landfill Closure

Dear Mr. Coleman;

The Solid Waste Management Program (Program) is aware that Moretown Landfill Inc. (MLI) has submitted an Act 250 application to amend permit #5W0164 to perform activities to permanently close Cells 2 and 3. It is our understanding that the District Commission has scheduled a hearing for the evening of July 14, 2016. In preparation for the hearing, the Program wishes to emphasize to the District Commission and to MLI the importance of timely closure.

The necessary closure work at Moretown Landfill includes final capping of the landfill and installation of critical landfill gas collection components. From a public-health and environmental-protection standpoint, the final capping should greatly reduce leachate generation and greatly improve landfill-gas control. Secondly, the additional gas collection wells MLI has proposed to install will serve known problem areas and are anticipated to greatly reduce fugitive gas emissions.

As stipulated in the Consent Order, the Program required that MLI submit comprehensive documents detailing closure and various closure related activities, including a Closure Plan, an Odor Control Plan, and a Groundwater Corrective Action Plan. All three plans were found to meet or exceed the technical requirements of the Solid Waste Management Rules and the Agency has approved them all after close review.

The Program believes that the sooner the closure is completed, the sooner burdens on the neighboring residents, the wastewater treatment facilities, and the environment can be alleviated. In particular, given the date of the hearing, prompt Commission review may be the difference between starting closure work this construction season or not. The Program will have a knowledgeable staff member attend the hearing on July 14th to answer any technical questions posed by the Commission or hearing attendees. Please feel free to contact Ben Gauthier at (802) 522-5080 if you have any questions about the contents of this letter. Thank you for your attentiveness to the importance of prompt closure of the Moretown Landfill.

Sincerely,

Chuck Schwer, Director
Waste Management and Prevention Division

cc: Parties listed in the Certificate of Service (see attached)
Michael Stubbs P.E., HHNT (via email)
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Ben Gauthier, hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing **Moretown Landfill Closure Letter** was issued by U.S. Mail, on this 11th day of July, 2016, to the individuals without email addresses and by electronic mail, to the following with email addresses:

Note: The party names and addresses listed below were excerpted from the June 1, 2016 Public Notice of Hearing Certificate of Service issued by District 5 Commission.

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