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November 19, 2008

Republic Services of Ohio II, LLC
c/o Michael Beaudoin
3619 Gracemont Street S.W.
East Sparta, Ohio 44626

**Re: U.S. EPA Approval of Isolation Break Excavation Work Plan under
Settlement Agreement No. V-W-08-C-897, for the Countywide
Recycling and Disposal Facility, East Sparta, Ohio (Site ID# B5FC)**

Dear Mr. Beaudoin:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has completed its review and hereby grants approval of the "Isolation Break Excavation Work Plan - Countywide Recycling and Disposal Facility," prepared by Earth Tech | AECOM, submitted on 11/14/08.

The goal of this work is to achieve a complete separation, full containment and isolation of the ongoing reaction currently affecting Cells 1-6. U.S. EPA's position is that the construction of an isolation break between Cells 5A/5B/4B and Cell 7 is additional Work, as defined by the Settlement Agreement and consistent with the National Contingency Plan.

During construction of the isolation break, Republic Services of Ohio II, LLC and/or its contactors must maintain the following:

- Control of odors which may affect the community,
- Safe and effective management of any leachate generated,
- Monitoring and control of emissions which may impact workers, and
- Prevention and control of conditions which may lead to a fire.

U.S. EPA and/or its representatives will be present on site to oversee implementation of the work plan. If at any time it is determined that the above conditions are not being met, U.S. EPA may order suspension of construction activities until corrective actions are made.

Thank you very much for your cooperation and desire to see the isolation break constructed as safely and expeditiously as possible. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (440) 250-1742.

Sincerely,


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On-Scene Coordinator

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