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**SUBJECT: Site Suitability Notice for
Twiggs Co., Wolf Creek MSW Landfill - Proposed Horizontal Expansion
Permit Number 143-008D(MSWL), Submittal ID: 490713**

Dear Mr. Lewis:

The Solid Waste Management Program of the Environmental Protection Division (EPD) has completed its review of the revised December 16, 2020, *Hydrogeologic Assessment Report-Lateral Expansion: Wolf Creek MSW Landfill, Twiggs County, Georgia, Solid Waste Facility, Permit 143-008D (SL)* prepared by Bunnell-Lammons Engineering (BLE).

Based on the data submitted in addition to your application, EPD has determined that the applicable siting standards can be met in accordance with Chapter 391-3-4-.05(1), provided the attached "Site Limitations" are met. This determination is based on information provided to date for EPD review and is subject to revision prior to permit issuance should errors be found in the submitted information or new information be provided relevant to this determination. This letter denotes only the demonstration of the ability to comply with siting standards for the proposed site and does not constitute approval to begin construction or operation of the disposal site. This letter does not constitute a permit for the proposed solid waste landfill.

Before a permit may be issued for the proposed solid waste disposal site, a Design and Operational Plan (D&O Plan), prepared in accordance with Chapter 391-3-4-.07(1), must be submitted for consideration by the EPD.

Additionally, the appropriate governing authority must hold a public hearing regarding the proposed landfill no less than two weeks prior to the issuance of any permit. At least 30 days prior to the public hearing, notices of the public hearing must be posted at the proposed site and advertised in the legal organ of the county or counties in which the proposed solid waste disposal facility will be located. A transcript of the public hearing proceedings and a reaffirmation of zoning consistency must be submitted to EPD prior to a final decision regarding the issuance of a permit for the proposed solid waste disposal facility.

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After our review and evaluation of the D&O Plan, and the other required submittals, a Solid Waste Handling Permit will be either issued or denied. This Site Suitability Notice shall terminate upon a final decision to issue or deny the requested permit. Failure to submit to EPD an approvable Design and Operational Plan within one year from the date of this Notice may result in permit denial or termination of the permit application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R. Dunn".

Richard E. Dunn, Director
Environmental Protection Division

Attachment

cc: Jim Guentert, Keith Stevens, John Sayer, William Cook, GA EPD
EPD West Central District, Macon
Matthew Cheek, HHNT

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1. The area considered for acceptability includes only the area formed by the boundary lines labelled, “Existing Property Line” and “Expansion Property Line” shown on Bunnell-Lammons Engineering, Inc (BLE), *Figure 2, Site Topography and Boring Location Plan* dated June 12, 2020 and revised March 2021.
2. Waste shall not be placed outside of the “Existing Permitted Limit of Waste” and “Proposed Expanded Limit of Waste” shown on BLE’s *Figure 2, Site Topography and Boring Location Plan* dated June 12, 2020 and revised March 2021.
3. A minimum 200-foot undisturbed buffer shall be maintained between the waste disposal boundary and the permitted property boundary for the expansion area. A minimum 100-foot undisturbed buffer shall be maintained between the waste disposal boundary and the permitted property boundaries for all previously permitted areas as shown on Bunnell-Lammons Engineering, Inc (BLE), *Figure 2, Site Topography and Boring Location Plan* dated June 12, 2020 and revised March 2021.
4. A minimum 500-foot buffer shall be maintained between the waste disposal boundary and any adjacent residences and/or water supply wells.
5. A minimum 25-foot undisturbed buffer shall be maintained between the waste disposal area and any on-site springs, intermittent or perennial streams or surface water bodies.
6. A liner and leachate collection system shall be constructed under all areas proposed for solid waste disposal. The bottom of the liner system shall be constructed a minimum of ten feet above the groundwater contours shown on BLE’s *Figure 10, Long-Term Seasonal High Water Table Elevation Contour Map (2000-2020) Shallow Water-Bearing Zone*, dated June 12, 2020 and revised December 2020. In addition, an underdrain system shall be installed beneath all areas of waste. The project engineer shall make periodic quality control inspections while the underdrain system is under construction, and shall certify that it has been properly designed and installed to prevent groundwater from coming to within 5 feet of the bottom of the liner system. The outfalls of the underdrain system must be incorporated into the groundwater monitoring plan for the site.
7. If, during excavation of the site, any springs or seeps are detected, EPD shall be notified immediately, and protective designs shall be incorporated into the facility’s design and operational plans, such that sampling of the spring or seep can be incorporated into the groundwater monitoring plan.
8. All erosion control measures and/or diversion ditches shall conform to the *Erosion and Sediment Control Act* and be protective of Wolf Creek and Game Creek and their perennial and intermittent tributaries.

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9. A minimum 50-foot undisturbed buffer shall be maintained between the waste disposal boundaries and all wetlands, except as permitted by the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and allowed by EPD. A statement certifying that wetlands will not be impacted because of construction activities at the site shall be submitted. This statement shall be signed and stamped by the professional engineer responsible for the Design and Operational Plan for the subject site. Wetland areas shall be delineated on the Design and Operational Plan.
10. The facility shall not restrict the flow of the 100-year flood, reduce the temporary water storage capacity of the floodplain, or result in a washout of solid waste or material to pose a hazard to human health and the environment.
11. All soil borings, monitoring wells and piezometers that have been completed/installed at this site, shall be plugged, and abandoned in accordance with the Water Well Standards Act. Additionally, all soil borings, monitoring wells and piezometers located within the proposed waste footprint shall be abandoned by overdrilling and filling with a non-shrinking cement/bentonite grout mixture via tremie pipe from the bottom to within 10 feet of the base of the landfill. The remaining borehole shall be filled with hydrated bentonite. The abandonment of all borings/piezometers/monitoring wells shall be supervised by a professional geologist (PG) or professional engineer (PE) registered to practice in the State of Georgia. A report documenting the abandonment shall be submitted to EPD prior to cell construction. This documentation shall be signed and stamped by the responsible professional geologist or engineer registered to practice in the State of Georgia
12. This site is located in a seismic impact zone as defined in the Rules for Solid Waste Management (Chapter 391-3-4-.05 (1) (g)). The design engineer must certify that all containment structures are designed to resist the maximum horizontal ground acceleration for the site. Therefore, the registered professional engineer preparing the design and operational plan must stamp and sign each engineering drawing with the accompanying notation:

I have reviewed the information presented in this drawing, and in my professional opinion, all containment structures are designed to resist a maximum horizontal ground acceleration of 0.1034g in 250 years.
13. Groundwater, surface water, and methane monitoring systems shall be installed at the site. Sampling parameters, sampling schedules, monitoring well construction and spacing shall adhere to the guidelines established in the EPD's *Rules of Solid Waste Management, Chapter 391-3-4*. The system design and monitoring requirements shall be detailed in a groundwater and surface water monitoring plan and methane monitoring plan that are prepared in accordance with the Georgia Manual for Groundwater Monitoring, EPD's September 2015 document, "Methane Monitoring at Solid Waste Facilities" and current USEPA Region IV guidance and are approvable by EPD.