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Re: **Gude Landfill – Remediation Feasibility Memorandum**

Dear Ms. Hynson:

Please find enclosed two (2) copies of the Remediation Feasibility Memorandum (Memo) for the Gude Landfill. The Memo was prepared in accordance with the Montgomery County (County) Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) Remediation Approach that was approved by the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) in a May 27, 2009 letter and subsequent guidance received by the MDE. An electronic copy of the Memo will be placed on the Gude Landfill Remediation webpage for disclosure to and review by the general public and the Gude Landfill Concerned Citizens (GLCC) community group.

The purpose of this Memo is to briefly summarize the potential remediation alternatives that may enable the County to obtain compliance with MDE's pre-established remediation objectives for the Landfill. Other factors that were considered with respect to each remediation alternative include: compliance with remediation objectives; implementability and constructability; protection of human health and the environment; reduction of contaminant concentrations, mobility, and volume; and cost. The remediation alternatives presented also support the investigations and findings of the Nature and Extent Study at the Landfill that was conducted in 2009-2010, which is still under review by MDE.

The Memo is not intended to be a comprehensive evaluation of each remediation alternative, nor does it represent defined courses of action selected by the County at this time. In respect to this matter, DEP would like to comment on the December 20, 2010 letter from the GLCC to MDE regarding the Landfill. There appears to be a misunderstanding by the GLCC relative to DEP's position on evaluating the remediation alternatives. DEP has and will continue to evaluate remediation alternatives to determine which will best achieve the pre-established remediation objectives set forth by MDE. Each remediation alternative was presented in detail on December 9, 2010 during the GLCC/DEP Meeting No. 14, which is part of the regularly scheduled communications with the Community. DEP will continue to include the Community in further remediation and land use discussions.

DEP would like to schedule a staff level meeting with MDE to review the findings of the Nature and Extent Study and the potential effectiveness and acceptability of the proposed remediation alternatives. Please contact Stephen Lezinski at 240-777-6590 or myself at 240-777-6569 with any questions or comments concerning this Memo and to schedule a meeting at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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