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December 19, 2002

Ms. Susan Diffenderfer
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Heritage Office Complex
2664 Riva Road
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Ms. Diffenderfer:

This letter is directed to you at the request of representatives of National Waste Managers, Inc., which has applied to the Maryland Department of the Environment (the "Department") for a Refuse Disposal Permit for the proposed Chesapeake Terrace Rubble Landfill. Mr. Steven Fleischman, Vice President of the Halle Companies that represents the applicant, informed this office that you wanted to be apprised of the current status of this application.

At present, this is an active application that is currently in Phase II of our application review process. The permit process for rubble landfills generally consumes up to 36 months, which may be extended by external factors such as local approval processes and appeals, as has already occurred in this instance. Phase II includes the submission of detailed geologic, hydrologic, and other environmental descriptions of the proposed landfill property.

The applicant has submitted an update Phase II report, and we recently provided them with a list of comments for additional work before Phase II can be considered to be complete. The actual engineering design and operation plans that are the subject of Phase III, is the next step. Following that, we will hold a public hearing and reach a final determination concerning the issuance of the permit, which is subject to an appeals process.

At this time we cannot predict the amount of time that the permit process will take. We anticipate that it will take several months for the applicant to provide the additional Phase II data that we have requested. It is likely to take at least a year, or longer before a final determination is rendered in this case.

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I hope this meets your needs. Any questions concerning this matter may be directed to me at (410) 537-3318, or via "e-mail" at edcxter@mde.state.md.us.

Sincerely,



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