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RE: Daily Cover Requirements for Balefill Landfills
Hardee County Landfill, Permit No. SO25-214306

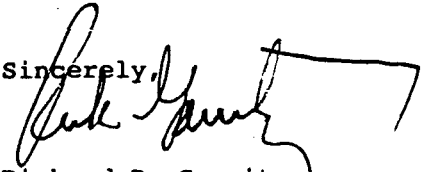
Dear Mr. Prestridge:

This letter is to respond to a question raised at the Department's recent "Reality Check" Workshop held in Hardee County on May 23, 1995, concerning daily cover requirements at the landfill. The Department appreciates your participation in the Hardee County Workshop, and hopes that the spirit of cooperation and open communication promoted at the Workshops throughout the State will continue to grow.

The Department reviewed previous solid waste regulations. A specific exemption from the daily cover requirements for balefill landfills was not found. Prior to the implementation of Subtitle D regulations, the working face was permitted to be left uncovered if solid waste was to be disposed on the working face within 18 hours. Subtitle D regulations have required Florida to revise its solid waste rules to delete this "18-hour" exemption. This revision was incorporated into Florida's solid waste rules, Florida Administrative Code Chapter 17-701, effective October 9, 1993.

The purpose of "initial cover", as defined in F.A.C. 62-701.200(40), is to minimize disease vector breeding, animal attraction, moisture infiltration, fire potential, and to prevent blowing litter, control odors, and improve landfill appearance. If it is demonstrated that initial cover is not required, due to the type of solid waste disposed or the operational processes for managing and disposing of the solid waste, a variance may be granted for a specific site. Variances may be requested pursuant to F.A.C. 62-701.310(5).

The Department is committed to serve the public and protect Florida's environment. As part of this commitment, the Department will continue to strive for the flexibility necessary to meet site-specific needs as well as protect the environment as a whole. I hope that this information is useful. If you have any questions concerning this letter, or other solid waste management issues, please contact Robert Butera, P.E. at 813-744-6100 extension 451. If you have questions concerning other environmental issues, please contact the Office of the Ombudsman at 904-921-1222.

Sincerely,

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