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MAR 11 1985
SOUTH HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

RE: Southeast Hillsborough County Landfill

Dear Warren:

As you know, the Southeast Hillsborough County Civic Association (SEHCA), is an organization comprised of people who live near the new Southeast Hillsborough County Landfill. Almost one year ago, SEHCA filed an appeal with the District Court of Appeal to challenge the issuance of the DER permits for the landfill. I recently spoke to Tom Reese, the attorney for SEHCA, to determine whether we could negotiate a settlement agreement for this case. At my request, Reese agreed to meet with you and other County officials to discuss the concerns of SEHCA. Since it would be the interests of the County to resolve this lawsuit, you should schedule a meeting with Reese and the representatives of SEHCA as soon as possible. To ensure that all of Reese's concerns are addressed, I recommend that the meeting be attended by Ed Copeland, Bob Hauser, and representatives of DER, the Hillsborough County Environmental Protection Commission, and Waste Management, Inc.

Reese advised me that the members of SEHCA are concerned about all of the issues (nos. 1-11) described below. Of course, Reese and I have not been to the landfill to independently verify these allegations.

- 1. There is trash on the highway near the landfill. It should be collected on a daily basis.

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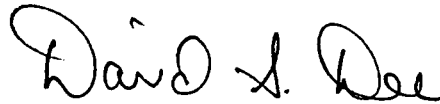
2. There are offensive odors from the landfill. The SEHCA members believe a sand-clay mixture should be utilized as cover material to eliminate this problem.
3. The refuse is not being covered continuously throughout the day. Rather, the refuse is only being covered at the end of the day.
4. There is a large sea gull population at the landfill which is becoming a nuisance.
5. There are occasions when there are no "spotters" at the scale house.
6. The members of SEHCA are concerned about the water quality in their drinking wells. Some of their wells were tested before the landfill was put in operation. They would like additional monitoring tests to be conducted.
7. Litter is blowing over the picket fence at the landfill and onto adjacent properties.
8. There are above-grade dikes that surround the lakes on the southeast corner of the site. What has been done to ensure that the dikes are in good condition?
9. The trucks going to and from the landfill are exceeding the speed limit.
10. There is going to be a long-term problem with the deterioration of the roads near the landfill.
11. Can a citizens committee be formed to monitor the activities at the landfill?

During the administrative hearing concerning the DER permits for the landfill, the County promised that it would utilize its best efforts to properly operate and maintain the landfill. The Hearing Officer also instructed DER and the EPC to utilize their best efforts to monitor the landfill. Obviously, it is in everyone's best interests to ensure that the landfill is operated properly. For these reasons, the County, DER and EPC should carefully evaluate SEHCA's concerns.

Mr. Warren N. Smith, Director
March 4, 1985
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Please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David S. Dee". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

David S. Dee

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cc: Thomas Reese, Esquire
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