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Good evening Steve,

Thank you for the feedback. To show our efforts and commitment to correct the deficiencies outlined in the Warning Letter we received on November 23, 2021, please see more updates below:

**Question 2.16** – As shown in the updated pictures below, staff continues to ensure all slopes are compacted and sloped to the 3:1 as required.



**Question 2.11-** The Monthly Leachate Balance Form for the fourth quarter (October 2021- December 2021) *Previously submitted.*

**Question 2.13 – (A)** Staff has additionally placed survey markers around the working face to ensure the proper waste filling is being achieved as well as confirming the monitoring of current elevations. Pictures below display markers for the current elevation as of February 21, 2022.



(B) As the pictures shown below, there has been no further seepage or accumulation of leachate since corrections were made.



(C)As shown in the picture below, the 50-foot distance between the waste and the division has been established.



**Question 2.18** – *Pictures previously submitted.*

**Question 2.19** –All ruts and eroded areas were repaired, as well as seeding placed in the areas lacking vegetation by the work squad, as shown in the pictures below.



**Question 2.20** – As shown in the pictures below, the facility has continued to be free of litter in and around the working face including the side slope of Phase I. Also, additional fencing was placed along the western portion of the cell and in the proximity of the active area as shown.





**Question 2.22-** (A) As shown in the pictures below, the corrections previously made to the intermediate cover of the Phase I west area have remained sealed and free from further seepage.



(B) See pictures from 2:13 (B)

(C) As discussed during the Teams call conducted on December 10, 2021, with the Department, SCS Engineers (SCS), and the County; the County is working with SCS to prepare the DEP-required documents to replace leachate tanks #1 and #2. During the call, the Department indicated the County should contact Mr. Steve Morgan in the Southwest District Office Solid Waste Section to determine what documents would be required to replace the tanks. SCS contacted Mr. Morgan and discussed the permitting requirements, who instructed SCS to contact the Solid Waste Section in Tallahassee. SCS contacted the DEP Tallahassee office and received a call back on 01/07/2022. The direction was to do an Intermediate Modification to the Operation Permit to include the two new leachate tanks. It will require a submittal of the FDEP application, Engineer Report, updated conceptual Operation Drawings to include the new tanks, technical specifications, potentially updating the long-term care costs, and changes as needed to the Operation Plan. The County is working with SCS Engineers for a proposal to prepare the Intermediate Modification application for submittal to FDEP and to provide support to prepare the RFP to select a contractor, bid support services, CQA during construction, and the final certification of construction completion report submittal to FDEP.

(D) Pumping from the Northern cell continues, please see response in *Question 2.28*.

**Question 2.28** – We have continued to pump from the Northern cell directly into the tanker and hauling to the City of Wauchula’s treatment plant, once sufficient water levels receded, we were able to place the berm and an additional lift of litter fencing was added to the top of this berm so to help with the controlling of litter. As shown in the picture below, the water has receded, and progress is being made with the removal.



**Question 2.1.1** – The fan and waste tires were removed, and photos were previously submitted.

If you have any questions or need anything further, please let me know.

Sincerely,

**Christopher Simpron FCCM**  
**Public Works Director**

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**Subject:** RE: Meeting with Steve Tafuni on Friday, 02/11/22

Good Afternoon Christopher,

As Abby mentioned the Department is reviewing your submittal. Once the review is completed we will schedule a meeting with the County. We do anticipate a Consent Order will be needed to address the items and we can discuss it during the meeting. The Department will not issue a Consent Order until we have spoken with you about it. In addition the first consent order that we send will be a Draft for the county to review.

Steve

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Abigail,

Sorry I missed your call again today, but I was told that DEP is not yet ready to meet with County staff this Friday since the review on our response to the Warning Letter that was sent last November has not been completed yet, which is fine. However, I'd greatly appreciate if we can schedule a meeting after the review is completed and before DEP issues the official response back to the County to talk about specific violations which may warrant penalties.

We are fully aware of the issues, and I just want to let the Department understand that we are doing our best to correct the deficiencies and comply with State regulations to avoid further penalties in your future inspections.

Sincerely,  
Christopher Simpron FCCM  
Public Works Director

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Abigail,

This is my email address just to make sure you include the correct email address when you schedule our virtual meeting with Steve this Friday at 1:30pm.

Thanks,

Christopher Simpron FCCM  
**Public Works Director**

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