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Mr. C. Birchall  
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Dear Mr. Birchall:

Enclosed please find a package which formalizes an approach to regulating waste disposal sites accepting municipal waste.

The package consists of four documents:

- 1) Appendix 'A' which outlines the background to the proposed changes, criteria used in developing the classification of sites, and a matrix showing application of the standards to different classes.
- 2) Appendix 'B' which is the proposed Regulation in legal format.
- 3) Appendix 'C' which deals with the interpretation of the standards.
- 4) Appendix 'D' which identifies a transitional program for phasing in existing sites to meet additional requirements of the proposed Regulation.

The key points of the Regulation are:-

- ° All sites accepting municipal waste have been placed into 3 categories.
- ° Each category has been further sub-divided into 3 groups based on their use and the location of a site from sensitive land uses which could be adversely impacted by the site operation.
- ° The result is 9 different classes of sites accepting municipal waste.

The Regulation will initially apply to new sites; however, existing sites will be phased in during a 2-year period as identified in Appendix 'D'.

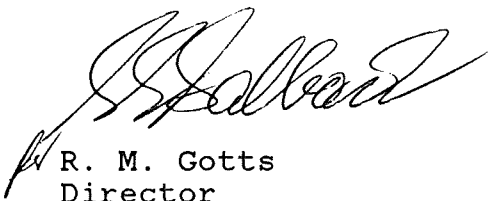
The proposed Regulation provides authority to the Regional Director to use discretion to place a site into a higher or lower category than within which it would normally fall.

Since my Ministry is hoping to have the regulation in place by the end of this year, I am requesting that you review these documents and provide your input before July 30, 1986, directly to Mr. Bill Balfour, Manager, Municipal Waste Section, Waste Management Branch. Should you have any questions or if you feel a meeting is needed, please contact Bill Balfour (416) 965-9671 of the Waste Management Branch.

It is important to note that the standards imposed by this regulation apply to site operation only and your review should be undertaken in this context. While you may have concerns about siting criteria, the approvals process, etc., your assessment should focus on the application of these operational standards to a landfill.

I look forward to your input into the finalization of this Regulation.

Yours truly,



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