



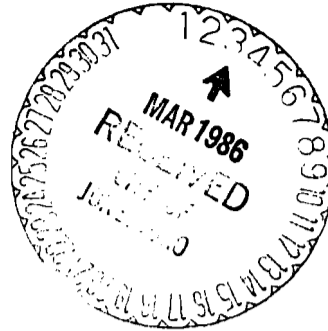
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February 27, 1986

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The Honorable Neil Stallings
Mayor, City of Jonesboro
Jonesboro, AR 72401



Dear Mayor Stallings:

I appreciate your efforts to comply with the October 9, 1985, Consent Administrative Order which was signed by you and Dr. Phyllis Garnett, Director, of this Department. The Order directed the City of Jonesboro to submit, for ADPC&E approval, a detailed written proposal for a hydrogeologic assessment of the City of Jonesboro landfill site. The purpose of the Order was to establish a time frame and a list of specific data to be included in the City's proposal to address environmental problems associated with the landfill.

The City did submit a plan within the 45 day time frame set forth in the Order. However, you will recall that the plan was deemed inadequate and you were so advised in a December 17, 1985, letter from Dr. Garnett. Previously you were sent a copy of a November 26, 1985, letter from this Department to your consultant that pointed out deficiencies in the proposal and a list of activities that must be included in an assessment plan. The Order was primarily intended to address the problems associated with the disposal of containers of substances which have been determined to be hazardous. However, of major concern is the effect the disposal of municipal wastes at this site may have had and the potential for pollution represented by continued use of this area for putrescible waste disposal.

This concern is manifested by the Department's proposal to reclassify the Jonesboro landfill from a Class I to a Class IV. You were notified of this proposed action in an August 1, 1985, letter from Dr. Garnett. I am enclosing a copy of that letter. You will note that the reasons for the proposed reclassification were stated in the letter and also a statement concerning the scheduling of a public hearing on the matter. The hearing was held on August 24, 1985. Based upon your statement at the public hearing and ensuing discussions, the decision was made to extend the comment period to April 15, 1986, rather than the customary 10 day period. We believed that the extension would give the City an opportunity to provide information that might support requests not to reclassify. It was believed that the plan required by the Order had certain elements included that, upon completion of the site assessment, could provide valuable data which could, in part, be used to base the reclassification decision.

It was also my understanding that, based upon your public hearing statement, the city engineer would provide us with an estimate of the size of the permitted area that had room to receive additional wastes and the time it would take to bring the area to final elevations. We have not received that information and it is now certain that the data to be provided by the site assessment, required by the Consent Order, will not be available by the April 15, 1986, deadline for public comment on the reclassification proposal.

To date, we have received no information during the extended comment period that would refute the reasons for reclassification as stated in the enclosed copy of the aforementioned August 1, 1985, letter. Please be advised that should the City of Jonesboro fail to submit additional technical data prior to April 15, 1986, the decision to reclassify the Jonesboro landfill will be based on the information now in hand.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,



Randall Mathis
Deputy Director

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August, 1, 1985

The Honorable Neil Stallings
Mayor, City of Jonesboro
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Dear Mayor Stallings:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the Department of Pollution Control and Ecology intends to conduct a hearing in Jonesboro to receive public comment upon whether the City of Jonesboro's Solid Waste Permit (No. 0139-5) should be modified to reclassify the landfill to a Class IV facility from its current status as a Class I facility. The effect of such reclassification would be to significantly reduce the types of wastes which the landfill could accept. Class IV landfills may generally only accept non-putrescible wastes.

This reclassification (from Class I to Class IV) is proposed under the authority of Section 7(g) of the Solid Waste Management Act (Act 237 of 1971, as amended) and is based upon the unsuitability of the landfill site to contain wastes in an environmentally sound manner. Some of the specific technical limitations of the site considered in proposing the reclassification are as follows:

1. The thin, discontinuous clay lenses beneath the site property are underlain by non-cohesive sands and gravels with remolded permeabilities of more than 10^{-4} centimeters/second.
2. The site is located in the outcrop area of the Memphis Aquifer. The City of Jonesboro municipal water wells withdraw water from the Memphis Aquifer less than four miles from the site.

The public hearing will be scheduled in the near future in Jonesboro. We will inform you of the public hearing notice prior to its issuance.

Obviously, you will have many questions concerning this matter. Do not hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Phyllis J. Garnett, Ph.D.
Director

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