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CHRIN AND PENNSYLVANIA DEP SETTLE DISPUTE

Enhanced odor-minimization plan at heart of agreement

EASTON, PA (September 19, 2011) - Chrin Brothers Landfill and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) have agreed on a comprehensive settlement that includes adoption of new landfill offsite odor minimization procedures, enhanced perimeter monitoring, and payment of civil penalties regarding past compliance citations. As a condition of the settlement, Chrin has also agreed to withdraw its appeal pending before the Pennsylvania Environmental Hearing Board. The landfill previously disputed the alleged DEP violations of state solid waste and air quality regulations that formed the basis of the agency's initial fines. The agreed upon payment of \$114,000 resolves the civil penalty part of the settlement.

“We have decided to move forward, putting the lengthy and costly litigation to rest, with a new and improved Nuisance Minimization and Control Plan that significantly benefits the surrounding community,” explained Greg Chrin, who directs landfill operations. He characterized the settlement as “fair and forward-looking” and believes that when it comes to promoting the best interests of the community and the environment,” we are all in agreement. “

Below are some of the highlights of the Plan contained in the Agreement:

- Chrin is instructing its customers, including haulers, on the proper management of potentially odorous or nuisance loads to avoid problems at the disposal site.
- A rapid-response detail at the landfill is deployed in the event an odorous load is accepted. The team's responsibility includes enhanced reporting and the logs are open for DEP inspection.
- Enhanced monitoring occurs when work – including maintenance, repair, and/or construction - on the landfill's gas management system is being performed. This is aimed at minimizing the potential for offsite impacts.

- A minimum of at least two daily, recorded perimeter odor-detection patrols – one in the morning when work commences and the other at the end of the workday - are now conducted around the landfill to monitor for potential odors.

Chrin said that the odor minimization improvements detailed in the Plan are being implemented and that the landfill has made significant investment in equipment, systems, and most of all, top professionals. “We are confident that we are on the right track and I am proud to report our landfill operation is a much improved, and far more technologically advanced than when DEP issued the citations that are resolved through this settlement,” he said.

Joe Klobusicky, Chrin’s Environmental Manager, said the landfill looks forward to greater collaboration and communication with the surrounding community and regulators going forward. “We invite and welcome input from our neighbors and continue to benefit from the input of the township Landfill Advisory Committee, which was created under our joint municipal host agreement.” He added, “Our new Glendon Green Energy Park project, in which landfill gas is turned into electricity to help power the region, signals a new and exciting chapter in our history and that is a win-win with all our neighbors.”

~~For a copy of the settlement agreement will be posted to www.chrin.org.~~

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