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By email: ivanbeek@canyonco.org

The Honorable Leslie Van Beek
Board of Canyon County Commissioners
15500 Missouri Avenue
Nampa, Idaho 83686

Subject: Pickles Butte Sanitary Landfill Lateral Expansion
Site Certification Application Approval

Dear Commissioner Van Beek:

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has reviewed the Pickles Butte Sanitary Landfill Lateral Expansion Site Certification Application (DEQ document reference 2021BAB74) and subsequently submitted Supplemental Information (DEQ document reference 2021BAB85) for the Pickles Butte Sanitary Landfill Lateral Expansion for conformance with the provisions of Chapter 74, Title 39, Idaho, "Idaho Solid Waste Facilities Act." DEQ has concluded the following:

Site Certification Application

Idaho Code §39-7408 sets forth the procedure for each application to obtain site certification. The site certification application must meet the location restrictions as specified in Idaho Code §39-7407. Canyon County Solid Waste Department (applicant), seeking to expand the municipal solid waste landfill (MSWLF) unit for Pickles Butte, submitted to DEQ the site certification report, *Proposed Pickles Butte MSWLF Lateral Expansion*, dated November 19, 2020. Supplemental information necessary to review compliance with the location restrictions was received on February 16, 2021.

As required by Idaho Code §39-7408, on December 5, 2020, the applicant published notice that the site certification application had been submitted and provided an opportunity for public comment. No comments were received by DEQ.

Upon review of the above mentioned site certification application and supporting documentation, DEQ has concluded that the Pickles Butte Sanitary Landfill Lateral Expansion Site complies with the location restrictions in Idaho Code §39-7407. The application addressed each of the criteria set forth in Idaho Code §39-7407, explaining the technical findings regarding each criterion, and a qualified professional has certified compliance with the requisite criteria.

The proposed Pickles Butte MSWLF Lateral Expansion is hereby certified to be in compliance with Idaho Code §39-7407, Idaho Code dated this 26th day of February, 2021.

As a reminder, Idaho Code §39-7408(2)(g) requires that:

“within ten (10) working days of receipt of certification ... the applicant shall publish notice in the newspaper ... informing the public that certification of the site has been approved.”

Please provide DEQ with a copy of the published notice for our records.

General Requirements

Before receipt of any waste in the lateral expansion area, Canyon County must demonstrate to DEQ the proposed lateral expansion facility will also be in compliance with the following requirements of the “Idaho Solid Waste Facilities Act”:

§39-7409 STANDARDS FOR DESIGN

§39-7410 GROUND WATER MONITORING DESIGN

§39-7412 STANDARDS FOR OPERATION
(Southwest District Health Department)

DEQ appreciates Canyon County’s commitment to this project and process, and looks forward to working with Canyon County on the next phases of the project. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (208) 373-0184, or via e-mail at taylor.enos@deq.idaho.gov.

Sincerely,



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