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June 10, 2003

Mr. Jim Hedges - Chairman  
Fremont County Solid Waste Disposal District  
P.O. Box 1400  
Lander, Wyoming 82520

RE: Solid Waste Chapter 2 Operating Permit Extension  
Sand Draw landfill (SHWD File # 10.195)

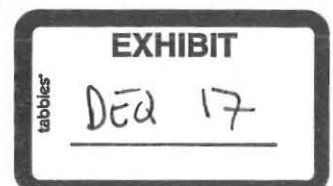
Dear Mr. Hedges:

The Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality, Solid and Hazardous Waste Division (Department) has completed a review of your current landfill permit, which expired on August 31, 1999 and was extended to May 31, 2002, and recent inspection reports of your facility. As you know, your current permit has expired. Our review of your last permit suggests that it is still representative of current conditions. Our review of the recent inspection reports for your facility suggests that you continue to construct, operate and monitor this facility in compliance with your permit and the department's minimum standards. Based on this review, and proposed permit changes which have been discussed with the Department recently (March 17, 2003, correspondence from the District), the department has determined that an extension of your current permit is appropriate.

The operator of the facility authorized by this permit shall be responsible for complying the terms of the permit specified above and the conditions in this permit extension. Based on the Department's review and/or the Department's inspection of this facility, the Department has concluded that this permit extension shall be issued under the following conditions:


Permit Condition #1


*The operator of this facility shall submit a renewal application for this facility no later than August 1, 2003. Also, the renewal application shall include a schedule, which shall be completed within the permit term, for addressing the orderly development and use of the facility throughout the life of the site.*



This letter, therefore, constitutes an extension of the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (WDEQ) Solid and Hazardous Waste Division (SHWD) Chapter 2 Permit. This permit extension is being issued under the provisions of Chapter 1, Section 4(c) of the Solid Waste Rules and Regulations. The permit for this facility shall now expire on May 1, 2004. Please be advised that in order to renew this permit, a renewal permit application must be submitted no later than August 1, 2003. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Patrick Troxel at (307) 332-6924.

Sincerely,

  
David A. Finley  
Administrator  
Solid and Hazardous Waste Division

  
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Director  
Department of Environmental Quality

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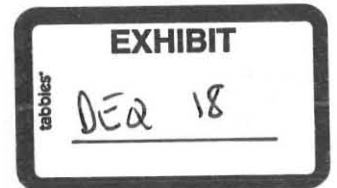
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May 12, 2003

Jim Hedges-Chairman  
Fremont County Solid Waste Disposal District  
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RE: Lander Landfill (SHWD File # 10.190)  
Sand Draw Landfill (SHWD File # 10.195)



Dear Mr. Hedges:

I am writing in response to the proposals we received from the Fremont County Solid Waste Disposal District (District) for the Sand Draw and Lander landfills dated March 17, 2003. In those proposals the District outlined their priorities and time schedule for handling permit issues related to the limited space currently available for disposal in Fremont County.

The Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality, Solid and Hazardous Waste Division (Department) has reviewed both proposals and generally agrees that they accurately reflect our discussions during our February 27, 2003, meeting with the District. Also, the Department agrees that these proposals, which include limited vertical expansion at both the Sand Draw and Lander landfills, present a reasonable approach for addressing the disposal issues faced by the District. The proposal for Sand Draw includes the vertical expansion of the original 80 acre site only, as depicted on blue print option 2 dated 2/03/03. The Lander proposal includes the vertical expansion of phases 2, 3, 4, and 5 with phases 2 and 3 utilized for municipal solid waste only and phases 4 and 5 for construction and demolition waste only, as depicted on blue print option 2 (redesign) dated 12/13/02. These options were originally submitted to the Department on February 11, 2003.

Based on the fact that most of the design work related to these expansions has been discussed at length and the District has draft designs for these expansions, the Department has determined that a more aggressive schedule for the submittal of renewal permits for both landfills is warranted. Renewal permits, which include major amendments for the vertical expansion of

both facilities should be submitted as soon as possible. In order to separate the permit reviews for both facilities, a renewal permit for Sand Draw should be submitted no later than August 1, 2003 and a renewal application for the Lander landfill should be submitted no later September 1, 2003.

Lastly, the Department would like to call your attention to an important provision in the Solid Waste Rules which requires the application to include plot plans which show the orderly development and use of the facility through the life of the site (Chapter 2, Section 2.(b)(iii)(E)). After we address the more immediate disposal needs for the County, the Department would like to begin discussions with the County to define what the long term plan for Sand Draw needs to contain and what information needs to be gathered in order to accomplish this task. The Department is requesting that the August 1, 2003, renewal application also include a proposed schedule for investigations and other work required to prepare site development plans for the remaining life of the site. The unexpected surprises and roadblocks encountered at the Sand Draw landfill are an excellent example of why detailed, long term planning is needed to ensure that the disposal needs of Fremont County citizens can be met.

Please review these draft permit extensions and let us know if you have any questions or concerns by May 23, 2003. If we have not heard from the District by that time, we will issue them in final form.

Sincerely,



Patrick J Troxel  
Environmental Program Principal  
Solid Waste Permitting and Corrective Action

cc: Dave Finley, Solid Waste Administrator  
Bob Doctor, Solid Waste Program Manager  
✓ Kathy Brown ☞ Lander SHWD File #'s 10.190 and 10.195  
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