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Solid & Hazardous Waste Div.  
Lander, Wyoming

RE: Permit submission date

Dear Patrick,

The Fremont County Solid Waste Disposal District understands the permit submission date for the Riverton Sand Draw landfill is scheduled for May 31, 2001. This date was derived from previous discussions with you in the fall of 2000 at which time several items gave cause for the delay in permit submission. Those changes included the cultural area that has continued to gain interest and, as of today, is deemed to be one of the most significant cultural sites in the Wind River range as well as Wyoming.

Current discussions have prompted public interest in the site and the District has been asked to modify the plans or sequence to allow the site to be cleared or to remove it from the planned waste disposal area. Currently, we are unsure if this will be done but understand that this is not only a District issue; it involves State and Federal agencies as well. There has also been some discussion on a land swap with the Bureau of Land Management in leu of the cultural site. If this direction is pursued, there will be additional engineering required, monitor wells, and plans drawn for any additional area. The proposed land swap is also for property that borders the Northern area of the expansion near the current groundwater issue that needs to be addressed. The District will first look at location standards but the swap will still be contingent upon geology/hydrology.

The other item that has developed was the ground water in R-8 that had increased for unknown reasons. Following review of the known groundwater information along with new sampling and pumping, no conclusions can be made with current information. During the regular meeting of April 9, 2001, a proposal (work plan) was brought before the Board for approval of 3 additional wells that would be located between R-8, R-9, and R-10. These proposed wells were to be strategically placed to help define the hydrology/geology in the area. The Board was not able take action on the proposal since monies had not been appropriated.

The fiscal year of the District begins July 1<sup>st</sup>, at which time monies can be appropriated in the budget for the work. This will now cause a delay in providing a complete permit to the Department. In addition, the District is currently reviewing all the sites in Fremont County and have concluded the amount of available landfill space could be a little as 10 years for the entire county. With this information, the District is considering a complete change of the Riverton Sand Draw plans that would allow the site an increased volumetric capacity in design. This would likely be a major change as described by the WDEQ/SHWD rules and regulations as it will likely be over the 5% increase in volumetric capacity.

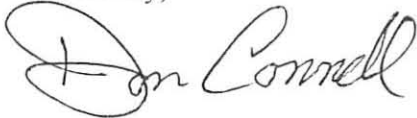
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Inberg-Miller Engineers is reviewing the plans to see what areas can be modified and still allow for the cover requirements to allow an increased volume. At this time, the amount of capacity can not be determined with the above listed issues unanswered. This process will take some time and consideration before a quality permit document can be submitted to the WDEQ/SHWD.

The District anticipates the new wells can be installed by August 2001. Once this is done, the new wells can be reviewed for soils and groundwater and a determination can be made as to any landfill changes or new monitoring that may be required. If the wells show that there is groundwater present in all new areas drilled, more additional wells may be required to find the plume of the aquifer. Contingent upon the size of the aquifer (if there is one), it could greatly impact the volumetric capacity of the landfill.

The District understands that this would put the permit submission beyond the agreed upon date. However, the District feels that a permit submission without all the information would be a waste of the District's money and the Department's time. Please let me know if a later submission date is acceptable to the Department or if you would like more information regarding the issue. Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Don Connell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "D".

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May 7, 2001

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RE: Fremont County Solid Waste  
Disposal District Planning Meeting

Solid & Hazardous Waste Div.  
Lander, Wyoming

Dear Patrick Troxel,

Fremont County Solid Waste Disposal District had recently began a district-wide solid waste planning study and we need your input and help. Regulations, groundwater, and cultural impacts have reduced the current landfill life/capacity at our existing landfills. The District is faced with not only finding a new solid waste disposal site, but also a new solid waste system that is cost effective and will take the District well into the future.

The District has been working hard to find a new system and we know that any system will cost more than what the allowed 3 mills could fund. Every citizen in Fremont County will be affected by a new solid waste system.

The District has put together a special presentation that we feel is very informative. We are inviting environmental regulators, all Mayors in Fremont County, Fremont County Commissioners, Wind River Indian Reservation leaders, Legislators, and Governor Geringer to this special informational meeting. By attending this meeting, you will be able to help answer questions from your constituents and hopefully share any information you may have on options for funding a system or any other ideas.

An agenda is enclosed for your review and we hope you will be able to attend. Please RSVP by May 25, 2001 if you will be able to attend by calling (307) 332-7040. The meeting is scheduled to be held on May 30, 2001 at 10:00 a.m. and will be held at the Lander Best Western meeting room. Lunch will be served.

Sincerely,



Bryan Livingston  
Chairman, FCSWDD

