

August 24, 2001

Mr. James Forney
Director - Closed Sites
Waste Management, Inc.
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Okemos, Michigan 48864

SUBJECT: ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO SUBMIT
A DECOMMISSIONING PLAN FOR SCA SERVICES SITE IN BAY CITY,
MICHIGAN, LICENSE SUC-1565 (TAC #L60510)

Dear Mr. Forney:

I am responding to your letter dated July 18, 2001, requesting approval by the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission of an alternative schedule for submitting a decommissioning plan (DP) for the SCA Services (Hartley & Hartley Landfill) Site Decommissioning Management Plan site in Bay City, Michigan. The approval of the alternative schedule would require an amendment to your license. Therefore, although an amendment was not specifically requested, we are treating your July 18, 2001, submittal as a license amendment request

We have completed the initial processing of your request, which is an administrative review. We have determined that the information in the document is sufficient to begin a technical review. Please note that the technical review may identify omissions in the submitted information or technical issues not identified during the administrative review that require additional information. We will inform you separately of our schedule for completing the technical review.

However, the acceptance review did identify one issue. The requested due date for the DP is December 31, 2003, which is based upon a start date of November 25, 2002, for preparing the DP. This start date is based upon a rationale that links the submission of the DP with the submission of a Remedial Action Plan to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ). All dates on the schedule are contingent upon the signing of an Addendum to a Consent Order between your firm and the State of Michigan. Your letter states that you predict that the Addendum will be signed by December 31, 2001. In a letter to you dated August 15, 2001, MDEQ states, "...linking a decommissioning response activity schedule or a Part 201 [Part 201, Environmental Remediation, of the Michigan Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, PA 451 of 1994, as amended] response activity schedule, to signing of the Addendum is inappropriate and not supported by the provisions of Part 201." Therefore, there

does not appear to be a reason for any further delay in initiating the activities needed to develop a DP for this site. We have scheduled a conference call for August 31, 2001, to discuss this matter.

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If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact me at (301) 415-6694.

Sincerely,

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