



**RIVERBEND LANDFILL CO.**

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Mr. Bob Schwarz, P.E.  
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**Re: Riverbend Landfill  
Solid Waste Disposal Site Permit (SWDP) No. 345**

Bob:

As discussed, Riverbend Landfill Co (RLC) is submitting this letter to clarify the continued operations of the facility. The operations of the facility have changed in response to the delays related to our expansion. RLC continues to have permitted airspace for continued operations in two major areas at the facility:

Phase II Final Grading Plan Modification (FGPM) area

The Phase II of the approved FGPM area is permitted but not constructed as the cost to construct the required environmental infrastructure such as the liner systems and leachate collection systems is high and not supported at this time by the current tip fee structure and broader economic conditions. Once the construction of Phase II FGPM area can be justified, RLC plans to construct this airspace.

Outside Slopes and Top Deck of the Existing Permitted Landfill

Overtime, the normal settlement and degradation of wastes has created a wedge-shaped area on the side slopes that cannot be easily filled with MSW. Instead, to fill in these areas, RLC will be accepting ADC and other soil-like waste materials to place over the interim cover. These areas will be covered with an 8-mil sewn temporary cover or 6 inches of clean soil in preparation for the final cover section being placed. There are also fill areas large and deep enough that, once the wedge is partially filled, RLC can meter in MSW and then apply current approved cover sections.

Waste and ADC acceptance and placement in these areas is permitted and covered in our Operations Plan.

Lastly, RLC is clarifying the operations of the Public disposal and recycling area. The area will be closed for acceptance of disposal and recycling materials beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Flyers, handouts and messaging regarding this change have been and are being distributed. We have attached a redline and clean version of the 2017 operation plan which has been updated to remove the operations for the Public disposal and recycling area for your records.

As we have discussed, RCL is not closing. We are managing the airspace we have left while we address decisions about future operations. Should you have any questions, please contact me at 602/757-3352 or [jdenson@wm.com](mailto:jdenson@wm.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James L. Denson, Jr.', written over a horizontal line.

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