



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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EXHIBIT A

MAR 12 2008

ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BOARD

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77 West Jackson Boulevard
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Re: Beeland Group, LLC
Beeland Disposal Well #1
Permit Number: MI-009-11-0001
Appeal Numbers: UIC 08-01, 08-02, and 08-03

Dear Mr. Kaplan:

Enclosed are three petitions dated February 29, 2008, March 9, 2008, and March 10, 2008, received by the Environmental Appeals Board (the "Board") on March 6, 2008 and March 11, 2008, filed by Allen and Trisha Freize, Friends of the Jordan (UIC 08-01), Susan Hlywa Topp, and Charles H. Koop, attorneys, on behalf of Star Township, Antrim County, and Friends of the Jordan River (UIC 08-02), and Dr. John W. Richter, President, Friends of the Jordan River Watershed (UIC 08-03), asking the Board to review a UIC determination issued by United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5.

To assist the Board in deciding whether the matters raised by Petitioners should be reviewed, please have your staff prepare a response that addresses Petitioners' contentions and whether Petitioners have satisfied the requirements for obtaining review under 40 C.F.R. Section 124.19.

Response Seeking Summary Disposition. If you believe that the petition in its entirety may be appropriate for summary disposition, either because the Board does not have jurisdiction to consider the petition, the appeal is untimely, Petitioners lacks standing to file an appeal, or none of the issues raised in the petition were preserved for review, please file a response to that effect by no later than March 27, 2008. Please include relevant portions of the administrative record with your response.

File an original (signed in blue ink) and five copies of these materials with the Board (at the address shown below) by the date specified above, and send a copy to Petitioners, with a certificate of service showing the date and method of service. Petitioners shall have 10 days from the date of service of a response seeking summary disposition to file a reply with the

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Response not Seeking Summary Disposition. If you do not file a response seeking summary disposition, please file a response to the merits of the petition by not later than April 11, 2008. Please include with your response relevant portions of the administrative record, together with a certified index of the entire administrative record.

File an original (signed in blue ink) and five copies of these materials with the Board, and send a copy to petitioner, with a certificate of service showing the date and method of service.

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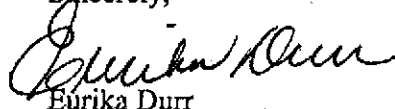
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No further briefing will be allowed except by order of the Board.

A copy of this letter is being sent to the petitioner as notification of these filing requirements.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Erika Durr
Clerk of the Board

Enclosure

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