



## **Countywide Recycling & Disposal Facility**

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### **Countywide RDF receives operating licenses from Stark County Health Department**

The following information is being provided to ensure that you have timely and accurate information regarding the Countywide Recycling & Disposal Facility.

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The Countywide Recycling and Disposal Facility has received its 2008 and 2009 operating license from the Stark County Health Department thereby allowing the site to continue to provide waste disposal services for the surrounding area and NE Ohio.

“We will continue to operate the landfill in full compliance with all applicable local, state, and federal laws, rules, and regulations. This agreement represents months of negotiations, cooperation, and a willingness to apply common sense and good science to ensure the continued safe operation of the Countywide Landfill,” said Tim Vandersall, Countywide General Manager and professional engineer.

The Ohio EPA, Ohio Attorney General’s Office, US EPA, and Stark County Health Department along with Countywide representatives have all worked together to ensure the landfill would remain open to serve the needs of the local Northeast Ohio community.

Countywide will continue to work on long-term remediation of the older portion of the landfill (cells 1-6) where a chemical reaction involving aluminum dross heated up to create a rapid decomposition of waste. The decomposition caused an increased amount of landfill gas to be generated in 2005 and 2006.

The landfill took immediate, aggressive, and unprecedented actions to control the landfill gas. Since then, work continues at a rapid pace as excavation of an isolation break between landfill cells five and seven continues. Through February 17, 2009, nearly 75% of the excavation work has been completed with completion estimated at the end of March 2009 on the \$6 million dollar project. Once excavation work is finished, additional engineering controls will be installed.

The isolation break is designed to prevent the chemical reaction in cells 1-6 from further moving into additional landfill space and is a “v-notch” shaped valley. The valley creates a physical barrier preventing further movement of the chemical reaction. Excavation potentially could cause an increase in odor generated from the chemical reaction. However, all precautions will be taken to ensure public safety.

Air, groundwater, and odor monitoring continues through cooperation with the Ohio and US EPA. As a confirmatory measure, monitoring has not revealed any public health issues of concern.

Additional completed remediation efforts include the installation of 69 acres of temporary plastic capping and a gas extraction system including numerous gas wells, pumps, collection lines, and flares.

Future remediation work slated for 2009 includes development and implementation of an operation and maintenance plan for landfill cells 1-6 and the final capping of cells 1-3.

Countywide continues to work proactively with the Ohio EPA, the US EPA and area regulators to resolve any and all issues at the site. The landfill has always cooperated fully with regulatory agencies and is committed to complying with requirements. For more information, call 330-874-3855 or visit [www.countywideohio.com](http://www.countywideohio.com).

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