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Re: Draft Proposed Plan for Site 12 – Town Gut Landfill, August 2000

Dear Mr. Jorgensen:

Enclosed are comments from the Federal Facilities Section of the Maryland Department of the Environment's Waste Management Administration on the above-referenced document.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (410) 631-3791.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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Mr. Karl Kalbacher

**Maryland Department of the Environment
Waste Management Administration
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Federal Facilities Section**

Comments on:

Draft Proposed Plan for Site 12 – Town Gut Landfill, August 2000

General Comment

In order to enhance the readability of the document, please add a summary, in table form, evaluating proposed alternatives as they relate to the nine U.S. Environmental Protection Agency criteria from the National Contingency Plan.

Specific Comments

1. Section 7.0, page 8, Alternative 3
The description of this alternative in the Feasibility Study Report does not coincide with the one included in this Proposed Plan. Please correct this discrepancy in the final document.
2. Section 9.0, page 12, first paragraph, first sentence
This sentence should read "...cleaning up Site 12 is Alternative 2 (Soil Cover)."
3. Section 9.0, page 13, first paragraph, second, third & fourth sentences
The second sentence states that only the landfill surface soils were a concern regarding ecological risks. The following two sentences describe the soil/vegetative cap, but do not reference the surface soils. Please combine the third and fourth sentences as follows:
"The overlying two feet of soil and the vegetative cover included in this alternative would provide an ecological buffer layer to reduce the possibility of animals coming in contact with the present surface soil or the landfilled waste."
4. Section 10.0, page 15
Please change the contact telephone number for Curtis DeTore from (410) 631-3791 to (410) 631-3440.
5. Figure 2, page 21
Move the map up on the page to include all of the landfill area in this figure. The pond boundaries need to be more clearly defined on this figure.