

December 05, 2005

City of Fort Smith Attn: Honorable C. Ray Baker

P.O. Box 1908 Ft. Smith, AR 72903

RE: Extension of General Permit and Coverage

City of Fort Smith, Solid Waste Transfer Station Solid Waste Permit #P0194/267-TS; AFIN 66-00226

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Dear Mr. Baker:

The Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality Solid Waste Management Division (ADEQ-SWMD) issued the General Permit for the construction and operation of solid waste transfer stations in the State of Arkansas on December 7, 1995. The permit expires on December 7, 2005. The SWMD division is currently public noticing new general permits for small capacity (<5200 tons/year) and medium capacity (<15,300 tons/year) solid waste transfer stations. Facilities which receive more than 15,300 tons of waste per year or do not meet the other requirements for coverage under a general permit will be required to apply for an individual permit. Copies of the draft general permits are available at the SWMD, ADEQ Record depositories and the ADEQ Web Site. A public hearing on the draft permits will be held on December 28, 2005 at 2:00 in the building D training room.

The draft general permits currently state that existing facilities must submit a notice of intent for coverage under one of the general permits or an application to be covered under an individual permit by February 28, 2006. The expiration date for the existing transfer station general permit is hereby extended until February 28, 2006. Facilities which have not submitted a Notice of Intent to be covered under the revised general permit (if issued) or submitted an application for an individual permit by February 28, 2006 must cease operations and remove all waste from the facility.

Please call me at (501) 682-0598 should you have any questions regarding the above information.

Sincerely,

Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality - Solid Waste Management Division

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