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Mr. Steve Blumreich, President
Friends of the North Fork and White Rivers
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RE: NABORS Landfill, 1320 Landfill Road, Mountain Home, Arkansas 72653
Response to Concerns from Friends of the North Fork and White Rivers
AFIN 03-00051; Permit 0249-S1-R2

Dear Mr. Blumreich:

Thank you for reaching out to us with your concerns regarding the Northwest Arkansas Regional Solid Waste Management District's permitted landfill site, NABORS, as outlined in your letters dated March 5, 2024 and April 2, 2024. We value your interest in the site's well-being and appreciate your dedication to the welfare of the environment.

Since the Substantial Completion of Closure on December 9, 2019, DEQ has maintained leachate pumping and hauling and groundwater monitoring of the site. The temporary cessation of leachate pumping and hauling during the second half of 2023 occurred due to the expiration of the contract for the contractor that was providing this service. Additionally, there are pumps in need of repair which have been placed in the OFF position or displayed error messages. The District has been notified of these findings. On April 3, 2024, the Office of Land Resources (OLR) approved a Scope of Work for a new contractor, EnSafe Inc., for the operation and maintenance activities at the site, which includes leachate management and pump repair, groundwater monitoring, and explosive gas monitoring.

OLR has not received results from the voluntary groundwater dye trace study conducted from February to November 2023. This study was performed by SCS on behalf of a prospective purchaser of the site as part of their due diligence investigation that we understand was ultimately discontinued. However, because the dye trace study required that no disturbance of the monitoring wells occur, i.e. peristaltic pumping and sampling, the semi-annual groundwater monitoring events that were scheduled for April and October of 2023 were not performed.

Groundwater monitoring is planned during the second quarter of 2024. I will ensure that you are provided with a copy of the groundwater sampling report upon its completion.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Nick Jones'.

Nick Jones, P.E.
Engineer Senior Manager
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