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**RE: Permit Modification Request, RC Airfield Project, for the City of Columbia
“Closed” Landfill (Permit No. 101907)**

Dear Tom Ratermann:

This letter is in response to a report titled, “Permit Modification Request, RC Airfield Project, for the City of Columbia “Closed” Landfill (Permit No. 101907)” dated, November 6, 2024, and received by the Department of Natural Resources’ Waste Management Program (WMP) on November 7, 2024. A revised version of the report, certified by Tom Ratterman, P.E., was received by the WMP on January 13, 2025. The submittal, prepared by Adam White, Landfill Superintendent, details the plans to construct a remote control (RC) airfield for use by the Mid-Missouri RC Association (MMRCA) on a portion of the site, which will include a grass runway, pavilion, and a gravel parking lot.

The WMP has reviewed the submittal and accompanying information for compliance with the Missouri Solid Waste Management Law (MSWML) and regulations and the terms and conditions of the permit. An approval is hereby granted for the RC Airfield project at the City of Columbia closed landfill, with the following conditions.

CONDITIONS:

1. Proof of liability insurance held by MMRCA shall be submitted to the WMP prior to public use of the landfill.
2. Any enclosed structures to be built on the property, excluding the portable restrooms, shall include ventilation and indoor methane gas monitoring devices to prevent and alert occupants to any gas buildup within the buildings.
3. Restricted access to property is required to prevent the general public from accessing the site outside of MMRCA activities. As mentioned in the report, a lock on the gate to the site is required to be installed once MMRCA begins utilization of the site.



4. Maintenance of the site enclosed within the permit boundary is required per 10 CSR 80-2.030(4)(A)2. B. Maintenance of the site ensures protection of the landfill cap integrity, human health, and the environment. The following items are required for the site in order to satisfy this condition.
 - a. Maintenance of cover integrity (for example, recovering, regrading) and vegetative growth to protect cover material and surface water drainage systems shall be performed.
 - b. The area contained within the waste boundary will be limited in use to protect the soil and vegetative cap containing the waste. Under this provision, uses that disrupt or damage the cap will not be allowed on the site.
 - c. The area contained within the waste boundary is to be mowed on a schedule that prevents the growth of brushy or woody vegetation, being no less than once per year, with a recommended mowing schedule of twice per year or more.
 - d. Vehicular traffic on the grass areas of the landfill cap should be limited in order to maintain the landfill cap integrity. Activities that are cautioned against include but are not limited to, parking vehicles on the grass after heavy rain and off roading activities that are likely to damage the cap.
5. Any changes made to the landfill outside of the scope of this approval within the landfill permit boundary is considered a modification to the landfill's solid waste disposal area permit. The WMP must be contacted, and the change proposed and subsequently approved prior to implementing any change outside of the scope of this approval.

The following documents are hereby approved and incorporated into Permit Number 0101907:

DOCUMENTS:

1. A report titled "Permit Modification Request, RC Airfield, City of Columbia-SWMP Permit #101907" dated, November 6, 2024, and received by the WMP on November 7, 2024. A revised version of the report, certified by Tom Ratterman, P.E., was received by the WMP on January 13, 2025. The report was prepared by Adam White of the City of Columbia.

This approval is not to be construed as compliance with any existing federal or state environmental laws other than the Missouri Solid Waste Management Law (MSWML); nor should this be construed as a waiver of any other regulatory requirements. This approval shall not be construed to supersede or represent compliance with any existing local ordinances or zoning requirements; nor does it supersede any local permitting and/or zoning requirements.

The department reserves the right to revoke, suspend, or modify this approval and/or Permit Number 0101907 after due notice, if the permit holder fails to maintain the facility in compliance with the MSWML and regulations, the terms and conditions of the permit, and approved engineering plans and specifications.

If you were adversely affected by this decision, you may be entitled to pursue an appeal before the Administrative Hearing Commission (AHC). To appeal, you must file a petition with the AHC within 30 days after the date this decision was mailed or the date it was delivered, whichever date was earlier. If any such petition is sent by registered mail or certified mail, it will be deemed filed on the date it is mailed; if it is sent by any method other than registered mail or certified mail, it will be deemed filed on the date it is received by the AHC. Any appeal must be directed to:

Administrative Hearing Commission
United States Post Office Building, Third Floor
131 West High Street
P.O. Box 1557
Jefferson City, MO 65102
Telephone: 573-751-2422
Fax: 573-751-5018
Website: www.oa.mo.gov/ahc

We appreciate your continued efforts toward environmentally sound solid waste management practices. If you have any questions, please contact Kathryn Whitledge at 573-751-8426; at kathryn.whitledge@dnr.mo.gov; or by mail P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0176.
Thank you.

Sincerely,

WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM



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- c: Adam White, Landfill Superintendent, City of Columbia
- David Sorrel, P.E., City of Columbia
- Mark Johnson, Mid-Missouri Radio Control Association
- Mike Parris, Chief, Compliance/Enforcement Section, WMP
Northeast Regional Office