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Mr. Leif Tolokken  
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Subject: Plan of Operation Approval Modification for a New Waste Stream for Dairyland Power Cooperative Alma Off-Site Disposal Facility Phase IV Landfill, License #4126

Dear Mr. Tolokken:

The Department of Natural Resources (department) has reviewed the requested plan of operation modification (“the plan”) for the Dairyland Power Cooperative Alma Off-Site Disposal Facility Phase IV Landfill (Phase IV Landfill). The department approves the plan to add a one-time disposal waste stream of coal combustion residual (CCR) material associated with the excavation of the E.J. Stoneman Landfill (License #3122).

The proposed one-time disposal waste stream will be generated from the removal of wastes currently interred at the E.J. Stoneman Landfill in Cassville, Wisconsin. The E.J. Stoneman Landfill is an industrial solid waste landfill permitted to accept fly ash and bottom ash residues produced from the former E.J. Stoneman Generating Station that was located on-site. The waste stream proposed to be placed within the Phase IV Landfill includes the CCR contaminated soils encountered during waste removal, the CCR waste interred in the landfill if it isn’t able to be utilized for beneficial reuse, and the leachate piping removed during the landfill decommissioning.

Please keep in mind that this approval does not relieve you of obligations to meet all other applicable federal, state, and local permits or regulatory requirements. If you have questions regarding this approval, please contact Tony Peterson at (715) 491-8546 or [anthony.peterson@wisconsin.gov](mailto:anthony.peterson@wisconsin.gov).

Sincerely,

John Morris, Professional Soil Scientist  
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**BEFORE THE  
STATE OF WISCONSIN  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

**PLAN OF OPERATION APPROVAL MODIFICATION  
FOR THE  
DAIRYLAND POWER COOPERATIVE ALMA OFF-SITE ASH DISPOSAL FACILITY  
PHASE IV LANDFILL, LICENSE #4126**

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

The Department of Natural Resources (department) finds that:

1. The Dairyland Power Cooperative owns and operates a nonhazardous industrial disposal facility located in the NE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 19 and portions of Sections 18 and 20, T21N, R12W, Town of Belvidere, Buffalo County, Wisconsin.
2. The department issued a conditional plan of operation approval for the solid waste disposal facility on May 15, 2001.
3. On August 9, 2024, TRC Companies, on behalf of Dairyland Power Cooperative, submitted a request to the department for modifications to add a one-time disposal waste stream for the Phase IV Landfill. The department received the review fee of \$1,650 on September 19, 2024.
4. The information submitted in connection with the plan of operation modification request includes the following:
  - a. A report prepared by TRC Companies titled “Plan of Operation Modification Dairyland Power Cooperative, Alma Off-Site Disposal Facility, Phase IV Landfill”, dated and received by the department on August 9, 2024.
5. Additional documents considered in connection with the review of the plan of operation modification request include the following:
  - a. The department’s May 15, 2001, plan of operation approval.
  - b. A report titled “DPC Plan Modification for Initial Permitting of CCR Landfills – Addendum 1” dated January 17, 2024.
  - c. The department’s files pertaining to the Dairyland Power Alma Off-Site Disposal Facility Phase IV Landfill (License #4126).
6. The proposed modification will not inhibit compliance with the standards set forth in the applicable portions of chs. NR 500-538, Wis. Adm. Code.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. The department has the authority under s. 289.30(6), Wis. Stats., to modify a plan of operation approval if the modification would not inhibit compliance with the applicable portions of chs. NR 500-538, Wis. Adm. Code.

2. In accordance with the foregoing, the department has the authority under s. 289.30(6), Wis. Stats., to issue the following plan of operation approval modification.

### PLAN OF OPERATION APPROVAL MODIFICATION

The department hereby approves the proposed plan of operation modification for the Dairyland Power Cooperative Alma Off-Site Disposal Facility Phase IV Landfill, subject to compliance with chs. NR 500-538, Wis. Adm. Code.

This approval is based on the information available to the department as of the date of approval. If additional information, project changes, or other circumstances indicate a possible need to modify this approval, the department may ask you to provide further information relating to this activity. Likewise, the department accepts proposals to modify approvals, as provided for in state statutes and administrative codes.

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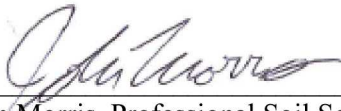
If you believe you have a right to challenge this decision made by the department, you should know that Wisconsin statutes and administrative codes establish time periods and requirements for reviewing department decisions.

To seek judicial review of the department's decision, sections 227.52 and 227.53, Wis. Stats., establish criteria for filing a petition for judicial review. You have 30 days after the decision is mailed or otherwise served by the department to file your petition with the appropriate circuit court and serve the petition on the department. The petition shall name the Department of Natural Resources as the respondent.

Dated: October 14, 2024

#### DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

For the Secretary



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