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Indiana Dept. of Environmental Management
c/o Kelly Hall, Section Chief
Solid Waste Compliance Section
100 N. Senate Ave. Rm. N045
Indianapolis, IN 46204-2251

Dear Ms. Hall:

I was requested by Tim Hotz to report by letter regarding the progress of the vacating of our old shelter property at 4110 E. 200 S. in Bartholomew County.

Here is the list of actions we have taken to comply with the recommendations of your inspection of March 30, 2015.

- Graded landfill cover twice to prevent ponding water
- Removed construction trailer and ramp
- Sold old shelter building to Paul Clear. He has told us he will have the building removed in spring of 2017
- Disconnected all electrical power
- Made arrangements with Axsom-Franke Plumbing to collapse the septic system and fill in tank with dirt.
- Disabled the well
- Some sunken graves leveled
- Leachate appeared to be not on our property
- Drainage ditch is owned by the county, not within our authority to change contours

We request that we still will be able to use the pet cemetery under conditions for the following reasons:

- There are people whose pets are buried there who want to continue to visit the site.
- We have clients who have pre-paid for grave sites.
- We need to have some income off the site to maintain mowing and upkeep.
- We still have to pay liability insurance and need some income from the site to do that.

Conditions:

- We can maintain the pet cemetery with regard to the pre-paid grave sites.
- We can derive an income from site use as an ashes scattering area for cremated pets from local cremation businesses.
- We can plant income producing flowers and trees.
- We can allow volunteers to walk dogs on the site.


Finally, even though it is highly unlikely that any buyer would have an interest in the property under the IDEM restrictions, we will request our local recorder's office to make the notations regarding the site as a former landfill. However, as we originally purchased the site ten years after all landfill operations were completed, we have no knowledge of the types and location of waste or any knowledge of surface water run-off. The cost to prepare any new plot plan to this effect is prohibitive to our not-for-profit charitable organization. In addition, if the original land fill operators are not taking responsibility for the identification of waste and surface run off, we should not be expected to assume the costs.

We will report all further action taken when it is finished.

This activity is being done under the direction of Bartholomew County Humane Society shelter committee and board of directors.

If you have questions, you may correspond either through Tim Hotz who has contacted me several times, or you may call me directly at my home number 812-372-4323 or e-mail czucks@tls.net.

Sincerely,


Cheryl Zuckschwerdt-Ellsbury
Shelter Committee Chairman