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Jeff Myrom
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RE: Request for comments regarding alternative liner design

Dear Mr. Myrom:

This letter is not intended to provide detailed technical comments in response to your January 21st memo requesting comments on alternative liner design. Solid waste management is one of my areas of responsibility, but I defer to others who are expert in the field of MSW landfill cell design and construction when the Dubuque Metropolitan Area Solid Waste Agency requires that type of support. However, I do wish to provide comments that are focused more on good management practices.

First of all, please know that I do support the Iowa Department of Natural Resources in its efforts to update and modernize Chapter 113. I especially appreciate your intent to align Iowa's landfill rules with federal Subtitle D regulations.

Regarding alternative liners, as a layman, it makes sense to me that models for alternative liner design reflect actual conditions of the actual site. It also would seem to be a given that if an alternative liner is approved, that it be designed, constructed and operated as modeled.

Sincerely,



Don Vogt

City of Dubuque Public Works Director