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Jeffery R. Vonk, Director
Iowa Department of Natural Resources
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RE: Iowa solid waste landfills meeting the national Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Criteria for artificial liners or their equivalent.

Dear Director Vonk:

Thank you for your letter of January 3, 2005, proposing a revised timeline for Iowa landfills to comply with the RCRA Subtitle D liner requirements. We are pleased to note that you conducted an extensive public outreach program to elicit comments on the solid waste landfill revisions.

The original proposal was that all landfills would be in compliance by the summer of 2006. Your compromise position with the affected facilities would postpone that date until October 1, 2007, or approximately 15 months. Given that the facilities have been subject to the requirements of the Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Criteria since 1991, this would be a reasonable compromise and allow the affected facilities ample time to either move to a new lined cell or make alternative arrangements. We approve the revised timeline and look forward to working with you to achieve compliance with the stated requirements.

We also look forward to working with you and your staff as you promulgate new regulations and include additional flexibility afforded to the bioreactor landfills under the Research, Demonstration and Development rule. If we can assist you or your staff in this process, please do not hesitate to ask. Chet McLaughlin of my staff will be the primary contact. He can be reached at (913) 551-7666, or mclaughlin.chilton@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

William A. Spratlin, Director
Air, RCRA, Toxics Division