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February 2, 2021

The Honorable Everardo Villarreal
Precinct 3 Commissioner
County of Hidalgo
724 N. Breyfogle Road
Mission, Texas 78572

RE: Penitas Landfill - Hidalgo County
Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) - Permit No. 1727A
Acknowledgment of Final Facility Closure, and Beginning of Post-Closure Care
Tracking No. 25845827; CN600753990/RN102003597

Dear Commissioner Villarreal:

We received a certification of final facility closure for the referenced facility, pursuant to Title 30 Texas Administrative Code (30 TAC), Chapter 330, §330.461. The certification was provided by Mr. Brian Dudley, P.E., P.E. (Texas Licensed Professional Engineer No. 59831) of Cook-Joyce Inc., Austin, Texas, in a letter dated January 13, 2021, with enclosures, and was received on January 19, 2021.

The certification states that final facility closure has been completed in accordance with the approved closure plan and applicable regulations. The following documents required by 30 TAC §330.461(c)(1) were enclosed with the certification:

- A certified copy of an affidavit to the public, in accordance with the requirements of 30 TAC §330.19 and §330.457(g), filed in the Hidalgo County official public records on December 29, 2020.
- A certified copy of an instrument filed in the Hidalgo County official public records on December 29, 2020, to notify potential purchasers of the property in accordance with 30 TAC §330.457(g) and §330.461(c)(1) that the land has been used as a landfill facility.

We also received an email on January 29, 2021, from our Region 15 field office advising that a closure investigation was conducted. The report stated that no issues were noted during the investigation and recommended closure of the facility.

In addition, we noted the following documents relating to closure are already in our files for the referenced facility:

- A report documenting the construction of the landfill final cover system was received in March 2020 and acknowledged in our letter dated March 25, 2020.

The final closure certification is hereby accepted. We shall consider the facility to be closed and the post-closure care period to have begun on the date of the certification, January 13, 2021. The post-closure care period for this Type I (AE) landfill will be 30 years in accordance with 30

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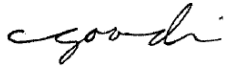
TAC §330.463(b) and the permit conditions, unless it is increased or decreased by the executive director. The physical status of the facility will be indicated as "Post-Closure Care" during the post-closure maintenance period. Post-closure maintenance inspections will be conducted at least through end of the post-closure care period to determine if any maintenance issues or other problems occur and to ensure that they are corrected. The leachate collection system, groundwater monitoring system, landfill gas monitoring system, and any other required systems must be maintained throughout the post-closure care maintenance period.

Operation of the Citizen Collection Station may continue only if its operation is consistent with the permit conditions. The permittee has indicated that a permit modification will be filed for this Citizen Collection Station.

If financial assurance is currently in place for closure of the facility, please contact Ms. Deborah Wisneski in the TCEQ Financial Administration Division at (512) 239-6150 to request its release.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Mr. Frank Zeng by email at frank.zeng@tceq.texas.gov.

Sincerely,



Chance Goodin, Manager
Municipal Solid Waste Permits Section
Waste Permits Division
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

CG/FZ/nck

cc: Mr. Brian Dudley, P.E., Cook-Joyce, Inc., Austin