

December 15, 2011

To Whom It May Concern:

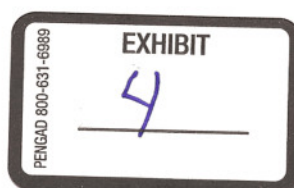
This letter is to acknowledge receipt of letters and signatures from the following at the Public Hearing held at Tougaloo College Holmes Hall Auditorium in support of the landfill project on North County Line Road:

1. Mayor Gene McGee
2. Alderman Chuck Gautier
3. Dr. George French
4. Mr. Dick Hutchinson
5. Mr. Bobby Rayburn
6. Mr. Bob McKay
7. Mr. Spence Flatgard
8. Mr. Nick Walters
9. Mrs. Lisa Walters
10. Mr. Russell Stubblefield
11. Mr. Anders Ferrington
12. Ms. Lauren Wilkes
13. Mr. Brian Perry
14. Signatures of concerned Hinds, Madison and Rankin County residents
15. Mr. Louis Cooper
16. Charnissa Handy

Received by:

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Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature



Ms. Lynn Chambers  
Permit Board  
P.O. Box 2261  
Jackson, MS 39225

December 14, 2011

Dear Ms. Chambers

I own several acres across from Mr. Bilberry off North County Line Road.

I read part of the transcript from the meeting at the Church. You and the other man from DEQ just lied telling a Church full of Black people BFI wasn't going any higher. I've read there application that said that it was a vertical expansion beyond 500 ft. That's not what you wrote Greg Harris who lives on Thomas Lane in a letter last year.

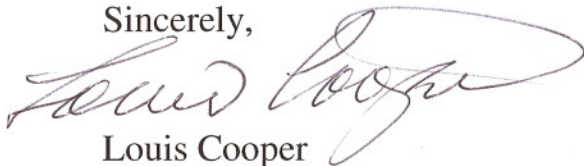
Most people think Mr. Bilberry's landfill should be the only landfill out here because it is the only one out here with trees. 200 feet back is more than enough off the road. It would only be fair to let him get as close to the landfills around him, as they are to him.

I heard the Pastor has been told about what DEQ did in his Church. He is not going to like the lies and I am pleased he is going to look into it.

DEQ told people at the end of the meeting how to stop Mr. Bilberry. Because nobody at the meeting said anything about setbacks, I see your notice made that the point of the meeting. I am sure they will all now be upset about setbacks.

The people who oppose Mr. Bilberry are eventually going to see what's going on and learn the truth.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Louis Cooper", with a large, sweeping flourish extending from the end of the name.

Louis Cooper

**James T. McCafferty**  
**Attorney At Law**  
**Post Office Box 5092**  
**Jackson, Mississippi 39296**  
**601-366-3506**  
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15 December 2011

Ms. Lynn Chambers  
Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality  
515 East Amite Street  
Jackson, Mississippi 39201

Re: Comment on Proposed NCL Landfill on Bilberry Property.

Dear Ms. Chambers:

I have been asked by Ms. Charnissa Handy to present comments for the public record regarding the above proposed project.

Ms. Handy is a resident of Madison County and supports the proposed project because she believes additional solid waste disposal capacity is needed for Madison County. Currently, much of the County's disposal needs are handled by the City of Canton Landfill (Canton Landfill). The problem is that the City of Canton Landfill is running out of space and needs to expand if it is to continue to operate. The Canton Landfill received a permit to expand from the Mississippi Environmental Quality Permit Board [Permit Board] to develop additional space back in 2004. Unfortunately, it appears the Canton Landfill expansion cannot go through as planned for a number of reasons, including but not limited to the following:

1. It appears that the greater part of the space the Canton Landfill plans to develop is outside the City of Canton's corporate limits. This is problematic because

- (A) expansion outside of the City limits will violate Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality [MCEQ] Order 4396-02 (April 2, 2002) that limited the expansion to property within Canton. See Order 4397-02, ¶ 3. A copy of the order will be supplied when a copy can be obtained. And,
- (B) expansion outside of the City limits will violate the Canton Landfill's permit, which provides that the Landfill property is "within the Canton City limits." See, Permit, §IV. A copy of the Permit is attached.

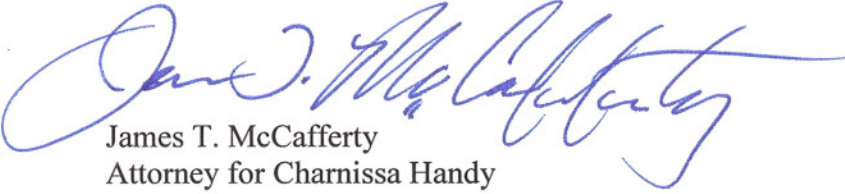
2. A map prepared by Engineers Allen & Hoshall as part of a permit application appears to indicate that there are more than 20 residences within one mile of the expansion area. A copy of a map/aerial photograph illustrating this issue is attached. A City of Canton map with the approximate area of the proposed expansion penciled in is also attached.

Ms. Chambers  
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In contrast to the problems the proposed Canton Landfill expansion appears to have, the NCL landfill, as currently proposed, appears to meet siting requirements, including the 250' buffer zone requirement.

We have additional documents that will be provided as soon as copies can be obtained.

Respectfully submitted,



James T. McCafferty  
Attorney for Charnissa Handy





STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
DAVID RONALD MUSGROVE, GOVERNOR  
MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
CHARLES H. CHISOLM, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
April 2, 2002

**CERTIFIED MAIL/RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

The Honorable Alice M. Scott, Mayor  
City of Canton  
P.O. Box 1605  
Canton, MS 39046

Dear Mayor Scott:

Enclosed is a copy of Administrative Order No. 4396 02, which has been issued by the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, approving your City's recently proposed amendment to the City of Canton Solid Waste Management Plan.

The enclosed order approves the City's proposed amendment to include a proposed lateral expansion of the permitted disposal area for the City of Canton Sanitary Landfill. The proposed lateral expansion shall include approximately 78 acres of increased disposal area bringing the total disposal capacity of the landfill to approximately 149 acres. The approval of this amendment to the City of Canton's Solid Waste Management Plan would allow the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality to review environmental permit applications for the expansion described above.

If you have any questions or comments concerning this order, please contact Mr. Trent Jones at (601) 961-5726.

Sincerely

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Phil Bass, Director  
Office of Pollution Control

PB:pl  
Enclosure

2.

On October 31, 1994, Commission Order No. 2943-94 was executed approving the City of Canton Solid Waste Management Plan.

3.

On November 6, 2001, the Respondent adopted an amendment to the approved City of Canton Solid Waste Management Plan to include a proposed lateral expansion of the permitted disposal area for the City of Canton Sanitary Landfill. The proposed lateral expansion shall include approximately 78 acres of increased disposal area bringing the total disposal capacity of the landfill to approximately 149 acres. The landfill is located in Sections 25, 35, and 36, Township 9 North, Range 2 East, Madison County on Soldier Colony Road in Canton. The service area of the landfill shall include Copiah, Hinds, Holmes, Madison, Rankin, Simpson, Warren, and Yazoo counties in Mississippi. Additionally, the Landfill will accept for disposal, processed medical waste from the Medical Waste Services of America, LLC facility which is approved to receive medical waste from the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana, Tennessee, and Texas.

4.

The request for approval of this amendment and the associated documentation related to the public notice and public comments and the City's subsequent approval of the matter, were submitted to the

Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality in February and March 2002 and were subsequently reviewed by the Department for compliance with state law.

5.

Premises considered, the Executive Director finds, based upon the evidence presented to the Department, that the amendment to the City of Canton Solid Waste Management Plan was executed, ratified, and adopted by Respondent in accordance with state law and regulation.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the amendment to the City of Canton Solid Waste Management Plan as described in Paragraph 3 of this Order is hereby approved.

The Commission expressly reserves the right and authority to modify this order to conform with any grants of authority subsequently made by federal legislation or as a result of federal judicial review. This reservation of rights specifically includes, but is not limited to, any right or authority of the State of Mississippi to regulate or restrict out-of-state solid wastes brought into the State of Mississippi for any purpose. The Commission specifically reserves the right and authority to modify or amend this order to include additional restrictions on any matter relating to out-of-state wastes, including transportation

of, importation of, disposal of and handling of solid wastes, within the jurisdiction of the State of Mississippi, so long as the modifications or amendments comply with federal laws, regulations and judicial interpretations. This reservation of rights also includes, but is not limited to, the fees allowed for solid wastes imported into the State of Mississippi.

If aggrieved by this Order, Respondent may request a hearing before the Commission by filing a sworn petition with the Commission within thirty (30) days after the date of this Order in the manner provided by Section 49-17-41 of the Mississippi Code Annotated (Supp. 2001).

ORDERED, this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2002.

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON  
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

BY:



CHARLES H. CHISOLM  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF  
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



FILE COPY

# STATE OF MISSISSIPPI SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PERMIT

TO OPERATE A SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH THE REGULATIONS GOVERNING  
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

**THIS CERTIFIES THAT**

City of Canton

has been granted permission to operate a solid waste management facility

located at

Sections 25, 26, 35, & 36, Township 9 North, Range 2 East  
Madison County

under the name of

Canton Sanitary Landfill

This permit is issued in accordance with the provisions of the Mississippi  
Code Annotated, and the regulations and guidelines adopted and promulgated  
thereunder

**MISSISSIPPI ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY PERMIT BOARD**



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**AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE**

**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

Issued: August 10, 2004  
Expires: July 31, 2014

Permit No. SW04501B0378

**Permit Action Form**  
**Canton, City of, Canton Sanitary Landfill**  
**303 Soldier Colony Road**  
**Madison County**  
**Canton, MS 39046**

**Branch Manager: Billy Warden**  
**SIC: 4953**

**Recommendations**

**Folder No. – Activity Type**  
PER20030002 - RA-SW-Mun Landfill

**Permit No.**  
SW04501B0378

**DEQ Contact**  
Michelle Vinson

**Action:** ☐ Issue  
☒ Modification  
☐ Transfer  
☐ Revoke

☒ Reissue  
☐ Name Change  
☐ Deny

**By:** ☐ Division Chief  
☒ Permit Board  
☐ Terminate

**Programs:**

**Master File**

Program	Sub Program	Delete
Solid Waste	MSW Landfill - Subtitle D	<input type="checkbox"/>
Solid Waste	MSW Landfill - Active	<input type="checkbox"/>
Water	NPDES Storm	<input type="checkbox"/>

Marked subprograms should be deleted from the master file by the Master File Administrator

**Permit Application**

Program	Sub Program
Solid Waste	MSW Landfill – Subtitle D

**Basis:** The permittee has submitted the appropriate application for expansion and re-issuance of the solid waste management permit for the Canton Sanitary Landfill. The permittee requested a 73 acre expansion of the sanitary landfill into an existing sewage lagoon owned/operated by the City of Canton. The permittee requested a reduced buffer zone on the east and south sides of the landfill. The adjacent landowners were notified of the proposed reduced buffer distance. A public hearing was held on July 22, 2004, no comments were received.

**Coordination**

**Comments:** An individual NPDES storm water discharge permit will be issued concurrently with the re-issued/modified solid waste management permit.

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RATIONALE FOR RE-ISSUANCE  
City of Canton Sanitary Landfill  
Madison County  
Canton, Mississippi  
Solid Waste No. SW04501B0378

I. FACILITY INFORMATION

Facility Name: City of Canton, City of Canton Sanitary Landfill  
Facility Address: 303 Soldier Colony Road  
Canton, Mississippi 39046  
Permit No.: SW04501B0378  
SIC Code: 4953  
Permit Writer: Michelle Vinson  
EPD Branch: Mining and Solid Waste Management Branch

II. NATURE OF BUSINESS AND CURRENT CONDITIONS

The facility is a Municipal Solid Waste landfill. The City of Canton Sanitary Landfill currently consists of approximately 77 acres designated for municipal solid waste within an approximately 200 acres owned by the City of Canton. Additionally, a Class I rubbish disposal site is located adjacent to the landfill.

III. PROPOSED PERMITTING ACTION(S)

The City of Canton submitted an application for a lateral expansion on March 14, 2003. The expansion application consists of approximately 73 acres to be added to the currently permitted acreage on-site. The proposed expansion area is an existing sewage lagoon, which will be closed according to the regulations. The total disposal acreage will be approximately 150 acres.

IV. LOCATION AND TOTAL PROPERTY AREA

The City of Canton Sanitary Landfill is located in Sections 25, 26, 35 and 36, Township 9 North, Range 2 East, Madison County, within the Canton city limits. The facility is accessed from Soldier Colony Road. The City of Canton owns approximately 300 acres including and surrounding the disposal facility.

V. SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN INFORMATION

The Solid Waste Management Plan was amended to include the additional acreage described above on February 2, 2004.



## VI. WASTE ACCEPTANCE

The facility will accept municipal solid waste from industries, businesses and residences within Madison County as well as other surrounding counties.

## VII. SITING CRITERIA

The facility has demonstrated compliance with all of the applicable siting criteria with the following variance request:

Section III.T of the Nonhazardous Solid Waste Management Regulations require a minimum buffer distance of 250 feet unless the permittee demonstrates that the affected property owners have been given timely and sufficient notice of the proposed buffer distance reduction. On the east and south sides of the expansion area, the proposed buffer distances are 100 and 125 feet respectively. The affected land owners were notified by certified mail in March 2004 of the proposed reduced buffer distance, neither the applicant nor the DEQ received comments regarding the proposed buffer distances. The affected property owners are the Mississippi Development Authority and the Canadian National Railroad.

## VIII. GEOLOGICAL INFORMATION

The subsurface geology encountered at the site includes the Yazoo formation, Moodys Branch formation, and the Cockfield formation. The Yazoo clay formation consists of weathered and unweathered clays having a very low permeability. The Moodys Branch formation is the first water-bearing soil unit encountered below the expansion area. The Cockfield formation immediately underlies the Moodys Branch formation and consists predominately of clays, silty clays and slightly silty clays. The Cockfield formation was found to extend to the 198 foot completion depth of the deepest boring. The permeabilities determined for the underlying soils were found to be less than  $1.0 \times 10^{-7}$  cm/sec. A Quality Assurance/Quality Control plan will be implemented to verify the required thickness and permeability as cells are constructed.

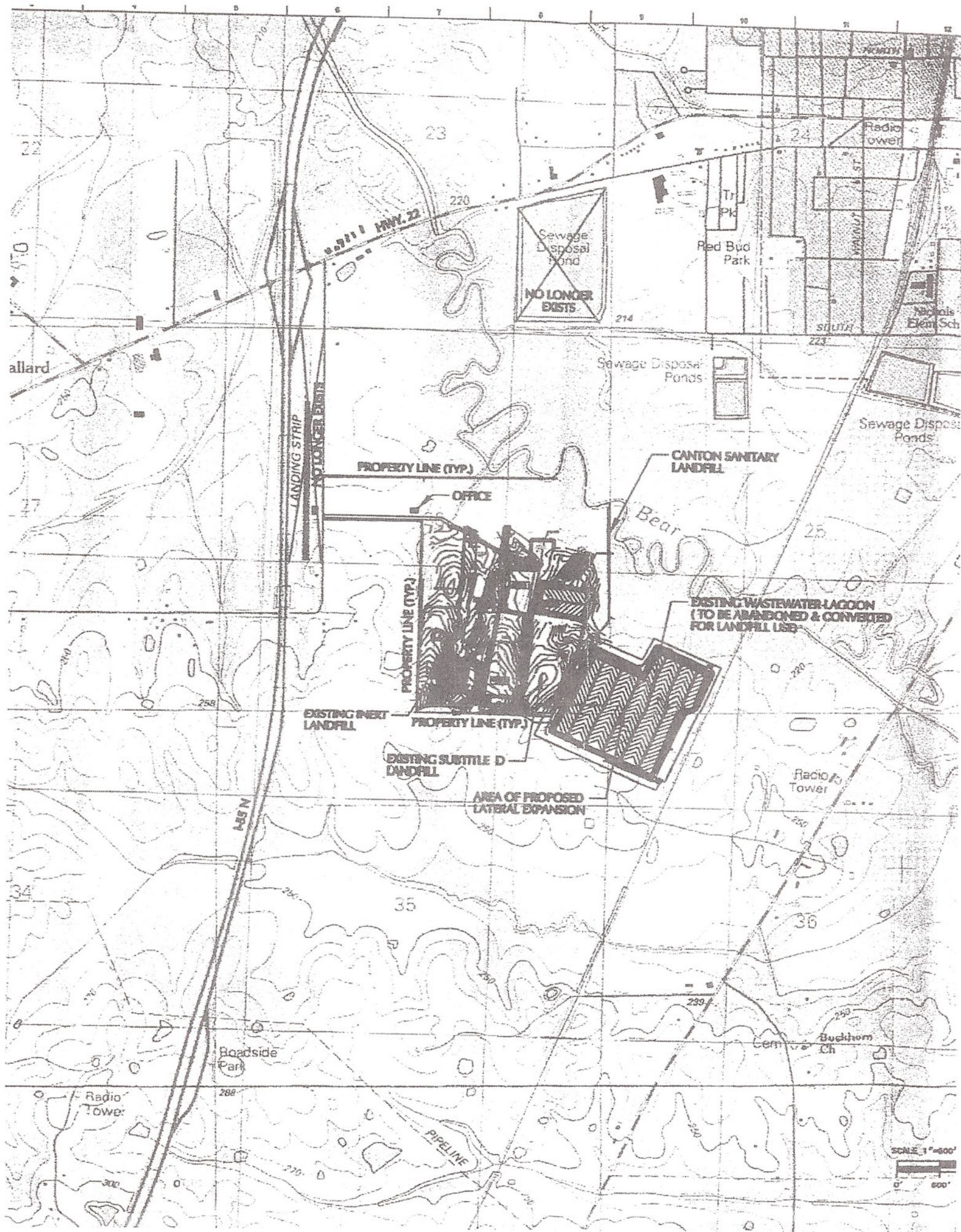
## IX. OTHER REQUIRED ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITS

The facility required an individual National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit for the discharge of non-contact storm water from the landfill facility to Bear Creek. A rationale/fact sheet has been prepared that provides information regarding the NPDES permit.

## X. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

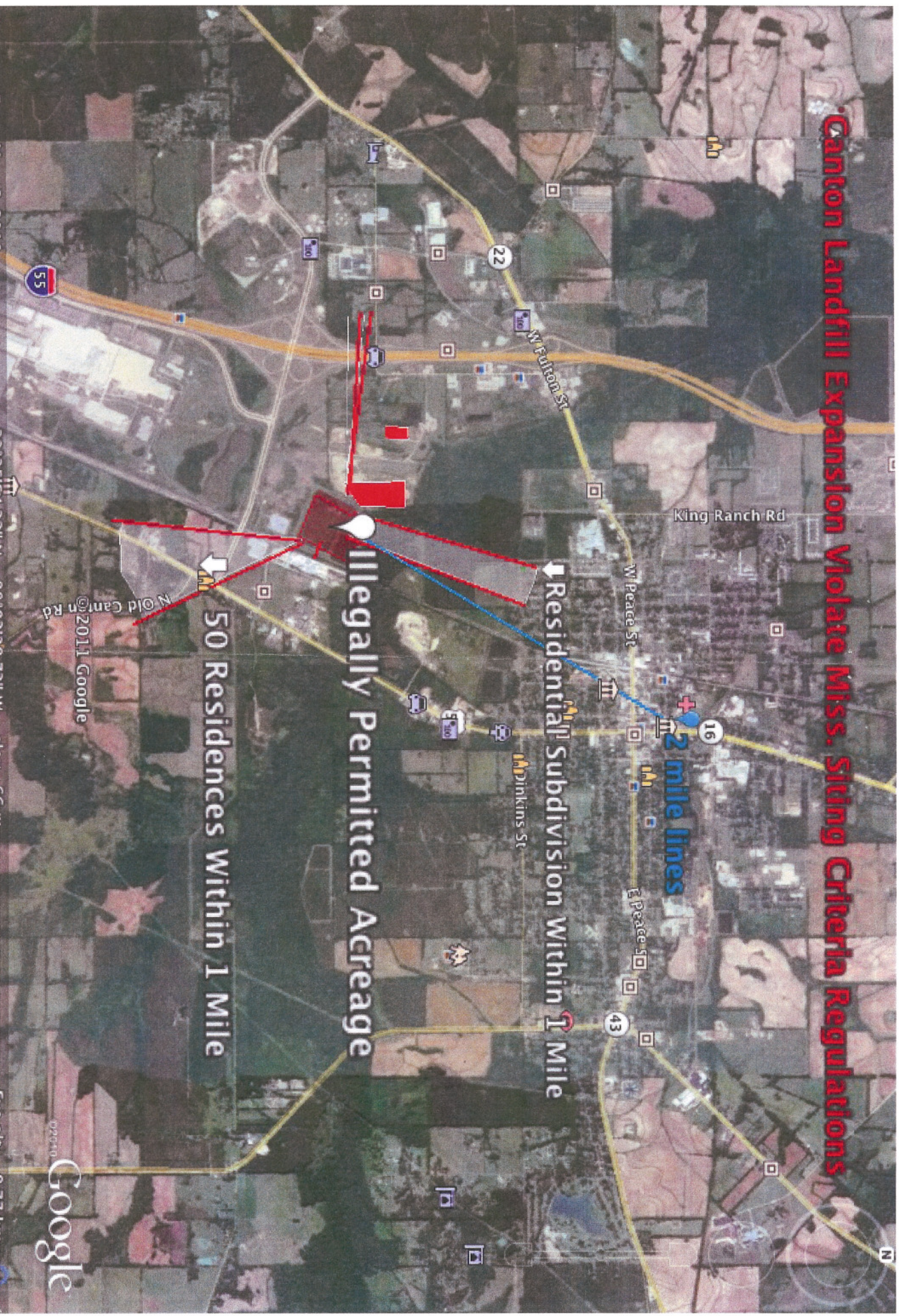
The Notice of Public Hearing will be published on June 23, 2004 and a public hearing will be held on July 22, 2004.







**Canton Landfill Expansion Violate Miss. Siting Criteria Regulations**





Allen & Hoshall, P.L.L.C.  
P.O. Box 4510  
Jackson, MS 39216-4510  
601.977.8993 fax 601.977.8924

CANTON SANITARY  
LANDFILL

CANTON, MISSISSIPPI

PROPERTY MAP

JOB NO: 7743  
DATE: 02.11.03  
DRAWN: WRF  
CHECKED: JCN  
CAD FILE: PROPERTYMAPS.DWG



MADISON CO.  
MISSISSIPPI  
TOWNSHIP 9N  
RANGE 2E  
MAP 92 G

SCALE: 1"=1000'

MAP 92G-25B

MAP 92G-25A

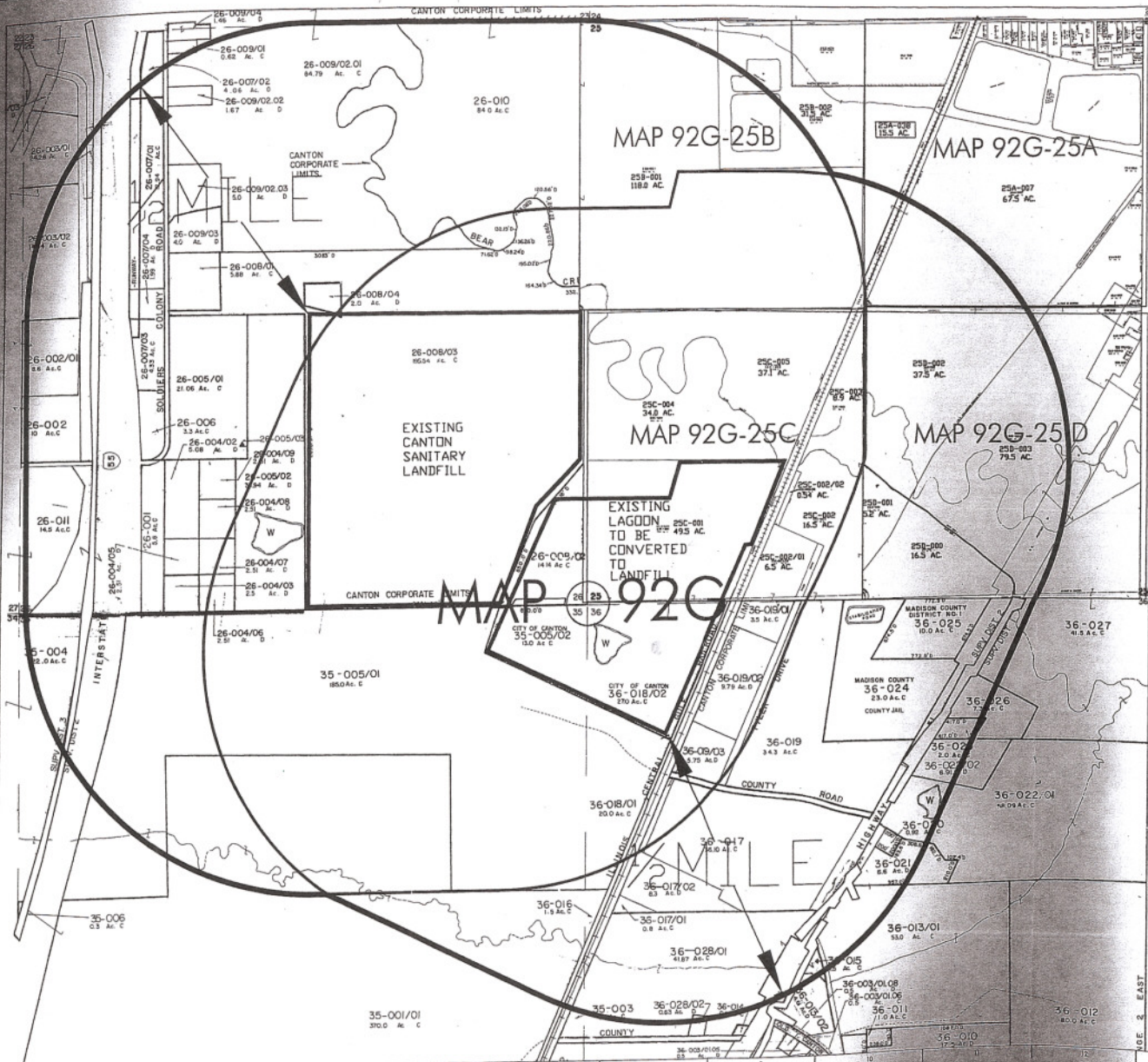
MAP 92G-25C

MAP 92G-25D

MAP 92G

EXISTING  
CANTON  
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# CITY OF CANTON

## ZONING

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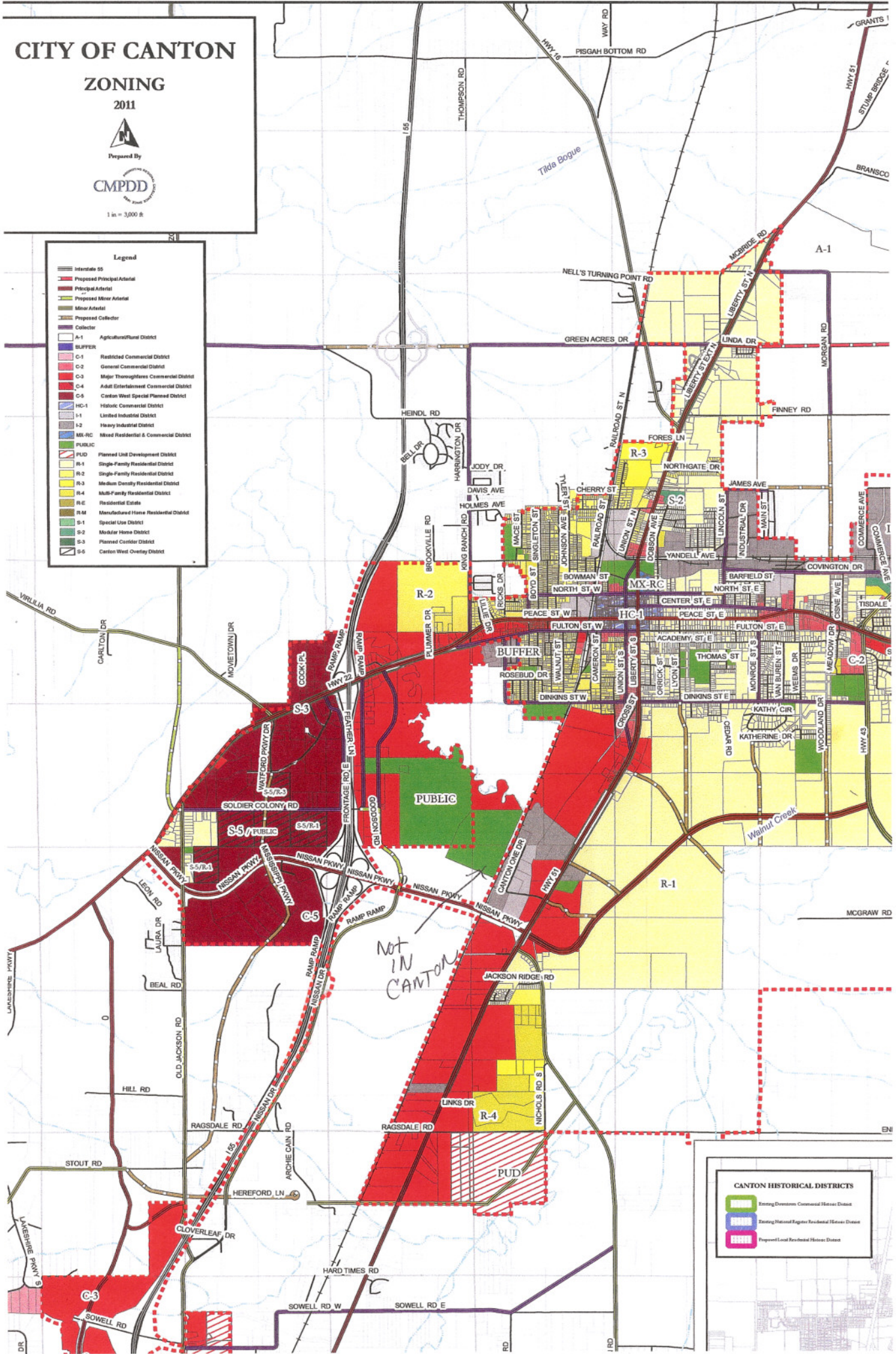
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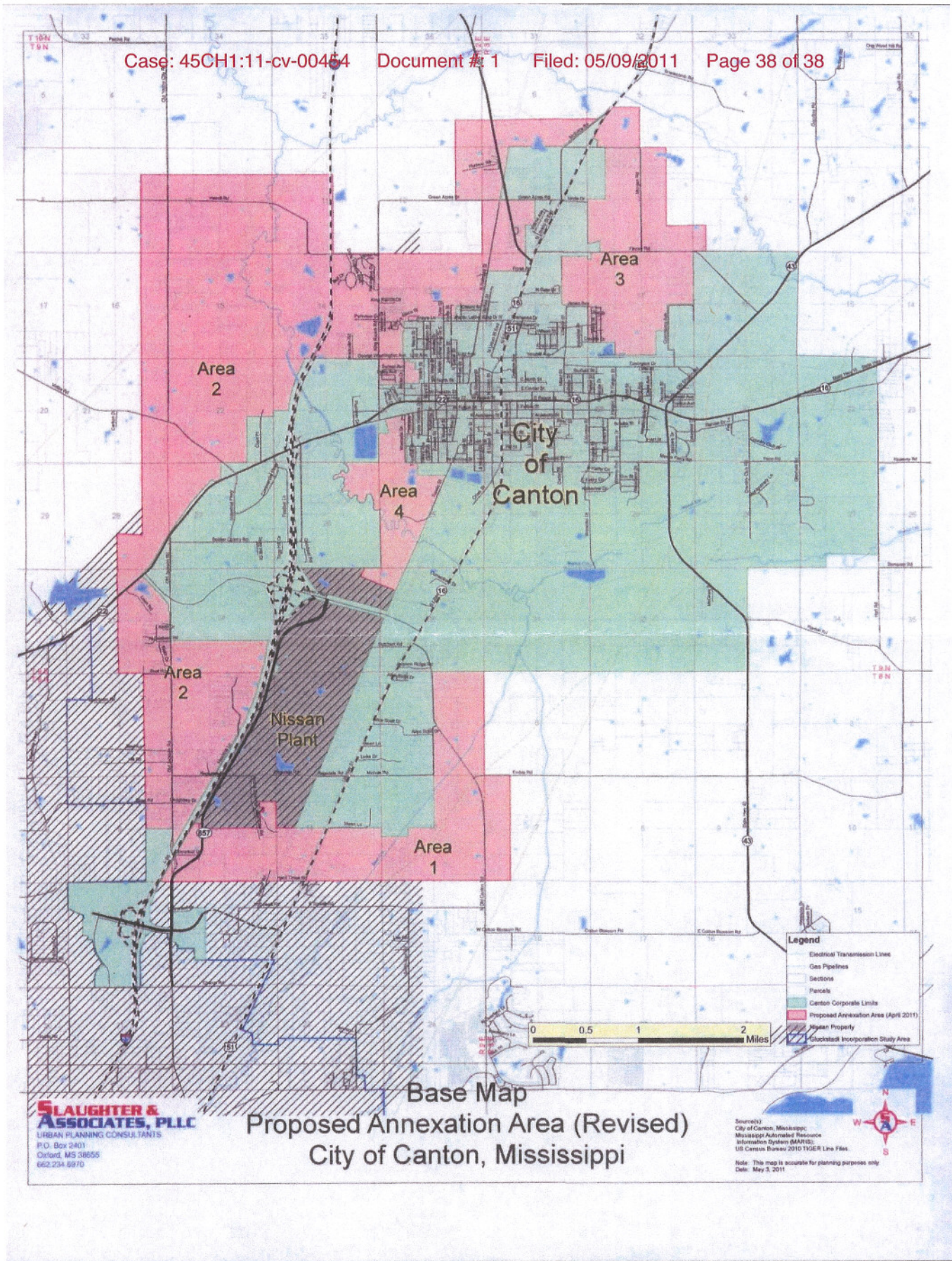
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- Collector
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- BUFFER
- C-1 Restricted Commercial District
- C-2 General Commercial District
- C-3 Major Thoroughfare Commercial District
- C-4 Adult Entertainment Commercial District
- C-5 Canton West Special Planned District
- HC-1 Historic Commercial District
- I-1 Limited Industrial District
- I-2 Heavy Industrial District
- MX-RC Mixed Residential & Commercial District
- PUBLIC
- PUD Planned Unit Development District
- R-1 Single-Family Residential District
- R-2 Single-Family Residential District
- R-3 Medium Density Residential District
- R-4 Multi-Family Residential District
- R-E Residential Estate
- RM Manufactured Home Residential District
- S-1 Special Use District
- S-2 Modular Home District
- S-3 Planned Corridor District
- S-6 Canton West Overlay District



**CANTON HISTORICAL DISTRICTS**

- Existing Downtown Commercial Historic District
- Existing National Register Residential Historic District
- Proposed Local Residential Historic District





From Canton  
Annexation  
Law Sect





December 14, 2011

Lynn Chambers  
Chairwoman, Permit Board  
Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality  
P.O. Box 2261  
Jackson, MS 39225

Dear Madam Chairwoman:

The City of Ridgeland recognizes the importance of the North County Line Road landfill as a critical component of future growth and economic stability.

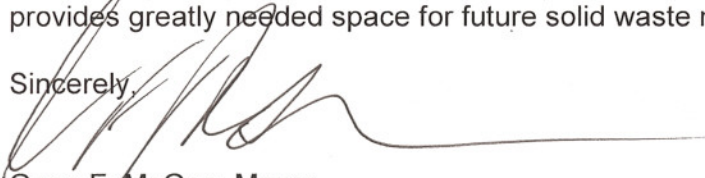
Ridgeland, through a very carefully considered process, has participated in the Madison County Solid Waste Management Plan, and concern over the true remaining capacity at the two other landfills has been an item of discussion on a number of occasions.

The City of Ridgeland, along with other area municipalities, is looking at future requirements for solid waste disposal contracts and the competitiveness of other options available. Without the NCL landfill, the rates available to us, thereby passed on to our residents and businesses would negatively impact growth and development. Additionally, the NCL project is a locally owned and operated business.

The NCL site, conveniently adjacent to the existing landfill properties, will also create new jobs. The county will also benefit from additional revenue. Ridgeland, along with Madison and Flora, approved this landfill as a part of the Madison County Solid Waste Management Plan around 2003. Not only has the Madison County Board of Supervisors acted on every item put forth by the Permit Board, it has consistently voted in favor of it. The technicality of the setback now under consideration is not something that should stop this project from moving forward, especially since the other facilities do not meet the current MDEQ requirement for 250 feet; in fact, in several areas along the perimeters of the other existing landfills, there is almost no setback or vegetative screen at all. The Bilberry property has more than adequate trees and other foliage to screen the landfill as required for this permit.

Additionally, the plan for the North County Line project meets all environmental requirements and provides greatly needed space for future solid waste management planning.

Sincerely,



Gene F. McGee, Mayor  
City of Ridgeland

| GFM:ds

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street address: 304 highway 51 • ridgeland, ms 39157  
ph: 601.856.7113 • [www.ridgelandms.org](http://www.ridgelandms.org)

Gene F. McGee, cmo - mayor • David W. Overby, cpa - director of finance & administration, city clerk

board of aldermen: Gerald Steen - at - large • Ken Heard, cmo - ward 1 • Chuck Gautier - ward 2 • Kevin Holder - ward 3  
Brian P. Ramsey - ward 4 • Scott Jones, mayor pro tempore - ward 5 • Wesley Hamlin - ward 6

Chuck Gautier, CMO  
Alderman, Ward 2  
Ridgeland, MS  
39157

Permit Board  
Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality  
P.O. Box 2261  
Jackson, MS 39225

Dear Madam Chairwoman:

As the Alderman for Ward 2, on behalf of the City of Ridgeland, I would like to express support for the North County Line Landfill. As our cities continue to grow, we must consider all aspects of needs from both our citizens as well as our businesses. I appreciate the difficult decisions you have to undertake and certainly appreciate and respect your final decision.

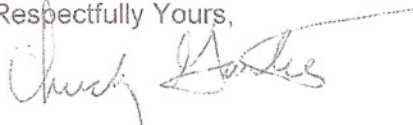
Concern over the existing landfill's true remaining capacity is one that has been a part of numerous discussions, and regardless of the volume left, Madison County and the other entities which contract for waste disposal in this County will expect plans to be in place. I may not know when that time is, but I know it is inevitable, and will only be a more difficult process with even more scarce resources. With that in mind, it seems only logical that a location be utilized in close proximity of existing landfills.

Not only is a third landfill good because of the competitive rates it has already created, but it is a locally owned and operated business, thereby creating jobs and additional revenues. The plans for the North County Line Project stipulate that environmental regulations will be followed, which has not always been the case with the current landfill sites. The North County Line site offers the best use of the property, for which it is already zoned, and the additional disposal capacity will allow for appropriate future planning.

The proposed North County Line site, which is contiguous to the existing landfills on several sides, will increase the ability for Madison County and other cities in Madison County to dispose of their own waste. Ridgeland, along with Madison and Flora, approved the plan for this landfill as a part of the Madison County Solid Waste Management Plan. The Madison County Board of Supervisors has repeatedly voted in favor of this project.

Again we appreciate the final decision you make, but support the additional land fill and thank you in advance for your consideration.

Respectfully Yours,



Chuck Gautier,  
Alderman, Ward 2  
City of Ridgeland



Dr. George French  
322 Colonial Drive  
Jackson, MS 39204

December 15, 2011

Ms. Lynn Chambers  
Chair, Mississippi Environmental Quality Permit Board  
Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality  
P.O. Box 2261  
Jackson, MS 39225

Dear Ms. Chambers,

I am writing to support the NCL/Bilberry landfill which has been widely discussed and examined for Madison County.

Madison County continues to enjoy steady growth in its businesses and number of residents. A necessary consideration as we plan for continued future growth is waste disposal.

BFI's current landfill capacity has been subject to various studies and determinations; regardless of what "life expectancy" it is given, it will one day become full to capacity. The proposed NCL/Bilberry site, which is in between BFI's two existing properties, will increase the Metro area's ability to dispose of its own waste.

By opening a third landfill, Madison County is not becoming the "dumping ground" for Central Mississippi; Madison County is responsibly looking into future needs of its residents, and also at the future needs of surrounding metropolitan areas who have to contract for their waste disposal.

Sincerely,

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Ms. Lynn Chambers  
Chair, Mississippi Environmental Quality Permit Board  
Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality  
P.O. Box 2261  
Jackson, MS 39225

Dear Ms. Chambers,

As a resident of Madison County, I am in favor of the NCL/Bilberry landfill and believe this effort now in progress is reasonable planning for the future growth of the county. As a citizen involved in county economic development, I believe that this landfill would do no harm; it has been widely discussed and examined. Madison County continues to enjoy steady growth in its businesses and number of residents. A necessary consideration as we plan for continued future growth is waste disposal.

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For four terms, and now entering a fifth, the Madison County Board of Supervisors has completed the required measures to bring this project to fruition. This latest confusion over the "setback" requirements is one cleared up and outlined in MDEQs own guidelines: 250 feet is more than adequate considering the remote location on North County Line Road, and also considering the thick growth of trees and vegetation which effectively screen the Bilberry property.

Recognition is due to all those whose hard work and planning put forth for this project. Although I am writing to support this project as a private citizen, it is my experience as a past Chairman and current board member of the Madison County Economic Development Authority that gives me perspective in

appreciating how Madison County is working towards the betterment of all its citizens, and in support of the development of businesses so crucial to our economic stability.

MDEQ should allow the permits to be issued for this necessary landfill project without further delay.

David Peterson



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Mississippi Environmental Quality Permit Board

Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality

P.O. Box 2261

Jackson, MS 39225

To Whom It May Concern:

As a past President of the National Association of Home Builders, I have seen first-hand what problems can be created when municipalities and counties do not adequately plan for growth. Planning for services such as waste disposal is a crucial part of any area's development and progress.

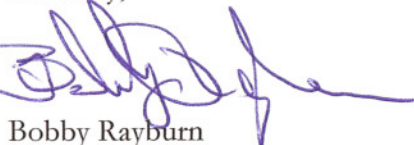
As a resident of Madison County, I have seen our area benefit from appropriate planning as it has enjoyed growth over the past several decades. However, future growth could be significantly and negatively impacted by a lack of solid waste disposal options.

Ridgeland, along with other municipalities, participating in Madison County's approved Solid Waste Management Plan, must continue to look at options for waste disposal services. Not only is the proposed additional landfill a good option because of increased overall capacity, but the change to disposal rates it has already affected have saved Madison County and other cities, towns and counties money during a time when budgets are worn thin.

The current locations on North County Line Road in Madison County for solid waste disposal have served the area since the late 1970s. Although there may still be capacity, without limits and restrictions that protect the remaining capacity for Madison County and other Mississippi customers, at any time the operating entity chooses, the two current landfills could quickly become filled and leave the area with no affordable options other than to raise rates and truck solid waste to other areas in the state.

The proposed additional landfill on North County Line Road represents an option and an opportunity for Madison County to plan for future growth in a timely, economically and environmentally responsible fashion. The Madison County Board of Supervisors has recognized this need for future growth planning and has dedicated a not insignificant amount of time and resources in taking steps to get the necessary permits in place for this project. To delay the permits again is irresponsible on the part of the agency which continues to so. The NCL project should be allowed to go forward immediately.

Sincerely,



Bobby Rayburn



December 14, 2011

Mississippi Environmental Quality Permit Board  
Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality  
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Jackson, MS 39225

To Whom It May Concern:

As the current Executive Vice President of the Home Builders Association of Jackson, I write to support the proposed new North County Line Road landfill project. From the perspective of metro-area growth and development, a facility such as this is more than important, it is critical. The addition of this facility has been deeply examined and widely discussed in Madison County and beyond. With the projected growth in Madison County, as well as in other areas of Central Mississippi, the addition of a competitive landfill in close proximity to existing disposal services seems to make good logistical and financial sense.

Thoughtful future planning for waste disposal will ensure that as home owners make the decision to construct new homes, there are responsible and affordable options for disposing of waste – not only as new neighborhoods and estates are created, but for years into the future. Frankly, the metro area needs every advantage it can garner when attempting to retain home owners and in encouraging businesses to grow or to relocate here.

By opening an additional landfill, Madison County is looking carefully at future needs of surrounding metropolitan areas who have to contract for their waste disposal. The question of the current North County Line landfills have been the subject of various studies and determinations; regardless of what "life expectancy" or "capacity" is given, they will both one day become full. The proposed NCL/Bilberry site, which is in between the two currently operating facilities, will only increase Madison County's ability to dispose of its own waste, and to profit from the acceptance of waste from neighboring counties and other metro-area communities.

For more than a dozen years, the Madison County Board of Supervisors has worked to complete the necessary steps to make this facility a reality. It is time to recognize the diligence and efforts put forward for this project by the officials and governing bodies who have tried to provide another opportunity for growth in Central Mississippi. By issuing the permit to allow the NCL/Bilberry landfill to go forward, another step will be taken to ensure long term economic stability in both Madison County and the Metro area.

Sincerely,

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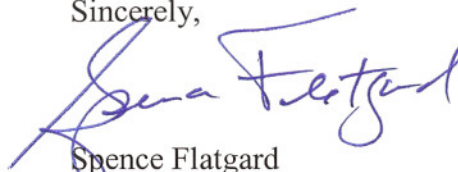
Dear Madam Chairwoman:

I live in the Dinsmor neighborhood in Ridgeland, and I would like to express my support for the North County Line Landfill. As Ridgeland and Madison County continue to grow, we must consider all aspects of our needs, including trash and/or waste disposal. We have been fortunate in Ridgeland to have continued growth in both the number of residents as well as businesses established. However, the concern over the existing landfill's true remaining capacity needs to be addressed for our city to continue to grow.

Ridgeland, along with other cities and towns participating in the approved Madison County Solid Waste Management Plan, are looking at current and future requirements for the contracting of waste disposal services. The proposed North County Line site, adjacent to the existing landfill properties, will increase Madison County's ability to dispose of its own waste, while supporting new jobs and creating additional revenue. Ridgeland, along with Madison and Flora, approved the plan for this landfill as a part of the Madison County Solid Waste Management Plan. We believe that the Madison County Board of Supervisors has acted on each request put forward by the Permit Board in a timely fashion, and in doing so, has supported this project beyond merely voting in favor of it.

I understand that the North County Line project exceeds all environmental requirements. A third landfill that is a locally owned and operated business and creates more competition driving rates down are two good reasons to approve the application. Please consider the positive impact on the future growth and development of Ridgeland and all of Madison County which the North County Line Landfill offers.

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Dear Madam Chairwoman:

As a former presidential appointee, serving as the head of Rural Development for USDA in Mississippi, but also as a longtime resident and active entrepreneur and business developer in Hinds and Madison Counties, the availability of appropriate, responsible solid waste disposal cannot be emphasized enough in its relationship to economic development.

The site offered by the North County Line Road landfill project is as appropriate and convenient as anyone could ask for, as it is an area of Madison County with existing zoning and geological conditions that are conducive to establishing and properly operating a disposal facility. The property is also contiguous on several sides to the existing landfill facilities used by a number of Central Mississippi counties, municipalities and townships as their site for solid waste disposal.

Participants in the Solid Waste Management Plan will benefit from this additional landfill, the jobs it brings to the area, and the revenue generated for the County. Developers can plan for growth knowing that waste will be safely disposed of, not only during the construction phases, but also once residents and businesses are in place. Jobs will be available in a part of Mississippi where unemployment is higher than the national average. Revenue, both from taxes and administrative fees, will help Madison County continue to make progress.

The Madison County Board of Supervisors has carefully considered every step and phase of this project for over 13 years, and has always voted it forward. The technicality now under consideration is not something that should stop this project from continuing. Not only does the NCL meet all requirements to operate with a setback of 250 feet or less, the property has thick lines of trees along its perimeters and NCL is mindful of all other technical specifications that modern landfills need to operate safely and responsibly.

As in the case with any large development, there is opposition from some area residents who may not fully understand the necessity for this particular project. No matter how the matter is viewed, the simple fact is that Madison County is going to need additional waste disposal capacity in the near future, and the NCL project has been preparing to meet that need, with the support of the County, for over a decade.

Thank you for your time and consideration of these comments.



Nick Walters