Hazardous Waste Management Facility Local Site Review Packet

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To the Interested Reader:

The purpose of this notebook is to provide background documents and information to the Site Review Committee established by §81-1521.09(1) and other interested persons on the proposal by Heritage Disposal and Storage, LLC (Heritage), to install and operate a hazardous waste management facility at 345 South 80th Rd., Alda, Nebraska. The primary duty of the Site Review Committee is to prepare a final report which conveys the thoughts of the community to the Director of the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ) on the proposal. The Site Review Committee does not serve in an approval or decision making capacity, rather they are asked to ensure that the siting process is comprehensive, educational and credible.

The Site Review Committee is required by statute (§81-1521.13) to consider the following:

- Economic considerations
- Function of the facility
- Technological considerations
- Site characteristics
- Environmental quality
- Transportation
- Emergency situations
- Applicable regulations and enforcement

The Site Review Committee is required to prepare a final report within 180 days of Heritage filing a Notice of Intent to apply for a permit to operate a commercial hazardous waste management facility. When the Director of the NDEQ receives the Site Review Committee report, Heritage then will make application for all required permits. NDEQ will review the applications to ensure they are complete, and copies of those applications and the Sire Review Committee report are forwarded to Hall County Board. The Hall County Board must hold a hearing within 45 days of the receipt the applications and the Site Review Committee report. If the Hall County Board approves the proposal, the Department of Environmental Quality will begin reviewing the application. If the Hall County Board rejects the proposal, the Department of Environmental Quality will take no action.

The statutory requirements applicable to the siting of a commercial hazardous management facility are unique and provide opportunities for issues to be raised at an early date. This affords Heritage the opportunity to address those issues before the formal review of the applications begins. Similarly the process allows Heritage the opportunity to fully explain their operation and address concerns.

On behalf of the Department we look forward to working with the Site Review Committee over the coming months and we welcome comments from the Committee, and any interested person. Please feel free to direct comments to me, Joe Francis, or any member of the Departments staff.

Jim Macy, Director
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This notebook has been provided to all members of the Heritage Disposal and Storage, Site Review Committee.

The notebook will be a "living" document with additions made as the siting process proceeds - e.g. minutes from meetings. The initial contents of the notebook include a welcome and a short explanation of the siting process by Jim Macy, Director, Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ). Additionally the final report of a previous Site Review Committee is included as an example of how the Site Review Committee conducted their activities. The current Site Review Committee, formed to address the Notice of Intent submitted by Heritage Disposal and Storage, may choose to operate in a totally different manner. The previous report was included only as an example. The Nebraska statutes applicable to the Heritage Disposal and Storage Notice of Intent follow the previous report.

The notebooks will be available for review at the Grand Island Public Library, 211 N. Washington St., at the NDEQ Grand Island Field Office at 215 Kaufman Ave., Grand Island and at the NDEQ office in Lincoln, 1200 N St. The notebook will be available during normal business hours at the Grand Island Library and at the NDEQ Lincoln office. If you would like to review the notebook at the NDEQ Grand Island Office, please contact Nick Weaver (308) 991-1262. Additionally, all materials will be available on the NDEQ web site http://deq.ne.gov/NDEQProg.nsf/OnWeb/Heritage.

Questions may be directed to Joe Francis, Field Services and Assistance Division, at (402) 471-6087.