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Mr. Durk Dunham
Director of Emergency Management and Homeland Security
Office of the Sheriff
161 East Michigan Avenue
Battle Creek, Michigan 49014

Dear Mr. Dunham:

SUBJECT: Approval for Emergency Disposal of Debris from Calhoun County

On May 31, 2011, Governor Rick Snyder proclaimed that a state of emergency exists in Calhoun County due to the severe storms that impacted the area on May 29, 2011. Consistent with that proclamation, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Resource Management Division (RMD), hereby grants approval for the emergency disposal of debris cleared from the emergency area.

Under R 299.4112 of the administrative rules promulgated under Part 115, Solid Waste Management, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (Act 451), the DEQ may approve the emergency disposal of waste that poses a threat or substantial nuisance to the public or the environment. The approval must specify the type and quantity of the waste and the manner and location of its disposal. The maximum duration for an approval is 90 days.

The debris cleared from the emergency area includes tree trimmings and other yard clippings that are prohibited from disposal in a landfill under Section 11514(2)(d) of Act 451. With this approval, up to 10,000 tons of the tree trimmings and other yard clippings cleared from the emergency area may be disposed in licensed Type II landfills through June 27, 2011. This approval does not limit other wastes authorized for disposal under the individual landfills' solid waste disposal area operating licenses, and the landfills are not required to accept the debris for disposal.

This approval for emergency disposal is intended to assist with the debris clearance activity by providing another option for managing the debris. We also encourage Calhoun County to pursue options that would result in the use of the material (wood fuel, compost, etc.), to the extent practicable given the emergency situation.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Fred Sellers, Kalamazoo District Supervisor, RMD, at 269-567-3595; sellersf@michigan.gov; or DEQ, 7953 Adobe Road, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49009; or you may contact Mr. Duane Roskoskey, Solid Waste Technical Support Unit, Solid Waste and Land Application Section, RMD, at 517-335-4712; roskeyd@michigan.gov; or DEQ, P.O. Box 30241, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7741.

Sincerely,



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