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September 15, 2025

Michael W. Smith, P.E.
Iowa Department of Natural Resources
6200 Park Avenue, Suite 200
Des Moines, IA 50321

Re: Public Meeting: Groundwater Assessment of Corrective Measures
Winneshiek County Sanitary Landfill
Permit No. 96-SDP-01-74P

Dear Michael W. Smith, P.E.:

On behalf of the Winneshiek County Area Solid Waste Agency (WCASWA), Foth Infrastructure & Environment, LLC (Foth) is submitting this letter to provide notice to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) and IDNR Field Office #1 of the Assessment of Corrective Measures (ACM) public meeting being held on Monday, October 13, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. at the Winneshiek County Annex Building, 201 W Main Street, Decorah, IA 52101.

Per 567 Iowa Administrative Code (IAC) 113.10(7)d, the public meeting will review the results of the revised *2024 ACM Report* (AECOM, 2025) before the selection of a remedy. A copy of the meeting minutes and, if applicable, any community concerns will be submitted to the IDNR after the public meeting.

A listing of the adjacent property owners who were notified and a copy of the notification letter are provided in Attachments 1 and 2.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please contact us at the numbers listed below if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Foth Infrastructure & Environment, LLC

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gina Wilming".

Gina Wilming
Senior Project Manager
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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris Oelkers".

Chris Oelkers, P.E.
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cc: T.J. Schissel, Winneshiek County Area Solid Waste Agency
IDNR Field Office #1

Attachment 1
Listing of Notified Property Owners

**Property Owner Notification List
Winneshiek County Sanitary Landfill
Permit No. 96-SDP-01-74P**

Mark Steffens
1410 185th St.
Decorah IA 52101

Franzen Land LLC
253 Golf Ridge Way
Elkader IA 52043

Roger Hammel Revocable Trust
1318 Frankville Rd
Decorah IA 52101

Michael Sersland
1561 200th St
Decorah IA 52101

Sersland Family Irrevocable Trust
800 Clearview Dr.
Decorah IA 52132

Kelly Ludeking
1421 200th St
Decorah IA 52101

Brian & Julia Hageman
2301 360th St
Decorah IA 52101

Albert & Donna Ashbacher
1008 Ridgewood Dr.
Decorah IA 52132

Attachment 2
Property Owner Notification Letter

Winneshiek County Area Solid Waste Agency

201 W Main St Decorah, Iowa 52101

Tel: 563.382.2370/563.382.4073

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Re: Public Meeting: Groundwater Assessment of Corrective Measures
Winneshiek County Sanitary Landfill

Dear Property Owner or Tenant:


The purpose of this letter is to inform you of an upcoming public meeting scheduled by the Winneshiek County Area Solid Waste Agency (WCASWA) regarding the detection of cobalt in groundwater monitoring wells at the Winneshiek County Sanitary Landfill located at 2000 140th Avenue, Decorah, Iowa 52101. This meeting is being held for nearby property owners and community members to learn about the groundwater assessment and the steps being taken to improve water quality. It's also an opportunity to ask questions, share concerns, and provide feedback.

WCASWA is committed to protecting the health and safety of Winneshiek County residents by managing discarded materials in a way that prevents or minimizes impacts to the environment. We take groundwater quality very seriously. Working with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, we've developed a plan to delineate and address elevated cobalt levels found in groundwater on the landfill property. Current monitoring shows that cobalt is not migrating beyond the site. There are no immediate risks to drinking water or the environment.

We'll share more details about the groundwater assessment of corrective measures at the upcoming public meeting.

Public Meeting Details

 Date: October 13, 2025

 Time: 5:00 p.m.

 Location: Winneshiek County Annex Building, 201 W Main Street, Decorah, IA 52101

We invite residents to attend, ask questions, and learn more about how we're working to protect our community and environment. If you can't attend but would like to share questions or comments, please contact us at 563-382-4073 or tj.schissel@co.winneshiek.ia.us.

Sincerely,

Winneshiek County Area Solid Waste Agency



T.J. Schissel
Director