

ROY COOPER

MICHAEL SCOTT

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Rowan County 130 West Innes Street Salisbury, NC 28144

Re: Request for Property Access

Parcel ID number 462 012; Property Identification Number 5649-02-76-6487; 18.67

acres

**Immediately East of Grants Creek** 

Rowan County, NC 28147

To whom it may concern:

The North Carolina General Assembly created a program to assess and remedy public health and environmental hazards posed by old landfills and dumps that existed before there were regulations preventing hazardous materials dumping. The Pre-Regulatory Landfill (PRLF) Unit in the Inactive Hazardous Sites Branch oversees this program. This letter is to make you aware of this program and to request your cooperation in relation to the State conducting sampling and risk-based mitigation of environmental contamination on your property.

Prior to the passage of North Carolina General Statute 130A-310.6(c) that created the PRLF Program, owners and operators of the landfill property and other responsible parties were obligated to fund any required assessment and abatement actions to address the public health and environmental hazards posed by these sites. Under the authorizing legislation, as long as owners fully cooperate with the State in its performance of this work and monies are available, the owner will not have to conduct the work at their expense. A state-wide disposal tax is used to pay for these expenses.

Owner cooperation with contaminant assessment and implementation of remedial action mitigation measures includes, but is not limited to, granting access to the property, allowing installation of groundwater monitoring wells and landfill gas probes, allowing installation and maintenance of improvements to the landfill cap, allowing installation of security measures, agreeing to allow recordation of and compliance with land-use restrictions, and providing access to any records regarding the landfill. If a property owner or responsible party fails to fully cooperate with the assessment of the site and implementation of control and mitigation measures, the State may seek recovery for any costs incurred to address the site.

Please note that NC DEQ staff are authorized to enter any property at reasonable times for the purpose of investigating a release of hazardous substances or the condition of any waters of the State, including groundwater, pursuant to sections 143-215.3(a)(2) and 143-215.79 of the North Carolina General Statutes. Preventing NC DEQ from accessing property in order to evaluate or address contamination



can in some cases result in the property owner being held responsible for addressing the contamination. In many cases those costs can be quite substantial.

I would like to arrange a meeting with you (over the phone) to answer any questions you may have, develop a schedule for property access, and provide general information about what to expect during the assessment phase.

Please sign the enclosed form and return them within 10 days to:

Kevin Arnold Pre-Regulatory Landfill Unit Inactive Hazardous Sites Branch, NC Superfund Section 1646 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-1646

A pre-addressed and stamped envelope is enclosed for your convenience, or you may submit the signed document electronically at the following email: kevin.arnold@ncdenr.gov

Please call me at (919) 218-1258 with any questions you have regarding this request. If you can only call after hours, you can leave a message with your phone number and a time you can be reached. Your cooperation will be very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Kevin Arnold, Project Manager Division of Waste Management, NCDEQ

Enclosures - Owner Permission for Property Access





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## **Owner Permission for Property Access**

Rowan County Landfill NCD980557748

Parcel Identification Number – 462 012; PIN 5649-02-76-6487 Rowan County, North Carolina

I own the above referenced property.

I hereby grant permission to the State and the State's representatives to access my property to conduct an environmental investigation to evaluate potential public health and environmental hazards, resulting from past operations of an old unregulated landfill present on the nearby property and, if necessary, to abate or control hazards posed by wastes and contaminated material by implementing a remedial action plan. The Division of Waste Management (Division) and its contractors are permitted to enter and have continued access to my Property. Examples of remedial investigation and remedial action activities include, but are not limited to the following:

- 1. Installation of monitoring wells for groundwater and/or landfill gas;
- 2. Taking soil, groundwater, surface water and/or landfill gas samples as may be necessary; and,
- 3. Response actions and installation of remedial action measures (landfill cover system) to mitigate any threats to human health or the environment.

## I understand that:

- The Division and its contractors shall attempt to perform any activities at the Property in a manner that minimizes interference with use of the Property.
- All monitoring wells will be properly abandoned in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.
- The Division will make reasonable attempts to notify you at least 48 hours prior to entering the Property for any purpose. The Division or its contractors shall have immediate access to the property for situations that the Division determines to be an emergency.



I understand prior to any abatement activities, the proposed remedy for the site and associated land use restrictions required to make the property safe will be discussed with all property owner representatives.

Print		
	Name of Property Owner (Print)	
Signature		
	Name of Property Owner/Corporation (Signature)	
Date		
Email address		
Phone number		
Return to:	Kevin Arnold, Project Manager Pre-Regulatory Landfill Unit Inactive Hazardous Sites Branch, NC Superfund Section Division of Waste Management North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality 1646 Mail Service Center	

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Raleigh, NC 27699-1646

