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Mr. Craig Bostwick  
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SUBJECT: Closure and Long-Term Care Cost Estimates  
Cook Composites & Polymers Co.  
WID980615439

Dear Mr. Bostwick:

The Department has recently initiated new procedures regarding closure and long-term care cost estimates, which apply to all hazardous waste treatment, storage or disposal facilities in Wisconsin. These new procedures are being initiated on the advice of the U.S. EPA Region V RCRA staff, in order to better meet the requirements of s. NR 685.07(3)(b) and (4)(b), Wis. Adm. Code.

The new procedures require all owners or operators of hazardous waste treatment, storage or disposal facilities to submit new closure and/or long-term care cost estimates to the Department each year. The cost estimates must be adjusted each year for inflation and take into account any changes to the closure or long-term care plan resulting from new or revised hazardous waste regulations which apply to the facility, or changes in the operation of the facility.

The cost estimates showing the adjustment for inflation must be submitted to the Department within 60 days before the facility's financial responsibility anniversary date. For owners or operators of disposal facilities using the net worth test to demonstrate financial responsibility for closure or long-term care, the cost estimate adjusted for inflation must be submitted within 30 days after the close of the company's fiscal year and before the annual reapplication under s. 144.443(5)(d), Stats. If a cost estimate is being adjusted to reflect a closure or long-term care plan modification, the revised cost estimate must be submitted to the Department within 30 days after the plan modification approval.

Whenever the current cost estimate increases to an amount greater than the amount of the financial responsibility mechanism presently in place with the Department, the owner must submit proof that the financial mechanism has been increased to at least equal the amount of the current cost estimate. This proof must be submitted to the Department within 60 days after the new cost estimate is approved by the Department.



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In order to assist the facilities in following these new procedures, we intend to notify each facility when the revised cost estimates are due to be submitted, however, it is the responsibility of each facility to submit the updated cost estimates. Failure to receive a notification from the Department will not relieve you from the requirement to submit them. You are obligated to submit these adjustments under s. NR 685.07(3)(b) and (4)(b), Wis. Adm. Code.

If you have any questions regarding these matters, please feel free to contact me at (608) 267-7515.

Sincerely,

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