



**MISSOURI**  
DEPARTMENT OF  
NATURAL RESOURCES

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Darkota Cloud  
Landfill Superintendent  
City of St. Joseph  
1100 Fredrick Avenue  
St. Joseph, MO 64501

**RE: Temporary Waste Relocation Letter of Expectation Response, St. Joseph Sanitary Landfill, Permit Number 0102104, Buchanan County**

Dear Darkota Cloud:

This letter is in response to a submittal titled, “Temporary Waste Relocation Letter of Expectation Response, St. Joseph Sanitary Landfill, Buchanan County, Permit No. 102104”, dated, December 20, 2024, and received by the Department of Natural Resources’ Waste Management Program (WMP) on January 8, 2025. The submittal, prepared by SCS Engineers, is in response to the letter of expectation for St. Joseph Sanitary Landfill from the WMP dated, July 18, 2024.

The response letter includes discussion on the previous overfill waste relocation efforts for the facility, a request for two active faces for waste disposal, the remaining airspace for the facility, discussion on tonnage and tipping fees, and an update of the request for a vertical expansion. The WMP is currently reviewing the vertical expansion from SCS engineers that was dated and received on January 9, 2025. A response to the vertical expansion submittal will be in a separate letter from the WMP. The WMP appreciates the update on the increased tonnage rates and tipping fee raises at the facility but does not have regulatory authority over the facility in these areas.

The WMP has reviewed the submittal and accompanying information for compliance with the Missouri Solid Waste Management Law (MSWML) and regulations and the terms and conditions of the permit regarding the temporary waste relocation efforts and the request for two active faces of the landfill. The facility may cease efforts to relocate waste from the temporary waste storage area into cell 7B. The facility must continue to relocate waste from the temporary waste storage area into the smaller pockets identified in the submittal totaling approximately 51,020 cubic yards. An approval is hereby granted for the temporary operation of two active faces at the St. Joseph Sanitary Landfill with the following conditions.



**CONDITIONS:**

1. The two working faces will only be valid for regular municipal solid waste disposal at Stages 7A and 7B, and the use of filling the smaller voids that are located throughout the waste boundary for relocation of fill from the temporarily waste storage area.
2. This approval is only valid for four months after the date of this approval. Please notify the WMP if an extension is needed.
3. Please keep your daily log updated to reflect the number of working faces being utilized.
4. The landfill must be kept free of wind-blown litter and must control odors from the operation of two active faces.
5. The facility is still required to submit monthly updates on the relocation efforts for the temporarily stored waste until all temporarily stored waste is fully moved.

The following document is hereby approved and incorporated into Permit Number 0102104:

**DOCUMENT:**

A cover letter titled "Temporary Waste Relocation Letter of Expectation Response, St. Joseph Sanitary Landfill, Buchanan County, Permit No. 102104", dated, December 20, 2024, and received by the WMP on January 8, 2025. The report was prepared by SCS Engineers, and signed by Austin Quick, P.E., Project Manager, and Bret Clements, P.E., Project Director.

This approval is not to be construed as compliance with any existing federal or state environmental laws other than the Missouri Solid Waste Management Law (MSWML); nor should this be construed as a waiver of any other regulatory requirements. This approval shall not be construed to supersede or represent compliance with any existing local ordinances or zoning requirements; nor does it supersede any local permitting and/or zoning requirements.

The department reserves the right to revoke, suspend, or modify this approval and/or Permit Number 0102104 after due notice, if the permit holder fails to maintain the facility in compliance with the MSWML and regulations, the terms and conditions of the permit, and approved engineering plans and specifications.

If you were adversely affected by this decision, you may be entitled to pursue an appeal before the Administrative Hearing Commission (AHC). To appeal, you must file a petition with the AHC within 30 days after the date this decision was mailed or the date it was delivered, whichever date was earlier. If any such petition is sent by registered mail or certified mail, it will be deemed filed on the date it is mailed; if it is sent by any method other than registered mail or certified mail, it will be deemed filed on the date it is received by the AHC. Any appeal must be directed to:

Administrative Hearing Commission  
United States Post Office Building, Third Floor  
131 West High Street  
P.O. Box 1557  
Jefferson City, MO 65102  
Telephone: 573-751-2422  
Fax: 573-751-5018  
Website: [www.oa.mo.gov/ahc](http://www.oa.mo.gov/ahc)

We appreciate your continued efforts toward environmentally sound solid waste management practices. If you have any questions, please contact Cody Shelton, P.E., by phone at 573-751-9035; by e-mail at [cody.shelton@dnr.mo.gov](mailto:cody.shelton@dnr.mo.gov); or by mail P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0176. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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