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SUBJECT: Blackdog Amphitheater EAW Comments

These comments are provided by the Closed Landfill Program relative to the second draft of the Blackdog Amphitheater EAW received by MPCA on 4/28/2000. The numbering corresponds to the numbering in your March 2, 2000 letter to Mr. John Shardlow under the "Issues surrounding landfill closure (a variety of sections)" section.

1. This item has been addressed in the revised EAW.
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5. The memorandum dated May 1, 2000 REVISED from Dahlgren Shardlow and Uban states that the table in section 10 under Parking erroneously includes grass overflow parking areas. A correction will reportedly be made.
6. This item has been addressed in the revised EAW.
7. Section 25 still refers to the use of limestone in the quarry as a parking lot surface material, implying that additional mining and crushing would occur. However, the memorandum dated May 1, 2000 REVISED from Dahlgren Shardlow and Uban states that the reference to mining limestone from the quarry for the parking lot will be removed from section 25. If it is true that the developer will want to pay to obtain parking lot gravel from a different source, then this reference should be removed. Otherwise, the impacts from the mining operations should be addressed elsewhere in the EAW.
8. This item appears to have been addressed in the revised EAW. MPCA staff are in the process of performing field verification of the revised map.

Additional comments are also provided regarding the revised EAW

1. Information presented in the EAW is mixed regarding the old location versus the new location of the amphitheater. The new levee should also be shown on a drawing. It is difficult for the Closed Landfill Program to evaluate the revised location of the amphitheater and levees in relation to the landfill cover project without seeing the specifics of the revised proposal.

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2. Fourth paragraph on page 38 states that there will be no discharge of sediment downstream. This appears to conflict with the statement in the fourth paragraph on page 39 that states that water from the quarry area will be pumped out to the Minnesota River. How is the sediment removed from the water prior to pumping?

3. The May 1,2000 REVISED memo from Dahlgren Shardlow and Uban also states that additional language will be added to section 17 discussing a ground water pumpout system for the amphitheater once the Kraemer Quarry operation ceases. MPCA will evaluate the new language to determine if this future condition is adequately addressed in the EAW.

4. Section 31, there are numerous environmental impact issues that should be summarized here, but are not mentioned. We are aware that MDNR and MnDOT have significant concerns about the project as proposed, yet there is no mention here about these issues needing to be resolved in the future.