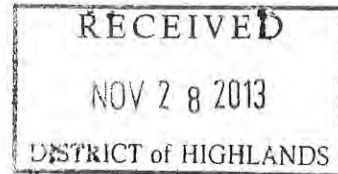




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Randall Garrison, MP
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Dear Mr. Garrison:

Thank you for your letter of August 1, 2013, requesting the release of the annual monitoring reports for the Tervita Corporation landfill in the District of Highlands, to the municipality and interested citizens groups. I apologize for the delay in responding.

The Ministry of Environment (MoE) is in communication with the District of Highlands to arrange a meeting to better understand the community's concerns.

The provincial operational certificate for the landfill requires that plans and reports, including annual monitoring reports, be submitted to MoE and the Capital Regional District. In an effort to engage citizens and become more open and transparent, the government is proactively working to provide citizens with access to the information that matters most to them.

Information pertaining to waste discharge authorizations, issued under the *Environmental Management Act*, are routinely released to the public and may be available on the MoE website at www.env.gov.bc.ca/epd/waste_discharge_auth/datamart/index.htm and at www.env.gov.bc.ca/epd/waste_discharge_auth/authorization_docs.htm. Monitoring data from permittees is available for public release.

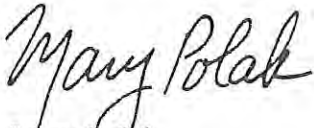
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The provincial operational certificate and the most recent annual operations and monitoring report for the landfill can be accessed online by following these steps:

1. Open the website www.env.gov.bc.ca/epd/waste_discharge_auth/authorization_docs.htm;
2. Click "link" to enter the authorization documents database;
3. Click "for Documents" to open the document search feature;
4. Enter "100193" in the field for Authorization Number to access associated documents.

Thank you again for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,



Mary Polak
Minister

cc: Her Worship Mayor Jane Mendum and Councillors, District of Highlands