February 13, 2026

Ms. Angela L. Sparks, Chief Executive Director (angela@ccswda.com)
Craighead County Solid Waste Disposal Authority (SWDA)
P.O. Box 16777, Jonesboro, AR 72403-6777

**Re: Approval of Construction Quality Assurance Certification for Cell 5**
**Craighead County Solid Waste Disposal Authority (CCSWDA) Class 1 Landfill**
**Permit Tracking Number: 0254-S1-R5; AFIN: 16-00199**
**Cross Reference Document Identifier (Doc ID): 0254-S1-R5_Legacy Landfill CQA Report for Cell 5_20260115, 0254-S1-R5_Revised Legacy Landfill CQA Report for Cell 5_20260126, 0254-S1-R5_DEQ-NOD CCSWDA Class 1 Landfill Notice of Deficiency CQA_20260205, 0254-S1-R5_Legacy Landfill CQA Report for Cell 5 NOD Response_20260206**

Dear Ms. Sparks:

The Division of Environmental Quality Office of Land Resources (DEQ) has reviewed the Construction Quality Assurance Certification Report for Cell 5 for the Craighead County Solid Waste Disposal Authority (CCSWDA) Class 1 Landfill, dated December 15, 2025, and revised January 26, 2026. The report is a construction certification report that indicates the construction work for Cell 5 was completed in accordance with the approved permit drawings and narrative. Pursuant to PC&EC Rule 22.428, now codified as 8 CAR § 60-428, all changes to the approved designed and/or material specifications must be approved by DEQ prior to construction. By this letter, the DEQ authorizes waste disposal operations to commence at Cell 5.

Within thirty (30) days of the date of this letter, CCSWDA must submit a permit modification request to update the CQA plan. The request should add the appropriate testing methods and incorporate any necessary changes to ensure the CQA plan accurately reflects the construction methods to be used in future cell construction.

This authorization is being given in reliance upon the statements and representations made to the DEQ, and DEQ has no responsibility for the ultimate proper functioning of the disposal facility. The DEQ also reserves the right to request additional information if it is deemed necessary. This approval shall not remove any liability nor hold the CCSWDA landfill harmless in the event of any adverse environmental or public health conditions resulting from the disposal of the material. CCSWDA shall be solely and fully responsible for implementing any corrective action necessary to remediate any adverse condition resulting from the disposal at the site based on this authorization.

If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please contact Richard Bennett at (501) 682-0861 or email at richard.bennett@arkansas.gov.

Sincerely,



Charles Hurt, P.E., CPM
Managing Engineer, Division of Environmental Quality

cc: DEQ: Banic, Hurt, Leamons, Baker, Davenport, Bennett
Paul Crawford, PE, PG, Olson (pcrawford@olsson.com)