



GEORGIA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION

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Northeast District

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October 21, 2020

Cowart Mulch Products, Inc.
Christopher H. Cowart, Owner
185 Peachtree Industrial Blvd
Sugar Hill, Georgia 30518

SUBJECT: Fire Impacted Mulch and Plastics
Cowart Mulch Products (Facility)
1185 Barrow Industrial Pkwy, Auburn, Georgia
Barrow County

Dear Mr. Cowart:

Stephanie Cahill with the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (Division) met with you today at the Facility to document the volume and condition of the fire impacted mulch and plastics (waste). At this meeting, you asked Ms. Cahill if the Facility could take the waste to a landfill. In lieu of submitting a Corrective Action Plan requested in my letter dated October 16, 2020, the Division approves of the disposal of the fire impacted waste at a Municipal Solid Waste Landfill. The Division requests that the waste be handled in a manner that minimizes dust and you provide the Division with landfill weigh tickets demonstrating proper disposal of all fire impacted waste by November 2, 2020.

In addition, the Division is requesting documentation that recovered materials managed / stored at the Facility are not being speculatively accumulated. For the recovered materials including but not limited to mulch, pallets, and plastics, please provide documentation seventy-five (75%) percent of the recovered materials by weight or volume has been used, reused, recycled, or sold during a rolling 12 month period. This documentation can be bills of sale, weight tickets, or other records showing adequate proof of movement of the material. Please provide the records by November 13, 2020.

If you have questions, please contact Stephanie Cahill at (706) 340-3956 or by email at Stephanie.Cahill@dnr.ga.gov.

Sincerely,

Charles D. Williams
District Manager
Northeast District Office

cc: File: SW/Barrow County/Cowart Mulch Products