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ORANGE COUNTY RECEIVES VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY CERTIFICATE TO OPERATE NEW LANDFILL

ORANGE, VA – Orange County received a Certificate to Operate from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality for the operation of Cell One of the new Orange County Landfill. The County was under a State mandate to close the existing unlined facility by December 31, 2012. A four and a half year effort, Cell One was recently constructed and has been deemed complete. It will offer eight years of trash disposal for County residents. Cell One is one of eight cells of the new landfill, which totals 43.6 acres. The new landfill will serve the trash disposal needs of Orange County for 38 years, conservatively. It has been constructed with the newest technology and innovation.

Kurt Hildebrand, Public Works Director, stated, "Receiving certification to operate Cell One of the Landfill has been quite a feat but has been much needed since the old landfill, which opened in 1973, was mandated to be closed."

Orange County Board of Supervisors Chairman, S. Teel Goodwin, stated, "We are very proud of the construction and work to date on the Orange County Landfill. We are exceptionally pleased that the work was completed in a timely manner and that the Certificate to Operate was received eighteen days ahead of schedule! We hope that Cell One will serve residents well for years to come."

Citizens should expect to use the new landfill beginning January 3, 2013.

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