

CITY OF MADISON
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL
CORRESPONDENCE

Date: June 26, 1967

To: John Reinhardt, Civil Engineer III
From: Bill Nichols, Principal Planner
Subject: Truax Field Landfill Use Agreement

In response to your memo to Chuck Dinauer dated June 8, 1967, the answers to your questions and a recommendation follow.

Land Ownership

The attached map shows the ownership as it currently exists. All lands are owned by the city but under exclusive Air Force lease until June 1968 when the Air Force will release all but the ammo bunkers and some lands surrounding them. This ammo storage area will be retained in exclusive Air Force use indefinitely. The city will regain full use of the rest of the property by a supplement to our lease agreement with military.

Blast Area Restrictions

Congregations of people (such as an office building, etc.) are not permitted in blast areas. Golf courses, landfill operations and parking lots, are all examples of permitted "open" uses that avoid congregations of people and that would be permitted in the blast area. A sanitary landfill operation or Hiel-Gonard disposal system would be permitted, as we interpret the limitations.

Provisions of Existing Agreement

The agreement between the City of Madison and the Air Force (U. S. Government) placed very stringent requirements on the city's landfill operation; for example:

- (1) prohibition of garbage disposal
- (2) limitations on grade alteration (extensive topo mapping)

This agreement according to the Base Engineer's Office was established to guarantee that the city utilized this land in a reasonable manner--and did not create any health hazards, smoke or litter nuisances, etc. Many of the stringent provisions of the agreement have already been altered, through specific requests

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to and approval by the Base Commander. For example fill was removed from the site for use on the east-west runway; the city is already on a third level of filling even though the agreement (via topo, etc.) limited filling to two tiers.

Alternatives for Action

- (1) Draw up an entirely new agreement to reflect existing and proposed projects
- (2) Heavily amend the existing agreement
- (3) Send a letter to the Base Commander for approval of future operations.

Recommendation

Captain Miner of the Base Engineer's Office recommends "(3)". The lease will expire next year anyway. The Air Force will continue to be concerned about the landfill operation, of course.

I recommend that you send a letter to the Base Commander briefly outlining the status of the landfill, your future intentions, changes desired that depart from the 1961 agreement, and indicate control methods to be imposed by the city to avoid litter and other nuisances. This could be reviewed, modified as necessary, and approved. You would have exactly what you propose to do at Truax in writing and approved.

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