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DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY PERTAINING TO THE OPERATIONS OF THE SMITH GAP LANDFILL

WHEREAS, special use permit no. 032420-7, issued by the Roanoke County Board of Supervisors to the Roanoke Valley Resource Authority ("RVRA") regarding the operation of the Smith Gap Landfill (located in the Catawba Magisterial District), authorizes the Roanoke County Administrator to make a declaration of emergency; and

WHEREAS, such declaration of emergency may enacted to permit temporary operating interruptions resulting from equipment failure or contract service interruptions, and may authorize the use of secondary access to the Smith Gap Landfill; and

WHEREAS, on October 30, 2020, a one hundred eighty foot section of a bridge owned and maintained by Norfolk Southern collapsed; and

WHEREAS, this collapse prevents transport of leachate via railway tanker cars from the Smith Gap Landfill; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to transport the leachate using tanker trucks to an acceptable discharge location; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that such removal of leachate by trucking will be necessary up until December 1, 2020 to allow Norfolk Southern crews time to repair the bridge.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED as follows:

1. Due to railroad bridge failure, an emergency now exists at the Smith Gap Landfill.
2. The RVRA may utilize secondary access routes, including the use of Bradshaw Road going west towards Montgomery County, to North Fork Road, to Route 460, to Garman Road, in order to transport leachate from the landfill site to an acceptable discharge location.
3. This declaration of emergency shall be in effect from November 2, 2020 through December 1, 2020, unless extended by an additional declaration of emergency.

Daniel R. O'Donnell, County Administrator
County of Roanoke, Virginia
Date: November 2, 2020