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LOCAL LANDFILL HELPS FIRE DEPARTMENT

SAND SPRINGS, OK – January 19, 2006 - Dry conditions have spawned some of the most dangerous wild fires the state of Oklahoma has seen in recent years. As a result, many people within Osage and Tulsa counties have asked what they can do to help with the fire fighting efforts. Green County Volunteer Fire Department (GCVFD) Chief, Matt Llewellyn, states that if everyone were to abide by the burn ban that would be a tremendous help.

Llewellyn continued, stating approximately 20% of Osage County is without any type of fire hydrants and that makes fire fighting increasingly difficult, especially recently. With increasing winds and dry conditions this portion of Osage County becomes breeding ground for some of Northeast Oklahoma's most dangerous, and in some cases, deadliest fires.

As a result, American Environmental Landfill located within Osage County, North of the Sand Springs Expressway on N. 177th West Avenue, has donated the use of their water truck in the event of any fire emergencies within GCVFD's service area.

Fire Chief Matt Llewellyn's number one priority is to serve and protect the people living within Osage County, and this donation providing the use of American Environmental Landfill's (AEL) water truck is priceless considering the grave need this area has. Water trucks similar to AEL's are priced well over \$100,000, and this donation makes it available for all of Osage County at no cost. Todd Green, AEL's General Manager, has joined the forces of the Green Country Volunteer Fire Department and is proud to offer this resource from AEL as a service to the entire community.