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WASTE MANAGEMENT ADMINISTRATION
Report of Observations

Case # 2003-WMF-0582

Type of Inspection/Observations: Solid Waste - Landfill (LF)

Date 2/9/09

Site/Facility Name: Site B Municipal Landfill Vertical Expansion

Time In: 10:15 AM

Location: 9031 Reichs Ford Rd (RF); Frederick 21704 (Frederick Co.)

Time Out: 12:20 PM

Remarks: (Background) My last visit to the LF was 12/18/08, and then a phone follow up with Phil Harris (12/22/08) - See those reports.

• I'm back today for a brief LF visit, but my main purpose is to observe the new P/T facility (see separate report on that).

(Observations & Actions)

• Outdoor waste transfer should have ceased on (or by) Jan. 31, 2009. Cell 3 and Cell 2, however, are still operational, and could potentially produce odors. For this reason, I will continue to check periodically, along Reichs Ford Rd especially, for off-site LF-derived odors.

• Today, it is clear, sunny, ~48°F, with occasional slight breeze to the N and NE. The ground is dame. I checked for odor at several locations E + W of the LF along RF Rd: the only LF-derived odor I detected was a very slight, intermittent, gravel odor near 9350 RF Rd. This probably derives from the gravel at the new cell (#3), which is close and up wind of this location. I do not consider this to be a nuisance odor.

• At the former outdoor transfer facility, the site is not operating. There is litter remaining in the former transfer area. I request that the LF finish cleaning up this site, and I will plan to check it on my next visit.

• Cover on Cells 2 + 3 is good. There are several piles of large logs on top of Cell 2. The LF appears to be grinding these into smaller pieces at this location. Phil Harris said these will be ground for mulch. (There were stumps + logs brought to this area by waste deliveries.)

• Phil said he hasn't noticed any more shoon-containing puddles (~~that~~ see 12/22/08 report). I visited the site today: I did not see any suspicious water or detect any odors. This area appears not to be a leachate seep.

Observer: James P. Wagner, REGIONAL INSPECTOR

Person Interviewed: Phil Harris 2/9/09

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Case # 2004-WPT-0604

Type of Inspection/Observations: Solid Waste - New P/T Facility

Date 2/9/09

Site/Facility Name: Site B Processing Facility (P/T) and Transfer Station

Time In: 12:30 PM

Location: (at Fred. Co. (LANDFILL) LF) 4751 Yard Waste Court; Frederick, MD 21704

Time Out: ~ 3 PM

Remarks: (Background) The new facility has opened. (Facility had gotten time extension (continued) for operation of the outdoor facility, and the last extension gave them until January 31, 2009. Phil Harris and Dan Fowler informed me today that the new P/T facility began operating in earnest around January 17, 2009, so they were able to meet the time constraint.)

- I came here today to see how operations are running.

(Observations & Actions)

- I met two employees, Joe and Bryan, at the entrance.
- Operations appeared to be running smoothly and safely. A spotter (Joe) was in place, controlling the entrance of vehicles into the facility, and directing them to different locations to tip their loads. The floor was being kept clean, and the waste pushed toward the chutes by a front-loader operator. Hard hats and vests were worn by employees.
- I didn't observe any unacceptable waste types. Phil Harris said that clients have been informed of what should not be in the waste stream. Phil indicated that the facility is on the look-out for unacceptables (such as hazardous substances) and has procedures in place to remove them should they be found.
- Dust was not a problem: exhaust fans appear to be functioning properly.
- Recyclables are segregated at the N end of the building; metal recyclables in the general stream are deposited in a "can" near the NW corner (inside the bldg.)
- Fire prevention measures are good: 2 recently inspected extinguishers on the floor, an overhead sprinkler system, and 2 hoses in the transfer area.
- I noted to Phil that there was some residual waste in a chute pit when a man (wearing a hard hat) was working under it: Phil said, for further safety, he will recommend that the pit is cleared in future situations like this.
- Facility grounds are neat. No blowing litter was observed.

Observer: James P. Wagner, REGIONAL INSPECTOR

Person Interviewed: I LEFT THE LF ("the Facility") A COPY, 2/9/09.

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