



May 3, 2021

Ottumwa Wapello Solid Waste Commission
Attn: Zach Simonson
105 East Third Street
Ottumwa, IA 52501-8252

Letter of Non-Compliance: Facility operations & activities - Litter Control,
567 IAC 113.8(3)f

SUBJECT: Ottumwa-Wapello County Sanitary Landfill - SDP Permit # 90-SDP-01-75P
Complaint# 29283 - Off site litter

Dear Mr. Simonson:

On March 29, 2021 our office received a complaint regarding litter blowing from the Ottumwa Wapello County Landfill onto the Ed and Pat Reck's property located at 13751 165th Avenue, Ottumwa, IA. I have spoken to Chris Bettin - Landfill Supervisor, Jerry Parker - Wapello County Board of Supervisor, and yourself regarding this complaint and conversations generated from this complaint.

On April 9, 2021 I met with Ed and Pat Reck. I walked their property line that borders the landfill and observed some litter located in the trees, a few pieces in the Reck's field and along the fence. This is after the litter pick up efforts of the landfill staff. After discussions with the Reck's, they indicated their willingness to allow litter control personnel onto their property to remove litter that inadvertently blew unto their property. I spoke with landfill staff regarding the situation and they explained that litter control efforts are typically hired out and that those folks are only available a couple days a week for litter removal.

A letter of non-compliance is being issued for failure to provide effective litter control on a daily basis as required by Iowa rules. The current landfill permit refers to established policies to Litter Control in which the Ottumwa-Wapello County Landfill will adhere to (enclosed).

X. *Special Provisions* - g. Litter control at the site shall be conducted in accordance with the Litter Control Policy adopted by the permit holder, as contained in Attachment C of the April 29, 2013 submittal from Barker Lemar Engineering Consultants (doc #76776) and approved on December 1, 2010.

Based upon this complaint investigation, the Ottumwa-Wapello County Solid Waste Commission may want to consider securing additional staffing personnel to ensure litter is removed on a daily basis instead of the couple times a week that is currently occurring and consider additional multi-barrier efforts to reduce offsite litter situations. I also encourage complaining parties to maintain open cordial communication regarding litter issues.

If you have any questions or would like further explanation of any part of this report, please contact me in this office at 319-461-5090 or at ryan.stouder@dnr.iowa.gov.

Sincerely,
FIELD SERVICES & COMPLIANCE BUREAU

Ryan Stouder
Environmental Specialist Senior

Encl. Ottumwa-Wapello Litter documents

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xc: Becky Jolly, IDNR Solid Waste Section, via email
Complainant (w encl)
Clinton SDP file