

**IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
FIELD SERVICES AND COMPLIANCE BUREAU  
FIELD OFFICE #2 - MASON CITY IOWA**

**DATE:** August 8, 2016

**TO:** The Record

**FROM:** Daniel Watterson 

**SUBJECT:** Cargill Land Application Stockpile Complaint #23260  
1699 205<sup>th</sup> St., Fort Dodge, IA; Webster County

On August 1, 2016, this office received a complaint from Deb Rosendahl on behalf of her neighbor, David Banwell, regarding a stockpile of land application waste near his home. They believed the pile came from Cargill and was piled there by the neighboring land owner, Keith and Jason Durschmidt. They are concerned the odor and flies are making the home unlivable due to the strong ammonia odor.

Prior to visiting Mr. Banwell, I researched Cargill's land application permit and verified the field in question is included. I met with Ms. Rosendahl and Mr. Banwell on August 3, 2016, to address the concerns. I measured the pile to be 222 feet from the north side of the home with a laser range finder. I explained to them that since no application or stockpiling had occurred within 200 feet of the home or 500 feet of a well, no violation could be documented at this time. His well is to the west of the home along the road ditch and crop field. The stockpile had a fermented corn odor and had a significant amount of flies on it at the time of my visit. I explained given the lack of a violation, DNR would likely not be able to force Cargill or the land owner into moving the pile but I would contact Cargill and discuss moving the pile since it is a poor location given the nearby home. Mr. Banwell appreciated this and said he is hoping for at least some "good neighbor" behavior to come of it.

I contacted Alan Viaene with Cargill and left a voicemail outlining the complaint. He and Chuck Corell-Cargill Environmental Manager called me back on August 4<sup>th</sup> and agreed the location of the stockpile was not appropriate. They said they will address the issue with their contractor and land owner and follow-up with Mr. Banwell to ensure they have addressed his concerns. I received an email from Michael Klema on August 5<sup>th</sup> stating they have moved the stockpile to another location with better separation to the nearest neighbor (email attached). No further action required.



Photo 1—Stockpile north of house