

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

DATE: April 26, 2022

TO: The Record

FROM: Madelynn Nelson

SUBJECT: Blowing Litter Complaint at Central Disposal Landfill Lake Mills
Complaint ID 30631

This office received a complaint on April 19, 2022, that an excessive amount of litter was blowing off of Central Disposals working face. The litter is noted to be blowing heavily from the west side and piling up in the ditches and fields surrounding the area. Complainant stated that he doesn't think that the landfill is using daily cover.

On April 25, 2022, I went to Central Disposal with DNR's Daniel Watterson to investigate this complaint. We arrived at 1030 am and spoke with Brad Mary, site manager. I informed him of the complaint and asked to see their litter pick records. Mr. Mary stated that they had contracted out for their litter pickers and were using Ben's Lawn Service out of Lake Mills and NICS out of Forest City. Litter records are being kept, but it seems as though they cover mostly on site and to the east of the site towards the paved highway. There were a few days in April where litter was not picked and the records were left blank. It is noted that the March litter pick records were mostly blank except for a the first week of March before their inspection on March 4, 2022 and then blank until March 28, 2022. I reminded Mr. Mary that they need to indicate why litter was not being picked as the rules state that litter must be picked daily unless unsafe conditions apply.

We mentioned that we drove around the perimeter of the landfill and noticed a lot of litter blowing to the west and north west side and that it covered the fields and ditches over that way. We also noted that there is not a fence on the west side of the property to help catch the litter from blowing. Mr. Mary indicated that he was looking into ordering a 16-foot fence for the west side and that the litter pickers had not been that direction in a while and that they often requested to work on site instead of offsite. I reminded Mr. Mary that the rules state that off site litter must be picked daily and I would suggest they work that way moving forward as needed.

We asked Mr. Mary what they were using for cover, as it looked like they were not covering at all. Mr. Mary admitted that daily cover had not been getting done due to being short staffed. We reminded Mr. Mary that daily cover is a requirement.

The company has employees from other sites at the Lake Mills site this week to help with general labor at the facility. Mr. Mary referred to them as veterans in the business and that he was anticipating on learning from them on the compaction of the working face and daily cover, but his scale employee was out sick and that he was covering for her temporarily.

It is noted that on Saturday, April 23, 2022, there were 30mph winds coming from the SSE. At the time of the visit, Monday April 25, 2022, there were 20mph winds coming from the WNW.

We informed Mr. Mary that he would be getting an NOV for not using daily cover and he said everything should be covered and better by the end of the week and that he and the company would be actively working towards it.

On the morning of April 26, 2022, Mr. Mary called to inform me that their compactor had broken down and that they were delayed with making progress after our conversation the previous morning.



The cell seen from the office of the facility. No cover down slope.



View of the cell from the road north of the facility.



View from Northwest of the facility. Solid waste seen outside of the wind screens.



View of field northwest of the facility.



View of the field directly west of the facility.



View of the cell and ditch from the north/northwest of the facility.



Field northeast of the facility.



View east of the facility.

DATE	PICKERS	HOURS	ON/OFF SITE LOCATION	ENVIRONMENT INFO	INITIALS	BAGS
4/1/22	1	6	on site - by ship	clear	RM	30
4/2/22	3	5:30	off site - fields	cloudy	RM	28
4/3/22	3	5:5	behind store - 3000 steps	cloudy / old rain	RM	91
4/4/22	7	3:5	gully behind shop	cloudy / cold / old rain	RM	20
4/5/22	1	6	Back to site - 3000 steps	rain / snow / old rain	RM	2
4/8/22	3	12:5	on site - 3000 steps	snow / rain / old rain	RM	44
4/9/22	4	2:4	on site - 3000 steps	Sunny	RM	18
4/10/22	1	6:5	on site - 3000 steps	Sunny / windy	RM	20
4/11/22	1	6	on site - 3000 steps	cloudy / raining	RM	28
4/12/22	4	12	on site - 3000 steps	cloudy / wet / windy	RM	43
4/13/22	3	3:6	on site - 3000 steps	cloudy / wet / windy	TC DW CL	18
4/14/22						
4/15/22						
4/16/22						
4/17/22						
4/18/22	2	6:5	on site - 3000 steps	cloudy / wet / windy	RM MV	58
4/19/22	4	13:6	on site - 3000 steps	cloudy / wet / windy	TC DW CL	25
4/20/22	3	5:5	on site - 3000 steps	cloudy / wet / windy	RM MV	20
4/21/22	4	4:7	on site - 3000 steps	cloudy / wet / windy	TC DW CL	52
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April litter pick records.