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**From:** Whiting, Bryon [DNR]  
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**To:** 'hpd@cityofhawarden.com'  
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**Subject:** ESI Salvage - Complaint #17810

Chief DeBruin,

In response to your complaint, I visited the ESI salvage yard on August 26, 2014. At that time I observed at least 1,000 waste tires stockpiled in several different locations on the property. I observed the weeds have been sprayed and some relatively small amount of metal remained on the property. There was also some debris remnants remaining from the years of salvage operations. I contacted Marty Rolfes on September 2, 2014 and discussed the plan to complete the clean up of the property. Mr. Rolfes said he was having financial problems and that he just got the green light from the bank to have the tires removed from the property. I think he said someone in Davis City, NE was going to collect and dispose of the tires. Mr. Rolfes thought this would be done in the next several weeks. He also indicated he had someone working (part-time and after their normal work hours) removing metal remnants left over at the site, so he felt progress was being made there. Mr. Rolfes indicated that it was his hope to have the property put on the market sometime this month. While properties such as salvage yards are what they are, it seemed that Mr. Rolfes was working towards getting the property cleaned up and both he and the bank were apparently eager and motivated to get it on the market.

As such, I see no reason to get in the way of these efforts and am comfortable with the progress being made at the site under these circumstances. If you have any questions regarding my visit or discussion with Mr. Rolfes, please feel free to contact me.

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