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**Re: Tyler Rogers**

1 message

**Sullivan, Mike** <michael.sullivan@dnr.iowa.gov>

Mon, Jan 24, 2022 at 9:19 AM

To: "Levetzow, Kurt" &lt;kurt.levetzow@dnr.iowa.gov&gt;

Cc: "Stouder, Ryan" &lt;ryan.stouder@dnr.iowa.gov&gt;, Jason Marcel &lt;jason.marcel@dnr.iowa.gov&gt;, "Noll, Bert" &lt;bert.noll@dnr.iowa.gov&gt;, "Mr. Mick Leat" &lt;mick.leat@dnr.iowa.gov&gt;, "Mr. Michael W. Smith P.E." &lt;mike.smith@dnr.iowa.gov&gt;

Thank you for keeping us all updated on this, Kurt. I think this is a good approach. We'll forward you all the response from the landfill once we receive it.

Thanks again,  
Mike



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On Sat, Jan 22, 2022 at 2:49 PM Levetzow, Kurt <kurt.levetzow@dnr.iowa.gov> wrote:

Ryan and Mike,

Tyler called me this morning, but I wasn't able to take his call at the time. He sent me photos of the landfill, appearing to show trash that wasn't covered. I called the landfill and spoke to two different operators, asking them to check out the areas represented in the photos Tyler sent me and to make sure those areas are covered at the end of the day (if they were areas that weren't covered in previous days. I called Tyler early this afternoon and I started the conversation off by telling him if he's just wanting to chew my rear end, this is going to be a short phone call. We actually had a decent conversation.

My thoughts:

1. ~4-5 yrs ago, when the landfill started accepting food waste from the city and incorporated it into their compost pile, is that what changed and "suddenly" started attracting more birds? Tyler said over the past 2-2.5 yrs is when the birds got so bad. Maybe the bird assessment report that is due 1/28/22 will speak to that?
2. I am going to ask Jen Jordan at the landfill to have the operators take and send me pics at the end of every work day, for a couple of weeks, showing that the working face has adequate cover. Maybe we'll see if that makes a difference?
3. During my conversation with the two operators earlier today one of them said during extreme cold days they're not using dirt for cover and the tarp machine has been frozen down, so they've not used either lately. That leaves them with only using spray on ADC for daily cover. I believe their landfill permit requires dirt usage in between spray on application. I believe dirt is required to be used every 7 or so days (I am not sure on this one and will have to look at the permit).
4. I'll be emailing Tyler a copy of the letter Mick sent back in December as he said he's never seen that letter.
5. I was very clear by telling Tyler that we'll hold the landfill to the conditions of their permit and if that's still not enough to keep the birds from impacting his property, then that'll be that.

Tyler also called Bert Noll on the emergency spill line late morning today....Bert told him that is only for emergency calls and that we can write up a complaint Monday (Bert - I've done that, so no need to write up another complaint on

Monday morning).

See my FOCD notes from our conversation this afternoon.

Kurt



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On Sat, Jan 22, 2022 at 12:46 PM Stouder, Ryan <[ryan.stouder@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:ryan.stouder@dnr.iowa.gov)> wrote:  
Tyler texted me about an hour ago the following...

Glad to see that ur dump is really following the rules hauled trash there today and nothing has been covered snow on trash that wasn't covered so has not been touched in a week since it snowed a week ago. Stuff that has not been covered this week at all and birds just feeding away glad to see they are following the rules and this is the reason we are having problems. Glad to see the Mighty dnr doing there jobs

On Sat, Jan 22, 2022 at 11:36 AM Levetzow, Kurt <[kurt.levetzow@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:kurt.levetzow@dnr.iowa.gov)> wrote:  
Tyler called my cell this am. Said he went to the landfill just now and they aren't covering their garbage. Iam assuming the landfill is open until noon. I'll call the landfill and verify.

Mike - do you know if the landfill submitted their bird harborage plan?

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