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Re: CP Railroad complaint

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To: Jeffrey Hallman <jeffreyhallman@netscape.net>

Wed, Oct 24, 2018 at 10:17 AM

Here's is the latest correspondence I received from the CP Railroad. I put their wording in italics.

Kurt- Chad is correct, we have not used the Rugged Rock facility for some time, we pick up ties as we have cars become available to load. We are currently working our way south on the Marquette sub and have been cleaning up in the Turkey River area. We will continue with this as long as the weather is decent and we can see all the ties. We are currently shipping ties out of Iowa for disposal.

So it appears as though they're working their way toward Clinton, but if they don't get their before winter, there isn't much we can do because the RR hasn't disposed of them, they're only stockpiling them in their currently location. Our administrative rules only deals with disposal, not stockpiling.

Hope this information helps you at least know that they're working their way toward Clinton (i am not sure where Turkey River area is).

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On Fri, Oct 5, 2018 at 6:29 PM Jeffrey Hallman <jeffreyhallman@netscape.net> wrote:

Mr. Levetzow, Greetings.

Thank you for your letter of Sept. 19.

Our house is the very last home on McKinley St. in Clinton and encompasses 5+ acres with land on both sides of the track.

as I noted, these piles have been accumulating for over a year now.

Image #1: Pile #1, northern pile. Seen from my driveway.

#2: Pile #2, My riverfront and Mississippi in background.

#3: Pile #2.

#4: Pile #2 rom the river, house in background.

#5: Pile #1.

#6: Pile #2.

#7: My yard in background.

-----Original Message-----

From: Levetzow, Kurt <kurt.levetzow@dnr.iowa.gov>

To: jeffreyhallman <jeffreyhallman@netscape.net>

Sent: Wed, Sep 19, 2018 9:15 am

Subject: CP Railroad complaint

Mr. Hallman,

I've been assigned the complaint you submitted regarding railroad (RR) ties placed near your home. Any chance you could take a photo or two and text them to my cell phone or attach them via email? Whatever is easier for you.

Where along McKinley St do you live? Looks like homes are closest to the tracks along the northern end of the street.

As for what's your next step.....that's a question I can't answer at this time. Here's why, Iowa DNR's regulations for solid waste disposal kick in at the time of disposing of various waste streams. Placing piles of RR ties along the tracks happens all the time, but i've yet to see it that the piles are disposed of in those locations. Ultimately, most RR companies stockpile ties until their contractor comes through and picks them all up. Now, we've had those contractors pay a local property owner a couple thousand dollars to dispose of the ties down in ravines or burn them in the back 40....which then our disposal regulations kick in for sure!

So, if you could, send me a picture or two so i know exactly what we're dealing with. I'd appreciate that, then we'll go from there.

ps.....i attached DNR's solid waste regulations in case you want to see what rules we cite.

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