



INVESTIGATION MEMO

DATE: August 1, 2012

BY: Mark Heiderscheid *mh*  
Environmental Specialist

RE: Complaint Investigation

Complaint #07/12-18 (Logbook) & Complaint ID #15243 (FOCD)

State ID: #310667962

Dump Site: Located on the south bank of Yankee Run Creek in the NE Corner of  
Sec 3, T-81-N, R-1-W, Springfield Township

Owner: Tim Kahl  
2109 Hoover Highway  
Lowden, IA 52255

County: Cedar

July 20, 2012

On July 20, 2012 at ~1028 I investigated a complaint regarding the improper disposal of construction material into Yankee Run Creek. The owner of the property was not present during the visit. Observations noted the following along the south bank of Yankee Run Creek and/or in the water:

- A pile of plasterboard.
- A pile of shingles

Photographs were taken to document observations.

July 27, 2012

On July 27, 2012 at ~1434 I contacted the Cedar County Assessor's office to verify the owner of the field. Per the plat books, the owner was a David Licht. I spoke with a woman who identified herself as Beth. Per the information provided, Mr. Kahl was buying the field or property on contract from Mr. David Licht. There was no contact information for Mr. Licht. Mr. Kahl's address was listed as 2109 Hoover Highway, Lowden, IA.

At ~1518 I called the number listed in the plat book and left a voice message for Mr. Kahl. A database search indicated that Mr. Kahl operated a confinement operation, Facility ID #62880, at 2109 Hoover Highway and had submitted manure management plans (MMP's). At ~1530 I called a 2nd number that was listed in the MMP and left a voice message.

July 30, 2012

At ~1009 Terry Jones, IDNR, forwards an e-mail regarding a conversation with Mr. Kahl. Per the e-mail, Mr. Kahl has removed the debris from the creek bank and would be taking it to the landfill.

July 31, 2012

On July 31, 2012 at ~1017 I returned Mr. Kahl's phone call and left a message. At ~1145 Mr. Kahl returned my call. Mr. Kahl provided the following information:

- He lived ~1 mile from the dump site.
- After he received my message he drove to the site and observed an area that appeared to be matted down from driving on it. That's when he observed the plasterboard.
- He loaded the plasterboard and some paint cans on his trailer and hauled it to Clarence where he has a dump box. It will be taken to the transfer station for disposal

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Mr. Kahl mentioned that there was two ways to access the property and one of them was through the property at 2184 160th Street which is a small acreage. He mentioned that he probably should install a barrier or gate to prevent people from accessing the property.

In addition to the complaint, we discussed the information on the MMP. Mr. Kahl was informed that a review of the MMP noted that the owner and name of the facility had changed several times. Mr. Kahl was asked if the information on the MMP submitted March 22, 2012. Mr. Kahl verified that he was the owner of the facility and the name of the facility was Tim Kahl. Mr. Kahl explained that when he first started his dad, Kevin Kahl helped him out.

As the call concluded Mr. Kahl was informed that the database would be updated to show the correct information, and he would receive a follow up letter regarding the complaint.



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xc: Cedar County Open Dump File  
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