



JUNE 27, 2022

LOESS HILLS MUNICIPAL LANDFILL
ATTN: JUSTIN FRANKS
59722 290th STREET
MALVERN, IA 51551

Subject: Loess Hills Regional Sanitary Landfill Complaint (No. 30669)
Staff Action No. 158766

Dear Mr. Franks:

On April 27, 2022, the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) received a complaint regarding windblown litter from your facility. The complainant stated that the wind blows various items from the landfill across the highway into their yard. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the outcome of the complaint investigation.

On May 12, 2022, I met with Herb Handel and yourself at the landfill to discuss the complaint noted above. During the visit, you stated that the recent high winds had blown litter offsite. It was noted that landfill staff had picked up litter within the housing area located north of the landfill. While onsite, we also conducted a visit to the working face of the landfill to observe the tippers and the litter prevention devices that are in place. The following preventative action was in place:

1. 2,500 feet of 12' perimeter fencing along the north boundary of the landfill
2. 1,200 feet of 10' fencing on the top ridge of the landfill (south of the open face)
3. 400-500 feet of temporary (movable) fencing
4. 24 bull fences (movable fence/cages used around the tippers and open face)
5. Landfill staff pick up litter on a daily basis



During the visit, it was we discussed that the landfill may begin shutting down the tippers during high wind conditions. It was also noted that the landfill is looking into hiring additional staff to inspect and remove trash from trucks prior to leaving the site.

In accordance with 567 Iowa Administrative Code (IAC) Chapter 113.8(3), all municipal solid waste landfills shall take steps to minimize the production of litter and the release of windblown litter off site of the facility. The Loess Hills Landfill should continue to take steps to prevent windblown litter from leaving the site to maintain compliance with the above noted rule.

You should find this letter to be self-explanatory; however, if you have any questions, please contact me via telephone at (712) 243-1934 or by email at ryan.young@dnr.iowa.gov.

Sincerely,



Ryan Young
Environmental Specialist
Field Services and Compliance Bureau

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Enclosure: 567 IAC 113.8(3)

CC Becky Jolly & Nina Booker, SW Section (VIA EMAIL)
Herb Handel & Justin Franks, Loess Hills Regional Sanitary Landfill (VIA EMAIL)
Loess Hills Landfill File
Complainant (VIA EMAIL)