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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

INVESTIGATION DATE	CURRENT: 7/31/2024	LAST: N/A
TO:	Rathbun Area Solid Waste Agency 3020 McCarty Street Centerville, IA 52544	
SUBJECT:	Household Hazardous Materials Collection Center Inspection Rathbun Area Solid Waste Agency, 3020 McCarty Street, Centerville, Iowa Permit No. 04-HHM-09-05	
PERSONS CONTACTED:	Dane Blozovich	

OBSERVATIONS:

1. Required signage is posted at the gate. The facility is open Monday through Friday, 8 :00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to noon. There are six full time employees, one part time driver and one part time scale attendant are also employed. All materials are handled and stored indoors.
2. The facility's procedure for materials drop off is as follows:
 - Customers must see scale attendant at the window prior to pulling into the unloading area. At the window they respond to a brief survey and certify that the waste is household waste (HHM) or from an exempt small quantity generator and pay any fees due. Then they pull into a roofed unloading area and remain in their vehicles. RCC staff complete the survey with information on the waste type and quantity.
 - Environmental technicians unload materials from customers' vehicles onto carts and immediately bring the HHM inside the building to be weighed and separated into similar waste streams (i.e. pesticides, aerosols, fuels, bases, acids, paint-related). The materials are then lab-packed into 55-gallon drums. HHM collected, but not handled or disposed of by the RCC, are picked up twice a year (spring/fall) by Clean Harbors Services, Inc. for disposal. Non-Hazardous waste consists of primarily latex paint. Latex paint is solidified and disposed of at the transfer station.
 - HHM that are in usable condition may be placed in the Swap Shop which is open to the public for reuse.
3. At the time of my inspection, the work area was neat and orderly and all drums appeared to be packed, labeled, and stored correctly.
4. Waste oil processing uses an oil/water separator and a pump that delivers re-useable oil to the facility's (2) 200 gallon above-ground storage tank (AST) for space heating in winter. Excess oil is taken by Clean Harbors, which also takes oil filters and antifreeze. The room the tank is located in was clean and neat, and included a spill kit.
5. Electronic waste collected consisted of computers, televisions, and other small electronic equipment. Monitors go to A-Tec Recycling. Small appliances are processed for demanufacturing in the building located at the southwest end of the of the transfer station site.
6. Highly hazardous or unstable materials are stored in the safety storage building that is right near the west exit gate.
7. All employees attend the required 24-hour HazWoper training. The 8-hour annual refresher training is provided throughout the year.

8. Semi-annual reports are submitted to the DNR central office. Three years of records including training, bills of lading, hazardous waste manifests, and weekly inspections are kept on site.
9. The current operation permit expired will expire on 11-1-2028.
10. Facility personnel perform various weekly, monthly, and yearly inspections of various items throughout the facility making sure the site is secure.

CONCLUSION: The Regional Collection Center is well maintained and operated.

AUTHENTICATION	
INSPECTOR: Brenda Smith, Environmental Specialist	DATE: 8/8/2024
REVIEWER: Bill Gross, Environmental Specialist Senior	DATE: 8/8/2024

August 9, 2024

DANE BLOZOVICH
RATHBUN AREA SOLID WASTE AGENCY
3020 MCCARTY STREET
CENTERVILLE, IA 52544

RE: Household Hazardous Materials Facility Inspection
Rathbun Area Solid Waste Agency, 3020 McCarty St., Centerville, IA
Permit # 04-HHM-09-05, License No: 25-RCC-2006

Dear Mr. Blozovich:

Enclosed is the report completed by Brenda Smith of the Field Office #5 staff following the inspection of your facility in Centerville.

The report should be self-explanatory. The site appears to be well-operated and maintained.

You may contact Brenda Smith (515-250-4094; brenda.smith@dnr.iowa.gov) or this office with any questions or comments. Thank you for your assistance during this inspection.

Sincerely,

Bill Gross
Environmental Specialist Senior, Field Office #5

c: Sue Johnson, Land Quality Bureau, Iowa DNR (w/encl., via email)