



10/09/2024

Iowa Department of Natural Resources

Attn: Jason Gearhart

Jason,

After your last visit we implemented the following changes to address the issues laid out in your report. We have been maintaining a proper level of waste within the building as instructed. The interior of the building is scheduled to be pressure washed after we close on Saturday 10/19. We have been utilizing the existing pit cleaning and wash water checklists and I am utilizing the overall checklist that you sent.

I am keeping the scrap metal contained in the roll off as well as I can with a single box. I have spoken with Mike at Weikert about keeping two boxes here. The HHM building has been emptied completely as of 10-2-24 although there are a few things in there now.. The appliances had been hauled off shortly after you were here but we are on the schedule for another pickup this week. I will attach photos of these areas below

I went around and looked at Linn, Tama, Benton and Iowa counties to get ideas about streamlining our processes for dealing with scrap, tires, electronics etc. What we would like to do is consolidate them into one area similar to how Iowa county has theirs laid out. Our idea is to pour a 40' x 100' slab encompassing the existing appliance are down towards the HHM building. This slab will be segmented into two 40' sections for tires and scrap and a 20' section for appliances. There would be a back wall of concrete to load against. While this would still involve unloading scrap on the ground, it will make scooping it into a container fast and easy as we could just slide the bucket under it and up to the wall to keep it clean. Having the appliances on cement will solve the weed problem and make keeping them orderly and upright easier. My board has already approved the idea but I am required to get at least one more bid.

If that idea works for you we would try to have that done before the end of November. As soon as we are able to proceed, I will be ordering large metal signs for Appliances, Scrap, Tires, Glass, HHM and Electronics to be prominently displayed. We will be having customers drop HHM of on the concrete pad in front of the door and we will load it in at the end of the day as part of our closing process as laid out on the checklist.

I have been able to obtain a supply of Universal Waste and PCB labels to use moving forward. I recently found a source for PCB containment buckets and will be ordering a few of them and will talk with Mike at Weikert about getting the bucket back as they are about \$130 each.

I hope this addresses everything but please let me know if you have any questions. Please let me know when you would like to come and meet with my board members and we can schedule that.

Thank you,

Karl Taylor

Director – Jones County Solid Waste

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Figure 1 Corner of building where HHM was dropped off 10/9/24



Figure 2 HHM Shed 10/9/24



Figure 3 HHM Shed 10/09/24



Figure 4 Scrap and Tire Area 10/9/24



Figure 5 Appliance Area These will be gone Monday 10/14/24



Figure 6 Garbage Area 10/09/24



Figure 7 Recycling Area 10/9/24 More to be hauled off 10/10/24