

NOVEMBER 1, 2024

ATTN: ERIC WERNER  
BENTON COUNTY SANITARY LANDFILL  
7904 20TH AVENUE  
BLAIRSTOWN, IA 52209

SUBJECT: Site Visit: Permit No. 06-SDP-02-81P

Dear Mr. Werner:

Enclosed you will find a copy of the Sanitary Disposal Project visit conducted at the Benton County Sanitary Landfill on October 30, 2024.

We believe you will find the report self-explanatory.

If you have any questions about the inspection or report, please contact me at 563-920-1840 or [jason.gearhart@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:jason.gearhart@dnr.iowa.gov).

Sincerely,



Environmental Specialist, FIELD OFFICE #1

Enclosure(s):

c: DNR Solid Waste section, Becky Jolly (e-mail)  
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**Sanitary Disposal Project Visit (Landfill)**

**Permit # 06-SDP-02-81P**

**Site: Benton Co. Landfill      Weather Conditions: 70° / cloudy / 15 MPH south wind**

**Operator Present: Eric Werner      Waste Volume: 250-300 Tons/Week**

**Date This Visit: 10/30/2024**

Were deficiencies noted or significant observations made during this inspection?  
 Yes- See Comments Sec., No- No Deficiencies Noted, Blank- Not Applicable or Observed.

**Observations:**

Yes	No	N/A	Item
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1. Fill Cover Adequate: daily; intermediate; final
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2. Control of Face: slope; width; location
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3. Adequate Compaction?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4. Wet Weather Area Available
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	5. Internal Roads Accessible
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	6. Recycling Activities Adequate
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	7. Manpower Adequate
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	8. Operating Equipment Sufficient

Yes	No	N/A	Item
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	9. Ponding, Poor Grading
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	10. Drainage Into Fill
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	11. Cover Erosion
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	12. Significant Leachate Seeps
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	13. Litter
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	14. Inadequate Vegetative Cover
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	15. Other -
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	16. Follow-up Visit Needed?

**Comments:**

- This facility is currently operating in the "H" cell.
- Approximately 500,000 gallons of leachate have been hauled to Van Horne since June 2024.
- Records were available for litter pick-up and random load screening/checks. Haulers are now signing the load screening sheet.
- The appliance and tire storage areas looked good. It was recommended to contact their contractor as needed to have them removed.
- AmeriCorps was out this spring and summer with a large crew and spent the day picking litter. It is recommended that this facility continue utilizing these resources.
- A concrete pad was recently poured on the north end of the customer drop-off area (picture 3). This area will be used for scrap metal collection.
- The HHM building was mostly empty. Mr. Werner stated he had recently taken a load of HHM to the Linn County Landfill.
- Most of the oil barrels in the garage appeared to be full. Contact the contractor to remove the used motor oil.
- A substantial amount of litter was noted along the north and east sides of the landfill. Mr. Werner noted two days of higher winds had caused the issues. The catch fence around the perimeter caught most of the litter but some was observed in the trees (picture 1 and 2). Clean up the litter as soon as possible.
- I was unable to check daily cover as the site had opened prior to my arrival. I will conduct a random check in the future to ensure daily cover is being utilized.

PICTURES



Litter along the fence line and some in the trees.



New concrete pad will soon be the scrap metal collection area.

AUTHENTICATION

**INSPECTOR:**

**Jason Gearhart, Environmental Specialist**

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11/4/2024