

June 10, 2025

JANEEN FREY
PRAIRIE SOLID WASTE AGENCY
1774 LARK AVE
PO BOX 227
CRESTON IA 50801

SUBJECT:

Union County Transfer Station

Solid Waste Permit# 88-SDP-01-79, Compliance Inspection, Inspection ID# 99726

Transfer Station (XFR) Permit# 88-SDP-07-07, Inspection ID# 99725

Creston, Union County, Iowa

Dear Ms. Frey:

Enclosed please find a copy of the report resulting from a Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Solid Waste Permit Compliance Inspection of your facility near Creston, Iowa. The report should be self-explanatory.

While on-site, I noted litter along the north side of the transfer building and in the scrap metal storage area. As a reminder, the operation of the facility must be carried out in a manner that attempts to minimize litter, dust, odor, noise, vibration, and the attraction or harborage of vectors. Additionally, if solid waste is spilled from a solid waste transport vehicle during loading, it should be collected as often as necessary to minimize litter, dust, or other fugitive debris. The litter on-site must be cleaned up by July 9, 2025, as required by 567 Iowa Administrative Code (IAC) Chapter 106.11.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 712-223-8048 or by email at john.baker@dnr.iowa.gov.

Sincerely,

John Baker

File:

Environmental Specialist

Phone: 712-243-1934

Field Services & Compliance Bureau

Enc: Solid Waste Permit Compliance Report

CC: Becky Jolly, SW Section, DNR, Des Moines, Iowa (EMAIL)

Sue Johnson, SW Section, DNR, Des Moines, Iowa (EMAIL)

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Facility SDP File, Union County

SUSPENSE: July 7, 2025 – Transfer Station Operating Requirements (567-106.11)

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TRANSFER STATION (XFR) PERMIT INSPECTION FORM

Permit No.: 88-SDP-07-07	County: Union
Facility Name: Union County Transfer Station	Facility Address:
	1774 Lark Avenue
Phone Number: 641-344-2842	Creston, IA 50801
Responsible Official: Prairie Solid Waste Agency	Mailing Address:
	1774 Lark AVE
Phone Number: 641-347-5022	PO Box 227
	Creston, IA 50801
Person(s) Present:	
1) Janeen Frey, Manager	
2)	
3)	
Date of This Inspection: 06-03-25	Date of Last Inspection: 09-26-23

	IAC 567	Chapter 106.9: Transfer Station Siting & Location Requirements	Yes	No	NA
ts	106.9(1)	Is the transfer station building located within the 100-year floodplain?			
emen	106.9(1)	If yes, are there structures to prevent floodwater inundation from a 100-year flood of any area that comes into contact with solid waste or washwater?			\boxtimes
Requirements	106.9(2)	Is the transfer station building within 500 feet of an educational facility, healthcare facility, or permanent residence?		\boxtimes	
Siting Re	106.9(2)	If yes, did construction of the educational facility, or healthcare facility, or permanent residence begin before the permit application was received by the Department?			\boxtimes
S	106.9(2)	If yes, does the transfer station utilize screening to minimize noise and visibility of operations? (Note: Screening shall utilize natural components to the maximum extent possible)			\boxtimes

Comments:

	IAC 567 Chapter 106.10(1): Transfer Station Design Standards				NA
n Design	106.10(1)	Is the transfer station building sufficient to allow all solid waste to be unloaded from collection vehicles and loaded into transport vehicles indoors? (Note: Rear-loading solid waste transport vehicles that have no other opening and that securely abut the building so that minimal amounts of solid waste escape qualify as being inside the building)	\boxtimes		
Station	106.10(1)" <i>a</i> "	Is the building sufficient to minimize dust and litter exiting the building?	\boxtimes		
	106.10(1)" <i>a</i> "	Is the building sufficient to keep out precipitation?	\boxtimes		
fer	106.10(1)" <i>a</i> "	Is the building sufficient to prevent the attraction or harboring of vectors?	\boxtimes		
106.10(1)"a" 106.10(1)"b" 106.10(1)"c"	Are all surfaces that come in contact with solid waste or washwater impervious to liquids?	\boxtimes			
	106.10(1)"c"	Does the transfer station building have a drainage system that maintains a separation between stormwater and washwater?	\boxtimes		

Comments:

	IAC 567 C	hapter 106.10(1): Transfer Station Design Standards (Cont'd)	Yes	No	NA
	106.10(1)" <i>d</i> "	Does the transfer station building have a washwater collection system that directs washwater to a storage tank for later disposal, a sanitary sewer system, or equivalent as approved by the Department?	\boxtimes		
	106.10(1)" <i>d</i> "	If a storage tank(s) is used, does it have a high-level indicator or gauge?	\boxtimes		
	106.10(1)"e"	Does the transfer station store solid waste during non-operating hours?	\boxtimes		
ign	106.10(1)"e"	If yes, is the solid waste storage area clearly marked?	\boxtimes		
Design	106.10(1)"e"	If yes, does the solid waste storage area have a fire detection system?	\boxtimes		
Station	106.10(1)" <i>f</i> "	Does the transfer station building have a surge pit to handle large volumes of incoming waste? (Note: Surge pits are typically found in large transfer stations where a large number of trucks can overload the tipping floor. Surge pits provide more space for temporary storage during peak operating hours and may also allow for additional compaction of the solid waste before it is loaded into transport vehicles)		\boxtimes	
ransfer	106.10(1)" <i>f</i> "	If yes, does the transfer station building have an effective odor control mechanism? (i.e. mist systems and air filters)			\boxtimes
_	106.10(1)"g"	If yes, does the transfer station building have a sprinkler system installed over the area where solid waste is stored?			\boxtimes
	106.10(1)" <i>h</i> "	If the transfer station salvages materials, are the salvage storage areas clearly marked? (Note: Salvaged materials that do not attract or harbor vectors may be stored outside the building in clearly marked designated areas.)	\boxtimes		
	106.10(1)" <i>i</i> "	Is there sufficient indoor and outdoor lighting to minimize the difference in lighting when entering or exiting the building?	\boxtimes		
	106.10(1)" <i>j</i> "	Does the transfer station building have doors at each entrance and exit?	\boxtimes		

Comments:

sfer Station Design	IAC 567 Chapter 106.10(2): Other Transfer Station Design Standards				NA
	106.10(2)"a"	Does the transfer station have a secure perimeter fence w/lockable gate(s)?	\boxtimes		
	106.10(2)" <i>b</i> "	Does the transfer station use an IDALS certified scale? (Note: The scale does not have to be onsite)	\boxtimes		
	106.10(2)"c"	Does the transfer station have adequate queuing distance for vehicles entering and exiting such that lines do not extend onto public streets?	\boxtimes		
	106.10(2)"c"	If no, does the transfer station have approval from the local government authority for lines to back-up onto public streets?			\boxtimes
	106.10(2)" <i>d</i> "	Does the transfer station have signs or pavement markings indicating safe and proper on-site traffic patterns?	\boxtimes		
Transfe	106.10(2)"e"	Is there a sign at the primary entrance specifying: 1) Facility name and permit number, 2) Operating hours, 3) Materials accepted or stating "All materials must have prior approval", 4) Telephone number of emergency contact person(s)?			

Comments: The main sign for the facility was lost during the tornado in summer of 2024. A new one is being made and should be installed this summer. The facility does have a sign that has facility name, permit #, operating hours, and contact #s.

IAC 567 C	hapter 106.11: Transfer Station Operating Requirements	Yes	No	
106.11(1)	Is site access controlled and limited to a time when a transfer station operator is on duty.	\boxtimes		
106.11(1)" <i>a</i> "	If yes, is the site operator on duty able to read, understand and implement the Site Operation Plan?	\boxtimes		
106.11(1)" <i>b</i> "	If yes, is the site operator on duty able to read, understand and implement the Emergency Response and Remedial Action Plan (ERRAP)?	\boxtimes		Ī
106.11(1)"c"	If yes, is the site operator on duty able to visually recognize universal symbols, markings, and indications of unacceptable materials? (e.g. hot loads, hazardous, infectious and radioactive wastes)	\boxtimes		
106.11(1)" <i>d</i> "	Is the transfer station permitted for 20,000 tons or more per year of solid waste?	\boxtimes		
106.11(1)" <i>d</i> "	If yes, is the site operator on duty certified by a training program approved by the Department? (e.g. Solid Waste Association of North America's Transfer Station Systems Training and Certification Course)	\boxtimes		
106.11(2)	Is solid waste only being accepted from generators within the designated service area?			
106.11(3)	Are all unloading, handling, processing, screening, open storage, loading, and similar activities or processes involving solid waste being performed inside the transfer station building? (Note: Truck—to-truck transfer of solid waste that is not incidental solid waste transfer is not allowed outside a transfer station building. A rear-loading solid waste transport vehicle that does not have any other open access and securely abuts the transfer station building so that minimal amounts of solid waste escape during loading shall qualify as being inside the building. Salvaged materials that do not attract or harbor vectors may be stored outside of the building in clearly marked, designated areas.)	\boxtimes		
106.11(4)	Is the solid waste being at least visually screened by personnel capable of identifying hot loads and hazardous, infectious, radioactive, and other wastes not suitable for disposal in a sanitary landfill?			
106.11(5)	Are transfer station operators segregating and managing unacceptable wastes and hot loads in accordance with applicable laws and in a manner as safe and responsible as practical?	\boxtimes		
106.11(6)	Is salvaging only being performed by transfer station operators? (Note: Scavenging shall not be allowed.)	\boxtimes		
106.11(7)	Is the operation of the facility being carried out in a manner that attempts to minimize litter, dust, odor, noise, vibration, and the attraction or harborage of vectors?	\boxtimes		
106.11(8)	Is the transfer station building being maintained at a level of cleanliness necessary to prevent a nuisance or public health hazard?			
106.11(9)	Is on-site litter being maintained at a level of cleanliness to prevent a nuisance or public health hazard? (Note: Off-site litter shall be collected daily.)			
106.11(10)	Is the exterior of all buildings being maintained in a reasonable aesthetic condition that prevents the attraction or harborage of vectors, so as not to create a nuisance or public health hazard?			
106.11(11)	Is the washwater management system being inspected monthly and maintained in proper operating condition to prevent overflowing?	\boxtimes		
106.11(12)	Are all surfaces that prevent washwater from entering the ground and groundwater impervious?	\boxtimes		
106.11(12)	If no, was the breach noted above fixed within 24 hours, or has the facility prevented any solid waste or washwater from coming into contact with the breached area until repaired?			
106.11(13)	Has the transfer station made adequate provisions for routine operational maintenance of the facility?	\boxtimes		

Comments: Starting October 6, 2023, the approved annual tonnage increased from 25,000 ton to 30,000 ton.

	IAC 567 CI	hapter 106.12: Temporary Solid Waste Storage at Transfer Stations	Yes	No	NA			
Storage	106.12(1)	If solid waste is stored at the transfer station, is it stored: 1) Inside the transfer station in a clearly marked, designated area; or 2) Inside the transfer station building in a surge pit; or 3) Inside a secure solid waste transport vehicle, protected from precipitation and vectors?	$\square\square\boxtimes$					
Waste	106.12(2)" <i>a</i> "	If solid waste is being stored inside the transfer station in a designated area that is not a surge pit or similar operational structure, is it being stored for not more than 48 hours, excluding Sundays and national holidays?						
y Solid	106.12(2)" <i>b</i> "	If solid waste is being stored inside the transfer station building in a surge pit, is it being stored for not more than seven days, including Sundays and national holidays?			\boxtimes			
emporary	106.12(2)" <i>c</i> "	If solid waste is being stored in a transport vehicle designated to travel only via roadway, is it being stored for not more than 48 hours, excluding Sundays and national holidays?	\boxtimes					
Te	106.12(2)" <i>d</i> "	If solid waste is being stored in a transport vehicle designated to travel via rail or navigable waterway, including intermodal container systems, is it being stored for not more than seven days, including Sundays and national holidays?			\boxtimes			

Comments: No waste is stored in the transfer station outside of business hours. After hours waste is stored in covered trailers outside of the building.

	IAC 567 CI	hapter 106.13: Transfer Station Record-Keeping Requirements	Yes	No	NA
	106.13(1)" <i>a</i> "	Is a copy of the current permit(s) on site?	\boxtimes		
S	106.13(1)"b"	Is a copy of the current Site Operation Plan onsite?	\boxtimes		
Requirements	106.13(1)"c"	Is a copy of the current Emergency Response and Remedial Action Plan (ERRAP) onsite?	\boxtimes		
uire	106.13(1)" <i>d</i> "	Is proof of current financial assurance on file?	\boxtimes		
	106.13(2)" <i>a</i> "	Are three years of records being maintained by the transfer station with regard to the tons of all solid waste disposed of quarterly?	\boxtimes		
epin	106.13(2)" <i>b</i> "	Are three years of records being maintained by the transfer station with regard to the destination of all outgoing solid waste?	\boxtimes		
Record-Keeping	106.13(2)"c"	Are three years of records being maintained by the transfer station with regard to the washwater management system inspection log?	\boxtimes		
Reco	106.13(2)" <i>d</i> "	Are three years of records being maintained by the transfer station with regard to hot loads and hazardous, infectious, radioactive, or other unacceptable wastes found?			\boxtimes
	106.13(2)"e"	Are three years of records being maintained by the transfer station with regard to training received by transfer station operator(s) pursuant to 106.11(1).?	\boxtimes		

Comments: The facility has not had any hot loads, or hazardous, infectious, radioactive or other unacceptable wastes in the last 3 years.

8	IAC 567 C	hapter 106.14: Transfer Station Reporting Requirements	Yes	No	NA
ing Requirements	106.14(1)	Is the transfer station submitting quarterly tonnage reports to the Department that include: 1) Tons of solid waste disposed of; 2) Comprehensive planning area from which the solid waste originated, and the tons of solid waste from each county and comprehensive planning area; and 3) Destinations of all outgoing solid waste?	\boxtimes		
Reporting	106.14(2)	Is the transfer station being inspected annually by an Iowa-licensed professional engineer for compliance with IAC 567 Chapter 106.10 and submitting said annual inspection report to the Department and Field Office by the first workday in November each year?			

Comments: The facility is inspected by SCS Engineers. The last annual inspection was completed April 30, 2025.

rt Vehicles	IAC 567 C	hapter 106.15: Transport Vehicle Construction & Maintenance	Yes	No	NA
	106.15(1)	Is the portion of the solid waste transport vehicle(s) that contains solid waste sufficient to: 1) Prevent the accidental discharge of its contents; 2) Prevent the attraction or harborage of vectors; and 3) Prevent the infiltration of precipitation? (Note: Any solid waste transport vehicle that fails to meet the requirements of IAC 567 Chapter 106.15 shall be repaired before it is utilized in the transport or storage of solid waste.)	\boxtimes		
Transport	106.15(1)	If the solid waste transport vehicle(s) has an open-top, does it have a suitable cover that is not easily torn, shredded, broken, or otherwise breached under normal use?			
	106.15(3)	Is the transport vehicle(s) being cleaned at intervals frequent enough to prevent a nuisance or vector attraction?	\boxtimes		
	106.15(4)	Is wastewater generated from any cleaning of the areas of the solid waste transport vehicle(s) that hold solid waste being managed as washwater?	\boxtimes		

Comments:

	IAC 567 C	hapter 106.16: Solid Waste Transport Vehicle Operation Requirements	Yes	No	NA
Operation	106.16(1)	Are the solid waste transport vehicle's openings securely closed before transport and during solid waste storage so as to prevent the loss of solid waste?	\boxtimes		
Vehicle Oper	106.16(2)	Is solid waste being loaded into the solid waste transport vehicle inside the transfer station building and in a manner that minimizes the spilling of materials? (Note: Truck—to-truck transfer of solid waste that is not incidental solid waste transfer is not allowed outside a transfer station building. A rear-loading solid waste transport vehicle that does not have any other open access and securely abuts the transfer station building so that minimal amounts of solid waste escape during loading shall qualify as being inside the building.)	\boxtimes		
Transport \	106.16(2)	If solid waste is spilled from a solid waste transport vehicle during loading, is it collected as often as necessary to minimize litter, dust, or other fugitive debris?		\boxtimes	
	106.16(3)	If solid waste was spilled from a solid waste transport vehicle not on transfer station property, was the solid waste collected as soon as possible and was the spill immediately reported to the Department and the Field Office with jurisdiction?			\boxtimes

Comments: Litter was noted on the back side of the facility. It appears that the waste has been there for some time. Some waste was carried off-site from stormwater flow coming off of the transfer building.

Other Materials Accepted/Activities On-Site							
Recyclables Drop-Off		Appliance Demanufacturing					
Lead Acid Batteries	\boxtimes	Electronics Demanufacturing					
Used Oil	\boxtimes	Yard Waste Collection					
Antifreeze	\boxtimes	Yard Waste Composting					
Tires	\boxtimes	HHM/RCC					
Brown Goods Collection		Other:					
Cathode Ray Tube Collection	\boxtimes						
White Goods Collection	\boxtimes						
Scrap Metal Salvaging	\boxtimes						

Comments:

- 1. Waste tire collection is in compliance with 567 IAC 117.4"c"
- 2. The HHM building is well marked and items inside are labeled. Staff training records are kept (567 IAC 123.4), as is the operation plan (567 IAC 123.5).
- 3. CRT Collection records are kept per 567 IAC 122.6.

Summary of Requirements:	Compliance Date:
1) Continue compliance with permit #88-SDP-07-07.	ongoing
2) Ensure the damaged signage is replaced and the new signage includes all required information.	
3) Remove litter around transfer building and scrap metal storage area.	07/09/2025
4)	
5)	

Inspector: John Baker

Date: 06/10/2025

Reviewer: Wendy Wittrock

Date: 06/10/2025

^{*}Be advised your facility may require, due to either SIC code or onsite management practices, an NPDES General Permit #1 (Stormwater permit).

Facility Photographs





















IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Field Office 4

1401 Sunnyside Lane, Atlantic, Iowa 50022 712-243-1934

Sanitary Disposal Project Visit

Pe	rmit #:	88-SD	P-01-79 Date this Inspecti	on: <u>06</u>	/03/25		Previous Inspection Date: 09/26/23		
Facility Name: <u>Union County Landfill</u> Weather Conditions at Time of Visit: <u>Raining 70 degrees</u>									
Person(s) Contacted: Janeen Frey, Manager (641) 347-5022									
Were deficiencies noted or significant observations made during this inspection? Yes – See Comments Sec., No – No deficiencies noted, Blank – Not applicable or observed, PND – Previously Noted Deficiency									
Yes	No	PND	Obs	ervatio Yes		PND	Item		
	\boxtimes		1. Fill Cover: daily; intermediate; final				9. Construction & Demolition Area		
			2. Control of Face: slope; width; location		\boxtimes		10. Special Waste Handling		
			3. Compaction				11. Recycling Activities		
	\boxtimes		4. Cover erosion; Ponding		\boxtimes		12. Operator Certification		
			5. Drainage into fill		\boxtimes		13. Staffing		
	\boxtimes		6. Leachate Mgmt. & Control				14. Equipment Backup/Maintenance		
	\boxtimes		7. Litter		\boxtimes		15. Interior Roads		
			8. Wet Weather Area		\boxtimes		16. Perimeter fence, gate, signs		
Location of Work Face: Closed landfill since 2007.									
Comments: The trees and areas of erosion/bare soil were repaired. Some areas of thin vegetation were present but it appears that new									
growth is starting. Continue to complete maintenance and repairs as needed. The trees around the leachate lagoon were removed and the hole in the fencing was repaired.									
Tiolo III the lenoing was repaired.									
Follow-up Actions Needed: Continue to comply with permit # 88-SDP-01-79c.									
AUTHENTICATION									
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INSPECTOR: John Baker, Environmental Specialist Rev				Review	eviewer: Wendy Wittrock, Environmental Specialist Senior				
Date: 06/10/2025 Date					Date: 06/10/2025				

Facility Photos





Photos 1/2: Area of Newer Seeding



Photo 3: Leachate Lagoon

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