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SUBJECT: Compliance Evaluation Inspection: 33-SDP-02-83C

Enclosed you will find a copy of the closed landfill inspection report conducted at the Fayette County closed landfill on August 13, 2025. It was noted during this inspection that the site appears well-maintained.

If you have any questions about the inspection or report, please contact me at 563-920-2695 or amber.sauser@dnr.iowa.gov.

The cooperation and assistance provided by Ms. Swenka during this inspection was appreciated.

Sincerely,



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Environmental Specialist Senior, FIELD OFFICE #1

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Closed Sanitary Disposal Project Inspection (Landfill)

Permit # 33-SDP-02-83C

Site: Fayette County Landfill (Closed)

Person Present: Joan Swenka, Administrator

Date This Visit: August 13, 2025

N/A = not applicable or observed.

Observations:

Yes	No	N/A	Item
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1. Perimeter fence, gate, sign
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2. Erosion
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3. Significant Leachate Seeps
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4. Inadequate Vegetative Cover
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	5. Ponding, Poor Grading
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	6. Litter
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	7. Other -
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	8. Follow-up Visit Needed

Comments:

I arrived on site and met with Joan Swenka, Administrator. We discussed some of the recent work completed based on the recommendations from the most recent semiannual engineering evaluation. She noted that she continues to review the reports and take action as needed. Areas of erosion are addressed as time allows, but no recent work has been needed as they attempt to repair areas for the long term.

It was noted that the closed portion of the landfill is mowed as needed or about every three years. This last occurred in 2022.

Leachate lines were last cleaned in 2024.

After meeting with Ms. Swenka, I then proceeded to observe the landfill and noted the following.

A few areas of small trees were present (photos 1-3) and are identified in purple on the map below. Photos 1 and 2 appeared to be saplings that had sprouted from previously being cut. These may need to be chemically treated. Photo 3 is new growth. Areas of small willows were observed through, but appear to be managed with mowing. Mowing should continue to address these areas.

Locks on the observed leachate piezometers and monitoring wells were secure.

No leachate seeps were observed during this visit. Some areas of stressed, minimal vegetation were observed as shown in photo 4. The approximate location is identified in yellow on the map.

The site appears well-maintained with good vegetative growth. Items noted by staff or during the semiannual engineering evaluation are addressed in a timely manner.

Photo 1-
Woody Vegetation



Photo 2-
Cedar Tree



Photo 3-
Cottonwoods



Photo 4-



Map indicating where photos 1-3 were taken.



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