

OCTOBER 16, 2025

BREMER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BREMER COUNTY COURTHOUSE
415 EAST BREMER AVENUE
WAVERLY IA 50677

SUBJECT: Site Visit: Permit No. 09-SDP-01-75C (Landfill) 01-RCC-1998 (HHM)

Bremer Co. Board of Supervisors:

Enclosed you will find a copy of the Sanitary Disposal Project Site Visit and HHM report conducted at the Bremer County Sanitary Landfill on September 25, 2025, by Jason Gearhart of the Field Office #1 staff.

We believe you will find the report self-explanatory. If you have any questions about the inspection or report, please contact me at 563-927-2640 ext. 304 or jason.gearhart@dnr.iowa.gov.

The cooperation and time of Tim Meeker during this inspection was appreciated.

Sincerely,



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Closed Sanitary Disposal Project Visit (Landfill)

Permit # 09-SDP-01-75C

Site: Bremer Co. Landfill (Closed)

Person Present: Tim Meeker

Date This Visit: 10/01/2024

N/A = not applicable or observed.

Observations:

Yes	No	N/A	Item
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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

Yes	No	N/A	Item
<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:

The closed landfill was well vegetated and had been recently mowed (Mid/late August). There were small trees on the lower berms on the north side that need to be addressed again. Mr. Meeker stated that he was waiting for secondary roads to bring their batwing mower over, and they would be mowed and sprayed yet this fall. Woody vegetation was present on the west side of the landfill cap by the tile inlet. Mr. Meeker stated he would take care of this. The rest of the landfill appeared to be in great shape, as I did not see any evidence of leachate/methane seeps or erosion/rodent damage. Continue to watch for tree growth/erosion and perform maintenance accordingly.

This facility employs two full-time employees. Both employees have completed the 24-hour Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response training (HAZWOPER) and applicable annual refresher courses (certificates were readily available for review). This facility conducted a customer survey to decide whether a new transfer station/updates are warranted. Mr. Meeker stated that the survey went favorably, and the county may act on this in the future.

This facility recently increased its tonnage for the transfer station from 2,000 to 5,000 tons annually. This facility now employs a contract hauler (Cooley Sanitation out of Grundy Center) to take loads to the landfill. The transfer station area was quite clean and organized, and the appliance and tire storage areas looked well managed.

The Household Hazardous Material (HHM) area comprises two buildings: explosion-proof building and storage shed. The storage shed has been insulated and has a ventilation fan as well as a mini-split HVAC system for heating and cooling.

TRADEBE was last on site and removed chemicals on July 17th, 2025 and will be back again later this fall. As a reminder, 567 IAC 123.4(3) states that it is required that HW/HHW accumulated for disposal not be accumulated on site for more than 180 days. Once the capacity limit of a collection site or time limit has been reached, all waste collected shall be collected by a licensed hazardous waste contractor.

The storage shed is used for chemical storage and for the customer swap/reuse shelf. County residents are allowed to come in and take paint, oil, lawn and garden chemicals etc. It was noted that this shelf should be labeled so customers aren't taking things from other areas of the building.

Requirements:

- Properly label the customer swap area in the storage building and sort materials accordingly.
- Continue working with TRADEBE to remove chemicals before the 180-day requirement.
- Mow/spray the trees on north berms and by tile inlet as noted in this inspection report.

Recommendations:

- Routinely inspect the landfill and perform maintenance as needed.

INSPECTOR	NAME/TITLE: Environmental Specialist	DATE: 10/16/2025
REVIEWER	NAME/TITLE: Environmental Specialist Senior	DATE: 10/16/2025