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RE: ANNUAL INSPECTION – 2025
CEDAR COUNTY TRANSFER STATION
PERMIT NO. 16-SDP-02-88P-XFR
HLW P.N. 6053-23A.751

In accordance with the General Provisions of the Sanitary Disposal Project Permit, an annual inspection of the Cedar County Transfer Station was personally conducted during the afternoon of October 17, 2025. Conditions at the time of the inspection were clear with moderate winds and temperatures in the 70's.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

The hours of the transfer station are 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday; 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM, Thursday; 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM, 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month (April-November); and 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM, 1st Saturday of each month (December-March).

Municipal wastes are brought to the transfer station, dumped onto the tipping floor, and then loaded by endloader into a transport trailer in the loading pit for hauling and disposal at the Millennium Waste, Inc. SLF in Milan, IL in accordance with the SDP Permit. Staff reported that typically 2-3 loads are hauled to the landfill each day.

The access road from the scale to the tipping floor was in excellent condition. Conditions on the tipping floor were observed. The amount of waste on the tipping floor will allow waste to be removed within 48 hours of deposition. A trailer was in the loading pit during the inspection with no litter noted adjacent to the trailer in visible areas. Staff reported that litter is collected from the loading pit after each trailer is removed.

Transfer station employees retrieve litter from the transfer station grounds as necessary – minimal litter was noted during the inspection.

Source separated recyclables are also accepted at the transfer station. Recycled materials accepted include used oil (including filters) and antifreeze, lead acid batteries, white goods, tires, electronics and CRT's, fluorescent bulbs and ballasts, and scrap metal. A drop-off recycling container is also available on site for rural residents. Appliances were being stored upright. The majority of recyclables are stored under a roof. All recycled materials appeared to be stored in accordance with good housekeeping practices.

The Cedar County Solid Waste Commission has entered into an agreement with the Regional Collection Center (RCC) facility located at the Clinton County Sanitary Landfill for the collection and storage of Household Hazardous Materials (HHM) at the transfer station. Materials collected are stored on site and periodically picked up and processed by RCC personnel. Customers unload HHM in a designated area in the Transfer Station building and staff transfers the accumulated materials to the HHM satellite building. HHM was being stored in the designated area during the inspection.

Any burn barrels received are segregated from the rest of the solid waste upon delivery. These are not added to the waste flow until transfer station personnel examine the contents and determine that all material is extinguished.

PERMIT CONDITIONS

All permit conditions appear to be met or exceeded. The SDP Permit expires on April 30, 2026. The SDP Permit certificate was posted in the transfer station office.

FINANCIAL ASSURANCE

A closure cost estimate and related financial assurance documentation for the transfer station was submitted with the permit renewal application on February 22, 2023 (Doc #105927). An updated closure cost estimate and financial assurance documentation will be submitted with each permit renewal as required in the General Provisions of the SDP Permit.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

The Site Operations Plan, Emergency Response and Remedial Action Plan (ERRAP), and the most recent permit renewal documentation (including financial assurance) are maintained on site.

The facility operates under NPDES Stormwater Discharge General Permit No. 1 (discharge authorization number 6539-6341) due to the outside storage of some of the recyclables. The permit expires March 10, 2028.

CHAPTER 106 REQUIREMENTS

In according to IAC 567-106.14(2), the annual inspection report for transfer stations must address the requirements in IAC 567-106.10. The following summarizes compliance with IAC 567-106.10:

IAC 567-106.10(1) *Transfer Station Building*

a. The waste unloading area and the transfer trailer loading area are fully enclosed to:
    1. Minimize dust and litter exiting the building.
    2. Keep precipitation out of the building.
    3. Prevent the attraction or harboring of vectors.

b. The solid waste unloading area and the waste transfer trailer loading area are located on concrete floors.
c. The grounds around the transfer station and access roads are graded away from the building entrances so stormwater flows or surface water do not enter the building.
d. The facility does not have floor drains. As a result, no washwater is collected.
e. All waste stored during non operating hours is stored in the interior of the Transfer Station building in the location designated by staff. The Transfer Station building is locked and in a fenced area to control access to the building. The Transfer Station has a fire detection system.
f. This facility does not utilize a surge pit.
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h. All salvaged/recyclable materials were being stored in the designated areas.
i. Lighting is adequate in the transfer station building.
j. Doors are installed on the transfer station and are operable.

IAC 567-106.10(2) *Other Transfer Station Design Requirements*

a. The facility is fenced and the access road equipped with a lockable gate.
b. The facility does not have a scale. All waste is weighed at the disposal site.
c. The transfer station has an adequate queuing distance for vehicles entering and exiting the property. Queued vehicles do not extend onto County Road F32.
d. The facility has signage on site to assist customers with unloading materials accepted at the site.
e. Signs are located at the facility entrance containing the following information:
    1. Name and permit number of the facility
    2. Operating hours
    3. Material acceptance criteria
    4. Emergency contact number

Based on observations during the inspection the transfer station operations appear to be in general conformance with the SDP Permit.

This report is based on observations made at the site at the time of the inspection and the information sources referenced in the report. This report does not reflect typical variations experienced at the site throughout the year or variations in conditions that may be observed at the site at other times.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Continue to operate as per the SDP Permit.

cc: Gary Crock, Manager, Cedar County Solid Waste Commission (electronic copy)