

February 6, 2026

JOHN REYNOLDS
CENTRAL DISPOSAL SYSTEMS INC
21265 430TH ST
LAKE MILLS IA 50450

RE: Sanitary Disposal Project Visit
Permit #95-SDP-01-72
NPDES #9545001IC4
NPDES # 9855001IC3

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

Enclosed is a report of an inspection of the above referenced facility, which was conducted on January 23, 2026, by Jeremy Klatt, an Environmental Specialist with this office.

Your attention is directed to the follow-up actions listed at the end of this report. Please submit a written response detailing your plans for the management or disposal of the stormwater pond contents to this office by **February 23, 2026**.

Feel free to contact Mr. Klatt at 641-424-4073 with any questions you have concerning this report.

Sincerely,

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Sanitary Disposal Project Visit

Permit #: 95-SDP-01-72 **Date this Inspection:** 01/23/2026 **Previous Inspection Date:** 10/22/2025

Facility Name: Central Disposal Systems **Weather Conditions at Time of Visit:** Clan

Person(s) Contacted: John Reynolds, George Fletcher, Dennis Davis, Ryan Pijanowski

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

Observations				Observations			
Yes	No	PND	Item	Yes	No	PND	Item
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1. Fill Cover: daily; intermediate; final	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	10. Special Waste Handling
<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"/>	11. Recycling Activities
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3. Compaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	12. Operator Certification
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4. Cover erosion; Ponding	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	13. Staffing
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	5. Drainage into fill	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	14. Equipment Backup/Maintenance
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	6. Leachate Mgmt. & Control	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	15. Interior Roads
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	7. Litter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	16. Perimeter fence, gate, signs
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	8. Wet Weather Area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	17. Photos taken
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	9. Construction & Demolition Area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	18. Follow-up needed

Location of Work Face: Phase VIII

Comments:

Item 1. Fill Cover. Final cover along the north and west landfill boundaries is substantially completed with just some final grading and seeding needed this spring. A HDPE geo-membrane is also in place as intermediate cover on the east side of the landfill near the stormwater pond. A variance from the requirement to vegetate the intermediate cover was granted by the Department in 2025.

Item 6. Leachate Mgmt. Leachate is hauled primarily to Albert Lea and occasionally to Mason City. Though there are agreements in place with the Cities of Northwood and Lake Mills, no leachate has been hauled to either location for several years. In 2025, the lift station designated as P2 overflowed on multiple occasions. To prevent future releases from this vault, Central Disposal Systems (CDS) staff modified the plumbing in the vault; in addition, the force main from the landfill gas system dual extraction pumps was plumbed directly into the landfill perimeter force main.

Leachate entered the stormwater pond in the summer of 2025. No discharge of the pond has occurred since that time. CDS staff have tried to aerate it and introduced nitrifying bacteria but a lab test taken in December 2025 shows that the water remains unsuitable to discharge.

Item 7. Litter. Excessive litter was observed on the southeast side of the facility. Mr. Davis noted that litter fencing sustained damage approximately one week prior to the inspection, which precluded its use at the working face. While extreme cold and high winds have hindered recent recovery efforts, an intensified focus on litter control is needed to prevent off-site migration.

Item 12 & 13 Staffing/Op Cert. Dennis Davis has recently taken over management of this landfill; Mr. Davis has prior experience as a landfill manager in Michigan. The facility currently has three state-certified operators on staff. In addition, Mr. Davis reported that three new employees were recently hired.

Miscellaneous. A second stormwater retention pond has been constructed in the field immediately west of the existing landfill boundary. This stormwater pond will generally collect stormwater from the west side of the landfill.

Follow-up Actions Needed: (1) Submit plan for proper management or disposal of the contaminated stormwater pond contents; (2) Devote additional resources to litter control.

AUTHENTICATION

INSPECTOR:

2/9/26

REVIEWER:

Shaia Bly 02/09/2026