

April 24, 2026

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**RE: BIENNIAL INSPECTION REPORT – 2026  
BUTLER COUNTY SANITARY LANDFILL (CLOSED)  
HLW PN 6056-25A.750**

Dear Mr. Davison,

In accordance with Items 8.e and 8.j of the Environmental Covenant (EC) between IDNR and the Butler County Solid Waste Commission, a biennial inspection of the Butler County Sanitary Landfill was personally conducted the morning of April 20, 2026. I was accompanied on the inspection by Matt Ramker, Director, Butler County Solid Waste Commission. Conditions at the time of the inspection were clear with moderate winds and temperatures in the 40's.

The initial biennial inspection for this facility under the provisions of the Environmental Covenant was conducted on October 21, 2024 and submitted to IDNR on November 6, 2024 (Doc #111270).

**Status of the Permit**

The Environmental Covenant was recorded with the Butler County Recorder as Instrument 2022-3450 on December 20, 2022 (Doc #105465). As a result, IDNR rescinded SDP Permit Number 12-SDP-01-73C in the letter dated January 10, 2023 (Doc #105466). This letter also served as "notice of completion of the regulated post-closure care period for the Butler County Sanitary Landfill".

**Environmental Covenant, Item 8 – Activity and Use Limitations and Terms**

*The property is subject to the following activity and use limitations:*

- a. No excavations greater than 2' have been completed on the property.
- b. No waste has been excavated, disrupted, or removed from the closed landfill site.
- c. No drinking water wells have been constructed within the boundaries of the property.
- d. No residences have been constructed within the boundaries of the property.
- e. This report serves as the Biennial Inspection.

In addition to the general restrictions above, the following specific restrictions are imposed:

- f. No enclosed structures have been placed or constructed on the landfill cap.
- g. No leachate seeps were observed during the inspection. The areas around the shut off valve and underground leachate storage tanks were reviewed and no seepage was noted.
- h. The fencing and front entrance gate is being maintained. The gate was locked when we arrived on site and was locked when we left. No trash or debris was noted at the gate.
- i. The integrity of the landfill cap is being maintained. There were no signs indicating trespassing or animal grazing on site. Additional discussion on the landfill cap is contained in the text below.
- j. 1) This report serves as the Biennial Inspection.  
2) The monitoring wells observed during this inspection were well marked. Quotes were obtained for monitoring well abandonment; however, the Commission has not received permission from the landowner to the north to abandon two (2) monitoring wells on that property. The current plan is to have the wells abandoned this fall after crops are removed if access to the off site wells is granted by the adjacent landowner.

### **Landfill Cap Integrity**

The majority of the site had been mowed in 2025 and the vegetation appeared to be in excellent condition with the exception of one area of thin vegetation noted on the north slope of Fill Area 2. Mr. Ramker reported that this was in an area where ditch cleanings were applied a few years ago. No erosion was noted in this area. Mowing also removes saplings, no trees were noted on the landfill cap during the inspection. Regular mowing improves site aesthetics and aids in the establishment of desirable vegetation by controlling weeds and tree growth on the cap. Mowing also makes potential problem areas, such as leachate seeps and erosion rills, easier to observe. Regular mowing should continue - annual mowing is not necessary if a longer mowing interval is able to control weed and tree growth.

Mr. Ramker reported that the county provides ditch cleanings that are used for repairs of settlement or erosion of the cap and there is a large stockpile of ditch cleanings on site (off of the landfill cap) available for future maintenance and repairs. Two depressed areas were noted in Fill Area 1 and two areas were noted in Fill Area 2. None of the areas was holding water during the inspection. No erosion of the cap was noted during the inspection.

No ponding or leachate seepage was noted on the landfill cap during the inspection. The site received over 3" of rain the week prior to the inspection so standing water was noted in the ditches outside of the waste boundary during the inspection.

Mr. Ramker and I discussed abandoning the leachate wells (2) on site to eliminate obstacles encountered during site mowing and improve site maintenance.

### **Additional Comments**

The site was inspected by Madelynn Austin, IDNR Field Office #2, on May 23, 2023. The reported noted "There were no significant deficiencies documented during the facility inspection."

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. Fill the depressed areas noted during the inspection.
2. Continue to monitor vegetation and erosion and repair as necessary.



cc: Matt Ramker, Director, Butler County Solid Waste Commission (electronic copy)