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RE: Sanitary Disposal Project Inspection  
South Central Iowa Sanitary Landfill, 2520 State Highway 92, Winterset, IA  
Sanitary Disposal Project Permit # 61-SDP-01-78

Dear Ms. Beeler:

Enclosed is the report completed by Brenda Smith of the Field Office #5 staff following the inspection of your facility.

The report should be self-explanatory. Please take note of the requirements, reminders, and recommendations listed near the end, and address them promptly.

You may contact Brenda Smith (515-250-4094; [brenda.smith@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:brenda.smith@dnr.iowa.gov)) or this office with any questions or comments. We appreciate your assistance during this inspection.

Sincerely,



Digitally signed by Bill Gross  
Date: 2026.05.15 10:43:56 -05'00'

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Environmental Specialist Senior, Field Office #5

c.: [Alexis Slade](#) / [Becky Jolly](#), Land Quality Bureau, Iowa DNR (w/encl.)  
Marcia Beeler, [scilamab@aol.com](mailto:scilamab@aol.com) (w/encl.)

**IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
Sanitary Disposal Project Inspection**

**Permit No. 61-SDP-01-78**

**Facility Name:** South Central Iowa Sanitary Landfill  
**County:** Madison  
**Facility Operator:** Alan Utsler  
**Address :** South Central Iowa Landfill Agency  
 2490 State Highway 92, Winterset, IA 50273  
**Phone:** 515-776-8864; [info@scilandfill.com](mailto:info@scilandfill.com)  
**Responsible Official:** Marcia Beeler, Manager  
**Address:** South Central Iowa Landfill Agency  
 2490 State Highway 92, Winterset, IA 50273  
**Phone:** 515-776-8864; [scilamab@aol.com](mailto:scilamab@aol.com)

**Date This Inspection:** 3/31/2026,4/28/2026  
**Date Last Inspection:** 8/26/2025  
 (visit)  
**Waste Amount:** 53542 tons/yr. (2025)

**At the Time of this Inspection:**

- **facility personnel present:** Marcia Beeler, manager (3/31)  
 Alan Utsler, operator (3/31, 4/28)  
 Verl Dillinger (3/31,4/28)
- **active unit(s):** final lift of cell 5 (western area) (3/31,4/28)
- **surface conditions:** dry (3/31), dry (4/28)
- **ambient temperature:** 55°F, cloudy (3/31), 57°F, overcast (4/28)
- **wind direction and speed:** NNW @ 18 mph (3/31), S @ 11mph (4/28)

**Yes** – compliance was being achieved; **No** – compliance was not being achieved,  
**N/A** – not applicable or not observed; **PND** – previously noted deficiency (PND).

**I. Documents and Record Keeping:**

Yes	No	N/A	PND	Item	Yes	No	N/A	PND	Item
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1. Permit/Amendment documents	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	9. Financial assurance
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2. Site exploration report	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	10. Storm water permit
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3. Plans/Specs and QC&A Reports	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	11. SWA/SWAC documentation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4. Waste screening inspection records	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	12. Operator Certification
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	5. Leachate recirculation authorization	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	13. DOPs
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	6. Gas monitoring/remediation results	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	14. ERRAP
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	7. Groundwater monitoring results	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	15. Other
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	8. Closure/Postclosure plans/results					

**II. Operating Procedures:**


Yes	No	N/A	PND	Item	Yes	No	N/A	PND	Item
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1. All weather access road to facility					10. Scavenging and Salvaging
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2. Controlled Access at facility	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	a. scavenging prohibited
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	a. fencing or other perimeter barriers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	b. salvaging authorized
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	b. entrance gate with lock	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	c. salvaged material orderly
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	c. safe/proper on-site traffic patterns	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	d. salvage removal adequate
			<input type="checkbox"/>	3. Signage					11. Animal feeding and grazing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	a. facility name and permit number	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	a. animal feeding prohibited
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	b. days and hours of operation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	b. grazing on final cover limited
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	c. wastes accepted/not accepted					12. Survey controls and monuments
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	d. telephone # of resp. official	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	a. facility and waste boundaries surveyed and marked
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4. All weather access road in facility	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	b. survey monuments established
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	5. Adequate vehicle queuing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	c. stakes clearly marked
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	6. Certified scale used					13. Fill Sequencing
				7. Waste Screening	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	a. liner system protected
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	a. random inspections performed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	b. slope failure controlled
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	b. inspection records	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	c. differential settlement controlled
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	c. trained personnel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	d. run-on and runoff controlled
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	d. EPA notification procedures					14. Control of Workface
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	8. Prohibited materials listing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	a. size of area controlled
				9. Open Burning and Fire Hazards	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	b. slope is stable
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	a. open burning prohibited	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	c. litter control devices used
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	b. vehicle fueling prohibited within 50 feet of workface	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	d. vectors controlled
					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	e. operator at workface

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	15. Special Waste Handling a. operator familiar with SWAC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	16. Waste Fill Cover a. daily cover adequate
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	b. alternative cover authorized
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	c. scarification of daily cover
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	d. intermediate cover adequate (30/180 day)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	e. final cover maintained
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	17. Leachate seeps identified and controlled
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	18. Leachate recirculation a. composite liner
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	b. RD&D authorization
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	c. personnel protected
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	d. erosion controlled
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	e. vegetation maintained
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	19. Site Litter Control a. on-site litter picked up daily
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	b. offsite litter picked up daily
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	c. record of litter not pick-up
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	20. Dust Control a. dust controlled as vehicles enter/exit facility
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	b. dust controlled on internal roads
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	c. dust controlled at the workface
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	21. Mud Control a. mud controlled as vehicles enter/exit facility
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	22. Leachate Control and Treatment a. system operational
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	b. head measurement device
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	c. seeps controlled
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	d. leachate tank maintained
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	e. leachate lagoon maintained
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	f. POTW agreement
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	g. sanitary sewer discharge
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	h. NPDES discharge permit
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	i. NPDES on-site treatment

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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	23. Run-on/Runoff Control Systems a. ponding controlled
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	b. dikes, ditches, berms & terraces intact
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	c. tile lines maintained
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	24. Landfill Equipment a. working properly
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	b. backup equipment available
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	25. Groundwater Monitoring Wells a. wells intact
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	b. caps and locks
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	26. Gas Monitoring Wells/Points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	27. Emergency Procedures a. ERRAP available to staff
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	b. emergency numbers posted
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	28. Final Cover System a. final cover over completed areas
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	b. seeded
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	c. vegetation established
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	d. run-on, runoff, and ponding controlled
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	e. differential settlement controlled
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	29. Other

**Comments:** I arrived on-site unannounced. The new site entrance with scale, office, and equipment building were in full use. My second visit to the site for follow up was also unannounced, conditions were much improved on and off the site.

**AUTHENTICATION**

<b>INSPECTOR</b>	Brenda Smith Brenda L. Smith <small>Digitally signed by Brenda L. Smith Date: 2026.05.14 22:26:48 -05'00'</small>	Date: 5/15/2026
<b>REVIEWER</b>	Bill Gross  <small>Digitally signed by Bill Gross Date: 2026.05.15 10:44:38 -05'00'</small>	Date: 5/15/2026

**General Description:** The South Central Iowa Sanitary Landfill is located on a 240-acre former limestone quarry about three miles east of Winterset, on the south side of Highway 92. The service area includes all of Madison County (except Macksburg); all of Warren County (except Norwalk, Carlisle, and Hartford); the Dallas County communities of Van Meter, Dexter, DeSoto, and Dallas Center; and the Clarke County community of Osceola. The original landfill is in the far north and west areas, is unlined, filled, and covered with vegetation. Cells 1-5 are lined and have remaining space to be filled. New Cells A & B are part of the active area on the east side of the site and have a leachate collection system separate from the west area. The previous landfill entrance at 2490 State Highway 92 is no longer used.

## **I. Record Keeping:**

- 1. Permit application, permit renewal and permit modifications application materials pursuant to rule 113.5(455B).** [See 113.11 (1)“a”]: The current permit has a July 12, 2026, expiration date. Ten revisions of the current permit have been issued. The renewal application was submitted and is currently pending approval. (3/31/26)
- 10. Stormwater permit [See 64.3(455B)]:** The current NPDES stormwater discharge permit (IA-5881-5697) has an expiration date of March 10, 2028. Annual site runoff sampling is required. The last sampling was performed April 27, 2026. Lab results from this sampling event reveals continued elevated concentrations of several contaminants compared to previous results. The results over the past three years indicate an upward trend, with some contaminants (heavy metals and minerals) significantly increasing indicating a decline in water quality. (4/28/2026)
- 12. Operator certifications [See 113.8(6)]:** There were three certified operators for the landfill. (3/31/26), two certified operators were present during the 4/28/26 visit.

## **II. Operating Procedures:**

- 4. All-weather access roads within the facility [See 113.7(3) “d” and 113.8(3)“c”]:** Waste disposal has resumed in the western area after a new access road along its northern perimeter was constructed. Barriers have been put in place along the new access road to prevent dumping in areas not within the active working face footprint. (3/31/26)
- 7. Waste screening for prohibited materials [See 113.8(1) “a”]:** Waste screening records indicated this was being performed weekly. (3/31/26)
- 12. Survey controls and monuments [See 113.8(2) “a”]:** The boundaries of Phase 1 – Cells A & B were staked April 7, 2025. The boundaries for the tree burn site were also staked April 7, 2025. No boundary markers were seen in the western area which is currently the active working face. Without GPS in the equipment, having markers for boundaries ensure waste is buried within the appropriate locations. (4/28/26)
- 15. Special Wastes Managed [See 113.8(2) “e”]:** No asbestos has been accepted in 2026 to date. Records were maintained for asbestos brought for disposal in 2025, future asbestos burial locations will be mapped as required. (3/31/26)
- 16. Intermediate Cover [See 113.8(2) “f”]:** In the north and northeast slopes of the western area, waste was protruding through cover soil. At least one foot of soil cover must be maintained over waste in areas not receiving waste for up to 180 days. (3/31/26, 4/28/26)
- 17. Leachate seeps controlled [See 113.8(2) “g”]:** No leachate seeps were observed and all previous seeps were repaired and are regularly monitored. (3/31/26)
- 19. Litter control [See 113.8(3) “f”]:** During my initial visit (March 31<sup>st</sup>) I saw litter off-site on the east side of the landfill entrance for several feet, and at the time of that site visit I did see litter on-site. No litter fences were in place at the working area. Litter logs show consistent pickup, but more comprehensive litter cleanup needed to be done this spring and summer. At the time of my second

visit (April 28<sup>th</sup>), off-site litter was cleaned up and improvements within the landfill footprint were observed as well with less litter present along the roadway.

- 22. Leachate collection [See 113.7(5)“b”] and treatment [See 113.8(3) “i”]:** The current Des Moines WRA discharge authorization (No. B10161) was renewed and has an October 31, 2030, expiration date. The freeboard appeared to be about six feet in each leachate lagoon. Trench recirculation had been conducted at the western area last fall, spray recirculation was conducted in the summer of 2025. (3/31/26, 4/28/26)

### **SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS**

Maintain at least one foot of soil cover over waste in areas not active for up to 180 days (2 ft. of soil beyond 180 days). [567 IAC 113.8(2)f]

### **SUMMARY OF REMINDERS**

1. Closely track stormwater sample analysis results to ensure negative water quality trends are readily recognized and addressed.
2. Record the locations of buried asbestos wastes. [567 IAC 109.11(1)m(7)]

### **SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Conduct comprehensive spring and summer litter cleanup and use litter fences near the working face.
2. Install and maintain western area waste cell boundary markers.

eastern area



Northeast slope of working face in western area, additional cover needed.



East leachate lagoon



West access road facing east, scale house in background

western area



Scale house



Active working face in western area



Access road



Appliance drop off location



Scrap metal pile



Western leachate lagoon



HHW Station



Access road (to Western Area) on right, (to Eastern Area) on left



Previous working face area – insufficient cover soil



Access barriers along access roadway



Ponding near western leachate lagoon access road on east side of roadway



North slope of western area – insufficient cover soil



North stormwater basin