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RE: Compliance Visit - SDP Permit No. 54-SDP-01-75P; Keokuk County, Iowa

Dear Mr. Sloop:

On June 9, 2026 I conducted a compliance inspection of SEMCO Sanitary Disposal Landfill. I met with Brett Slaubaugh – landfill operator. Mr. Slaubaugh stated that you were at the recycling center and not available.

Mr. Slaubaugh stated that a part-time litter picker is utilized a few days each week to remove litter. The small amounts of litter was contained on site, mainly along the haul road and near the working face. All windblown litter off site of the facility shall be collected daily unless prevented by unsafe working conditions.

Attached you will find an inspection report including observations made during my visit. If you have any questions or would like further explanation of any part of this report, please contact me at this office at 319-653-2135 or via email ryan.stouder@dnr.iowa.gov .

Sincerely,
FIELD SERVICES & COMPLIANCE BUREAU

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IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**Field Office 6****1023 West Madison, Washington, IA 52353****319-653-2135****Sanitary Landfill Visit****Permit #:** 54-SDP-01-75P**Date this Visit:** 06/09/2026**Previous Visit Date:** 06/23/2025**Facility:** SEMCO**Weather Conditions at Time of Visit:** 82°F, Sunny, Wind: South 5-10 mph**Person(s) Contacted:** Brett Slaubaugh – Landfill Operator

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
☒	☐	☐	1. Fill Cover: daily; intermediate; final	☐	☒	☐	10. Special Waste Handling
☐	☒	☐	2. Control of Face: slope; width; location	☐	☒	☐	11. Recycling Activities
☐	☒	☐	3. Compaction	☐	☒	☐	12. Operator Certification
☐	☒	☐	4. Cover erosion; Ponding	☐	☒	☐	13. Staffing
☐	☒	☐	5. Drainage into fill	☐	☒	☐	14. Equipment Backup/Maintenance
☐	☒	☐	6. Leachate Mgmt. & Control	☐	☒	☐	15. Interior Roads
☐	☒	☐	7. Litter	☐	☒	☐	16. Perimeter fence, gate, signs, mon. wells
☐	☒	☐	8. Wet Weather Area	☒	☐		17. Photos taken
☒	☐	☐	9. Construction & Demolition Area	☐	☒		18. Follow-up needed

The facility is currently utilizing the cell Phase 3 and 4 area for filling waste. The working face was small and well managed, with the use of litter screens. The operators try to remove scrap metal or other waste material that can be an issue for the compaction of the landfill and equipment. C&D material is being placed up in Phase 3/4 at this time. Working face equipment consisted of a bulldozer and compactor and both appeared to be effectively operating.

The haul road to the new cell was rocked and compacted well. No prohibited waste was observed at the working face. No ponding was observed in the landfill areas. Recent rain events have added several inches of water, so the stormwater management appears to be effective. Daily (spray-on) cover is utilized and soil is used to cover the area at the end of the week. The tree waste and pallet pile is sizeable and their contractor that grinds the material will be on site this summer to reduce the material.

Mr. Slaubaugh indicated that the hired litter picker comes around a few days each week to collect the litter waste, pending the weather is decent. The landfill continues to pick wind-blown litter daily. Off-site litter did not appear to be an issue the day of my visit. Seeding bare areas is recommended as time allows as several areas are showing some bare dirt or minimal vegetation. Ensure to address erosional areas as the rain can certainly remove topsoil and vegetation over time.

Random waste screens conducted and recorded by the scale staff and operators. The facility continues to conduct those at random at the working face. Screening public loads is recommended as well. Current operator certifications were observed. No issues were determined with the public drop off area, leachate management, recycling, storm water pond, or the wood waste area. Leachate continues to be hauled to Hedrick and Iowa City wastewater facilities at this time. The few monitoring wells were observed and no issues were determined. It is recommended that any small trees seen growing on the closed portion of the landfill will need eliminated.

We discussed the potential collection and stockpiling of mattresses, a local company was asking if the landfill could take them. Mr. Slaubaugh indicated that this company could assist in landfill in future cell development costs. I directed the conversation to the Solid Waste engineering staff in Des Moines to ensure the permit is properly addressed and to verify if collection and stockpiling of bulky items or shredding of those items are appropriately assessed.

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