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CLINTON COUNTY AREA SOLID WASTE AGENCY
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RE: Compliance Inspection - Landfill Inspection - SDP Permit #23-SDP-01-74; Clinton East
SDP, Clinton County IA

Dear Mr. Seward:

On August 18, 2026 I met with Jason Bahnsen - Site Supervisor to conduct a compliance visit of the Clinton County Landfill. While onsite we discussed current landfill operations. 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

Ryan Stouder
Environmental Specialist Senior

Encl. Insp Report

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Clinton SDP file

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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Sanitary Landfill Visit

Permit #: 23-SDP-01-74**Date this Visit: 08/18/2026 @ 12:35 pm****Previous Visit Date: 06/03/2026****Facility Name:** Clinton East SDP**Weather Conditions at Time of Visit:** 76°F, Cloudy, Wind: SE @ 10 mph**Person(s) Contacted:** Jason Bahnsen – Site Supervisor

Were deficiencies noted or significant observations made during this visit?

Yes – See Comments Sec., No – No deficiencies noted, Blank – Not applicable or observed, PND – Previously Noted Deficiency

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

Comments: On August 18, 2026, I met with Jason Bahnsen, Site Supervisor. Brad Seward was not available due to a doctor's appointment. Mr. Bahnsen and I discussed the general operation of the landfill. We discussed the current waste loads and the use of alternative daily cover (ADC), which includes auto shredder fluff, and foundry sand, with some tree mulch (mainly wet or cold periods). Mr. Bahnsen provided me a tour of the Clinton County Sanitary Landfill. Mr. Bahnsen indicated that the active portion of the landfill remains in E-1. As we drove the north end of the property, Mr. Bahnsen pointed out the tree waste collection area has been moved further to the northwest which is mainly mulch and the citizen drop off area is located near the scale. I did not observe any ponding of water or leachate seeps. The leachate pond was pumped down. The leachate waste is transferred to the city each day for further processing as wastewater.

At the working face, their landfill contractor Rittmer, Inc. was compacting the waste material well and litter fences were in place near the cell. A sizeable pile of auto fluff material and soil was available. The winds seemed to reduce the flocks of seagull and vultures (birds) in and around the working face. I observed some litter in the area around the working face, Rittmer, Inc. has been doing their best to pick up the litter throughout the day. The random waste screens are kept at the working face by the operator and get checked by Brad Seward each week. Foundry sand, soil and tarps were available as the daily cover material. The vegetative seeding seemed to be well established in the closed landfill areas and undisturbed areas of the active cell. The vegetation from the closed portion of the landfill had been baled into large round bales.

I did not observe any issues with the public drop off area or material fill area. The material fill area was leveled out and is being used to fill in a low spot near the public drop off area. The metal dumpsters are available and nearly full and many tires have accumulated, so the metal hauler and Liberty Tire will be contacted soon. The unprocessed appliances are low in number. Mr. Bahnsen and I discussed about several items such as batteries and other solid waste issues. Mr. Seward indicated that Clinton County Landfill have been handling waste fairly well considering amount of waste handled and the number of employees on site.

INSPECTOR:**Ryan Stouder, Environmental Specialist Senior****REVIEWER:****Brian Lee, Environmental Specialist Senior**