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CEDAR RAPIDS/LINN COUNTY SOLID WASTE AGENCY
1954 COUNTY HOME ROAD
MARION IA 52302

ATTN: JOSEPH HORANEY jhoraney@solidwasteagency.org

SUBJECT: Compliance Evaluation Inspection: Permit No. 57-SDP-01-72P

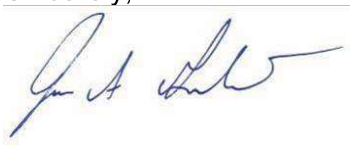
Dear Mr. Horaney:

Enclosed you will find a copy of the Sanitary Disposal Project Inspection report conducted at the Cedar Rapids/Linn County Solid Waste Agency #2 Landfill on October 26, 2026, by Jason Gearhart of the Field Office #1 staff

We believe you will find the report self-explanatory and strongly encourage you to take action on the requirements and/or recommendations listed at the end of the report.

If you have any questions about the inspection or report, please contact me at 563-920-1840 or jason.gearhart@dnr.iowa.gov.

Sincerely,



Jason Gearhart
Environmental Specialist, FIELD OFFICE #1

c: DNR Solid Waste section, Becky Jolly (e-mail)

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Sanitary Disposal Project Inspection

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Facility Name: Cedar Rapids/Linn County Solid Waste Agency
County: Linn
Facility Operator: Jason Evans (Operations Director)
Address: 1954 County Home Road, Marion, IA 52302
Phone 319-377-5290

Responsible Official: Joseph Horaney (Interim Director)
Address: 1954 County Home Road, Marion, IA 52302
Phone: 319-377-5290
Date Last Inspection: 6/5/2026 (visit)
Date This Inspection: 10/26/2026

At the Time of this Inspection:

- **facility personnel present:** Joseph Horaney, Jason Evans, Mitzy Brunsvold, Garett Prestigard
- **active unit(s):** Phase 5a, lift 3
- **surface conditions:** Dry
- **ambient temperature:** 55° F
- **wind direction and speed:** E 10 mph

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
☒	☐	☐	☐	1. Permit/Amendment documents
☒	☐	☐	☐	2. Site exploration report
☒	☐	☐	☐	3. Plans/Specs and QC&A Reports
☒	☐	☐	☐	4. Waste screening inspection records
☒	☐	☐	☐	5. Leachate recirculation authorization
☒	☐	☐	☐	6. Gas monitoring/remediation results
☒	☐	☐	☐	7. Groundwater monitoring results
☒	☐	☐	☐	8. Closure/Postclosure plans/results
☒	☐	☐	☐	9. Financial assurance
☒	☐	☐	☐	10. Storm water permit
☒	☐	☐	☐	11. SWA/SWAC documentation
☒	☐	☐	☐	12. Operator Certification
☒	☐	☐	☐	13. DOPs
☒	☐	☐	☐	14. ERRAP
☐	☐	☒	☐	15. Other

II. Operating Procedures:

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

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

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

Comments:

AUTHENTICATION

INSPECTOR	Jason Gearhart, Environmental Specialist	Jason Gearhart Digitally signed by Jason Gearhart Date: 2026.11.02 09:39:17 -06'00'
REVIEWER	Amber Sauser, Environmental Specialist Senior	Amber Sauser Digitally signed by Amber Sauser Date: 2026.11.02 08:27:04 -06'00'

General Description:
On 10/26/2026, I conducted a routine compliance inspection at the Cedar Rapids Linn County Solid Waste Agency (CRLCSWA) Landfill (#2).

CRLCSWA has recently revised its procedures for managing loads from large construction projects as part of a broader effort to conserve remaining landfill capacity and extend operations through approximately 2044. Based on current disposal rates and without additional diversion measures, the landfill is projected to reach capacity in 2036.

Under the revised policy, the facility may reject loads containing excessive quantities of readily recoverable materials, including cardboard, clean wood, or scrap metal. Previously, these loads were generally accepted at an increased tipping fee; however, facility staff indicated that the higher fee did not result in a significant change in disposal practices. Since implementation of the revised policy, staff have observed improved source separation at some construction sites, and some haulers are declining to transport loads they believe may not meet the facility's acceptance criteria.

The facility is also permitted to operate a solid waste transfer station, although transfer operations have not yet begun. CRLCSWA plans to begin transfer station operations in July 2027 at approximately 50,000 tons per year and gradually increase transfer volumes to approximately 100,000 tons per year. The combination of increased material diversion and future transfer operations is intended to reduce the amount of waste placed in the landfill, preserve remaining airspace, and help maintain facility operations through approximately 2044.

Record Keeping:
4. Inspection records, training procedures, and notification procedures required in rule 101.108 (455B). [See 101.111 (1) "d"]
Random inspections of incoming loads are conducted every 1,000 loads, with completed inspection records available for review. Operators are also trained to identify prohibited materials, and if a prohibited item is found, the hauler is sent back to the working face to retrieve the item.
6. Gas monitoring results from monitoring and any remediation plans required by rule 101.109 (455B). [See 101.111 (1) "f"]
All gas monitoring activities and associated remediation results are managed by FOTH Engineering.
7. Any demonstration, certification, finding, monitoring, testing, or analytical data required by rule 101.110 (455B). [See 101.111 (1) "g"]
All groundwater monitoring activities and associated remediation results are managed by FOTH Engineering.
9. Stormwater permit [See 60.13 (455B)]
Stormwater permit is current, expiring in 2028.
10. Special Waste Authorizations and Special Waste Acceptance Criteria [See 102.500 (455B)]
This facility is authorized to receive several special wastes. The largest volume of special waste they receive is for petroleum contaminated soil.
13. ERRAP [See 100.14]
ERRAP was readily available on site and operators are trained to know where it is located.
14. Other
Operating Procedures:
3. A sign at the entrance to the facility specifying: [See 100.9(7)]
(1) Name and permit number of the facility
(2) Days and hours that the facility is open to the public or a statement that the facility is not open to the public
(3) A general list of materials that are not accepted
(4) Telephone number of the official responsible for operation of the facility and the emergency contact person(s)
Yes, there is adequate signage in place. List of prohibited items posted at the scale house and on the landfill website.
6.A scale certified by the Iowa department of agriculture and land stewardship. [See 101.6(2)]
Yes, the scale was recently certified.

7. Waste screening for prohibited materials [See 101.108(1) “a”]
(1) Random inspections of incoming load
(2) Records of any inspections
(3) Training of personnel to recognize prohibited wastes
(4) Notification to EPA for hazardous wastes
Yes, random inspections are being conducted every 1,000 loads. Operators are trained to recognize and remove prohibited waste from the working face. Records are being maintained as required.
9. Open burning and fire hazards [See 101.108(1) “c”]
Open burning is not allowed. A fire log is maintained indicating the dates and cause of fires on the working face if they can be determined.
10. Scavenging and salvaging [See 101.108(1) “d” and 101.6(4)]
Scavenging and salvaging are not allowed.
11. Animal feeding and grazing [See 101.108(1) “e”]
Animal grazing is not allowed.
13. Fill sequencing [See 101.108(2) “c”]:
Operating in the “Phase 5a cell, lift 3”.
19. Litter control [See 101.6(6)]
I did not observe offsite litter during the inspection. Records were available showing that they conduct litter pickup daily. There are typically four employees dedicated to litter each day, and they could be seen picking litter at the time of the inspection. They start outside (farther from the working face) and work in to keep litter from leaving site.
20. Dust control [See 101.6(7)]
A water truck was spraying haul roads to minimize dust at the time of the inspection.
22. Leachate collection and treatment [See 101.6(9)]
All leachate is pumped to the Marion wastewater plant for treatment.

SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS
- Continue picking up litter daily.
- Continue screening loads randomly.
- Records must be maintained for at least three years

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS
- Consider investing in heat-sensing cameras to help with fire detection on the working face.

Pictures





Left Picture: This facility has a reuse area for different household items, chemicals/paints/lawncare etc. Right Picture: The “saw tooth” area where small loads (cars/trucks) are able to unload directly into containers.





Left/Right Picture: The working face, many seagulls were on site during the inspection. This facility utilizes several large roll tarps for daily cover.