

FACILITY COMPLIANCE INSPECTION REPORT
Department of Environmental Quality
Division of Waste Management - Solid Waste Section

UNIT TYPE:											
Lined MSWLF		LCID		YW		Transfer		Compost	X	SLAS	COUNTY: Catawba PERMIT NO.: 1806-COMPOST- FILE TYPE: COMPLIANCE
Closed MSWLF		HHW		White goods		Incin		T&P		FIRM	
CDLF		Tire T&P / Collection		Tire Monofill		Industrial Landfill		DEMO		SDTF	

Date of Site Inspection: October 21, 2015

Date of Last Inspection: May 1, 2014

FACILITY NAME AND ADDRESS:

City of Hickory Compost Facility
 702 Cloninger Mill Road
 Hickory, North Carolina 28601

GPS COORDINATES: **N:** 35.78609 **W:** 81.30431

FACILITY CONTACT NAME AND PHONE NUMBER:

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FACILITY CONTACT ADDRESS:

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 Hickory, North Carolina 28603

PARTICIPANTS:

Andrew Ballentine, Solid Waste Manager
 Charles Gerstell, NCDEQ – Solid Waste Section

STATUS OF PERMIT:

A Permit to Operate a Large Type 1 Solid Waste Compost Facility was issued to the City of Hickory on August 23, 2012. The permit shall expire on June 8, 2017.

PURPOSE OF SITE VISIT:

Comprehensive Inspection

STATUS OF PAST NOTED VIOLATIONS:

N/A

OBSERVED VIOLATIONS

None

The item(s) listed above were observed by Section staff and require action on behalf of the facility in order to come into or maintain compliance with the Statutes, Rules, and/or other regulatory requirements applicable to this facility. Be advised that pursuant to N.C.G.S. 130A-22, an administrative penalty of up to \$15,000 per day may be assessed for each violation of the Solid Waste Laws, Regulations, Conditions of a Permit, or Order under Article 9 of Chapter 130A of the N.C. General Statutes. Further, the facility and/or all responsible parties may also be subject to enforcement actions including penalties, injunction from operation of a solid waste management facility or a solid waste collection service and any such further relief as may be necessary to achieve compliance with the North Carolina Solid Waste Management Act and Rules.

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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

1. The facility consists of a Large Type 1 Solid Waste Compost Facility. Compost is produced from brush, leaves, limbs, and grass clippings. Mulch is produced from land clearing debris.
2. Gates were provided at each entrance to the facility to prevent unauthorized access.
3. The facility had proper signage.
4. The permit and operations plan were current and available upon request. Both documents are maintained within the utility building located on the west side of the site.
5. Temperature logs were verified. Please ensure that temperature records show that temperatures were recorded at 131°F for three consecutive days. Should there be multiple windrows on site, it is recommended that this be reflected on the temperature logs and windrows be labeled in the field or a drawing be provided to show the layout of the windrows on site.
6. No unacceptable waste streams were observed.
7. The access road was of all-weather construction and well maintained.
8. Land clearing debris and landscape material (laps, limbs and grass) were being maintained in separate stockpiles on the western portion of the site.
9. A large stockpile of finished compost and a large stockpile of mulch were located on the east side of the site.
10. No compost windrows were on site at the time of inspection. Mr. Ballentine stated that leaf pickup does not begin until November 9th.
11. Please ensure that stockpiling of feedstocks and finished product are limited to a maximum of 30-feet high x 50-feet wide as required by Operating Permit Condition #14.
12. Adequate distance had been provided between various stockpiles of unground and ground material to all for access by firefighting equipment.
13. No stormwater ponding was observed on site.
14. No objectionable odors were observed.
15. It appeared that required buffers were being maintained.
16. Rip rap was in place around the stormwater inlet located just above the sediment basin on site. It appeared that this stone was being utilized as a filter mechanism. Much of the rip rap had been covered with sediment. All sediment should be removed and the surface of the rip rap in order to allow proper function of the device.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding this inspection report.


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