

FACILITY COMPLIANCE AUDIT REPORT
Division of Waste Management
Solid Waste Section

UNIT TYPE: (check all that apply to this audit with same Permit number)										COUNTY: Yancey PERMIT NO.: 100 - 03T FILE TYPE: COMPLIANCE
Lined MSWLF	LCID	YW	Transfer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Compost	SLAS				
Closed MSWLF	HHW	White goods	Incineration		T&P	FIRM				
CDLF	Tire T&P / Collection	Tire Monofill	Industrial Landfill		DEMO	SDTF				

Date of Audit: July 12, 2006

Date of Last Audit: June 7, 2006

FACILITY NAME AND ADDRESS:

Yancey - Mitchell Transfer Station
 Booneford Road
 Bandana, NC 28714

GPS COORDINATES: (Decimal Degrees) N: 35.93027 E: 082.17825

FACILITY CONTACT NAME AND PHONE NUMBER:

Anthony Allen, Yancey County Solid Waste Director 828-678-9180
 Michelle Lawhern, Yancey County Manager 828-682-3971

FACILITY CONTACT ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT):

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AUDIT PARTICIPANTS:

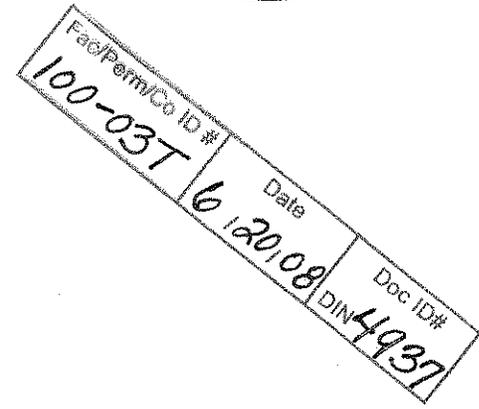
Kristopher Banks – Transfer Station Operator
 Robert Blevins, Yancey County Heavy Equipment Operator
 Deborah Aja, Solid Waste Section, DENR

STATUS OF PERMIT:

1. Date of Original Issue: January 31, 1995
2. Amendment 1 (PTO): September 7, 2000
3. Amendment 2 (PTO): January 11, 2006

PURPOSE OF AUDIT:

Inspection of Solid Waste Transfer Facility Operations.



NOTICE OF VIOLATION(S) (citation and explanation):

15A NCAC 13B .0402 states that operation plans shall be approved and followed as specified for the facility.

Permit Condition 7 states that floor drains, leachate collection devices, sanitary sewer connections or leachate storage tanks for the collection and disposal of wash down water and leachate shall be operational. The tipping floor shall have positive drainage away from the building entrance and toward the sump in the loading pit or a trench drain shall be installed along the entrance to the tipping floor and connected to the leachate collection system.

Yancey and Mitchell Counties are in violation of 15A NCAC 13B .0402 in that the leachate collection devices were not maintained in operational conditions, and that the trench drain was not connected to the leachate collection system. Leachate and wash down water flowed from the facility onto the road surface and onto the ground.

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To achieve compliance, immediately repair the leachate collection system as required by Permit Condition 7.

You are hereby advised that, pursuant to N.C.G.S. 130A-22, an administrative penalty of up to \$5,000 per day may be assessed for each violation of the Solid Waste Statute or Regulations. If the violation(s) noted here continue, you may 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.

STATUS OF PAST NOTED VIOLATIONS (List all noted last audit):

None

AREAS OF CONCERN AND COMMENTS:

During an inspection of the transfer station, untreated leachate from the tipping floor was observed flowing from the transfer station building, along the access road, and across the access road onto the ground. Strong odors were present. Vehicles that approached the transfer station, that accessed the Energy Xchange complex, or accessed the construction debris landfill, drove through the leachate.

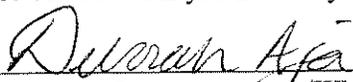
An on-site review of the leachate collection system was conducted with Mr. Robert Blevins. The drain line that connected the trench drain located at the building entrance, to the leachate holding tank, was not functional. The tipping floor does not have positive drainage away from the building entrance and trench drain. As a result of the broken drain line, leachate filled the trench drain and overflowed onto the approach to the tipping floor. From that point it flowed downhill along the access road. The drain line that connected the transfer station building to the holding tank (located at the edge of the road below the transfer station loading pit and next to the Energy Xchange complex) may have also not been in working order. No leachate was reaching the holding tank.

A second holding tank had been installed adjacent to the first tank to store overflow; these tanks may not have been connected. An open pipe in the first tank could allow overflow to go into the road ditch. Vegetation had grown up around the holding tank area and it appeared that the tanks had not been accessed for pumping activities.

In addition to immediately re-establishing an operational leachate collection system, take actions necessary to ensure that the holding tanks are not allowed to overflow.

A compliance inspection will be conducted in the near future. Failure to comply may result in further enforcement actions.

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



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