



FACILITY COMPLIANCE INSPECTION REPORT
Division of Waste Management
Solid Waste Section

UNIT TYPE:											
Lined MSWLF		LCID		YW		Transfer	X	Compost		SLAS	COUNTY: YANCEY - MITCHELL PERMIT NO.: 100-03T FILE TYPE: COMPLIANCE
Closed MSWLF		HHW		White goods	X	Incineration		T&P	X	FIRM	
CDLF		Tire T&P / Collection	X	Tire Monofill		Industrial Landfill		DEMO		SDTF	

Date of Site Inspection: 12/06/2011

Date of Last Inspection: 10/17/2011, 8/25/2011

FACILITY NAME AND ADDRESS:

Yancey-Mitchell Transfer Station
 555 Landfill Road (SR-1440)
 Burnsville, NC 28714

GPS COORDINATES: N: 35.93027 E: -82.17825

FACILITY CONTACT NAMES AND PHONE NUMBER:

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STATUS OF PERMIT:

Active

Original Permit to Construct/Operate	January 31, 1995
Amendment 1 to Permit To Operate (PTO)	September 7, 2000
Amendment 2 to Permit To Operate	January 11, 2006
Modification to PTO: Change in Operator & Approved Disposal Site [Document ID No. 7134]	July 30, 2009
Permit to Operate [Document ID No. 7134]	June 4, 2009

PURPOSE OF SITE VISIT:

A partial inspection was conducted to observe corrective measures underway at the Treatment and Processing area in response to the Notice of Violation issued on November 4, 2011.

STATUS OF PAST NOTED VIOLATIONS:

On October 17, 2011, multiple loads of non-vegetative wastes, including painted wood, plastics, insulation, conduit, wire, treated lumber and plywood, and miscellaneous wastes were present in the Treatment and Processing area, in violation of 15A NCAC 13B .0203(d). To correct this violation and be in compliance with 15A NCAC 13B .0203(d), Yancey County, Mitchell County, and Republic Services of North Carolina, LLC were required to immediately ensure that the Yancey-Mitchell Transfer Station is operated in accordance with the contained in Permit No. 100-03T and the approved plan, and, by November 30, 2011, remove all unacceptable wastes from the Treatment and Processing area to the transfer facility for disposal. On November 30, 2011, the compliance date of November 30, 2011, was extended to December 16, 2011.

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 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.

OBSERVED VIOLATIONS:

No new violations observed.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

1. The Treatment and Processing area was observed. It was raining during the inspection and prior to the inspection there was a period of heavy rain.
2. The facility made significant progress to remove unacceptable wastes [painted wood, plastics, insulation, conduit, wire, treated lumber and plywood, and miscellaneous wastes] from the Treatment and Processing area. The multiple loads of stockpiled unacceptable waste that was observed on October 17, 2011, were removed from the site to the Foothills Regional MSW Landfill. To date approximately 220 tons of construction and demolition debris and other unacceptable wastes have been removed.
3. On November 30, 2011, an extension of the original compliance date was granted via electronic correspondence and a new compliance date of December 16, 2011 was established.
4. Since the previous inspection the piles of stored ground mulch in the Treatment and Processing area were investigated for the presence of unacceptable waste. After removing mulch mixed with ground unacceptable waste at the surface of the pile located near to the EnergyXchange facility, ground mixed waste was found within the interior of the pile. This mixed waste must also be removed for proper disposal. It was estimated by Mr. Miller that there may be 400 tons remaining to be removed if the entire pile is mixed with

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unacceptable wastes. If there are of the areas of the pile that do not contain unacceptable waste then that material may be utilized as mulch.



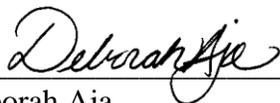
View of the mulch pile mixed with ground unacceptable waste in the Treatment and Processing area.
Photograph taken by D. Aja on 12/6/2011.

5. The facility has made arrangements for attending the Treatment and Processing area. A system is now in place for the scale house attendant to notify personnel to be dispatched to the Treatment and Processing area when a load of acceptable wastes arrive at the scales.
6. Wooden pallets have been segregated from land clearing debris for grinding.
7. It appeared that acceptable wastes [wooden pallets constructed of unpainted and untreated natural wood] were delivered to the Treatment and Processing area since the previous inspection. The photograph below shows a few incidental items of unacceptable waste in the pile of pallets (the pallets in the remainder of the pile not shown in the photograph appeared to be acceptable; constructed of unpainted and untreated natural wood). It was stated during the inspection that these items were scheduled to be removed from the pile. The facility must continue to manage the area so that any unacceptable wastes inadvertently unloaded in the Treatment and Processing area are removed for proper disposal.



View of segregated pallet pile [foreground] and clean land clearing debris pile [background] in the Treatment and Processing area.
Photograph taken by D. Aja on 12/6/2011.

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



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