



FACILITY COMPLIANCE AUDIT REPORT
Division of Waste Management
Solid Waste Section

UNIT TYPE:											
Lined MSWLF		LCID		YW		Transfer		Compos t	X	SLAS	COUNTY: Catawba PERMIT NO.: 18-06 FILE TYPE: COMPLIANCE
Closed MSWLF		HHW		White goods		Incin		T&P		FIRM	
CDFL		Tire T&P / Collection		Tire Monofill		Industrial Landfill		DEMO		SDTF	

Date of Audit: January 28, 2010

Date of Last Audit: July 1, 2009

FACILITY NAME AND ADDRESS:

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

GPS COORDINATES: N: 35.78609 W: 81.30431

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STATUS OF PERMIT:

Large, Type 1 Solid Waste Compost Facility. Permit was issued on September 12, 2005 and the renewal date is September 12, 2010.

PURPOSE OF AUDIT:

Comprehensive Audit

NOTICE OF VIOLATION(S):

None

You are hereby 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 Statute or Regulations. For the violation(s) noted here, 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.

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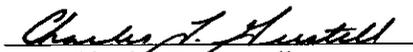
STATUS OF PAST NOTED VIOLATIONS:

None

AREAS OF CONCERN AND COMMENTS:

1. The Facility consists of a Large, Type 1 Solid Waste Compost Facility for the composting of yard and garden waste, silvicultural waste, and unpainted and untreated wood waste as described in the facility application.
2. The permit and operations plan were reviewed. These documents were current and available for review.
3. Temperature logs were not reviewed as there were no windrows on site at the time of inspection.
4. The sign provided at the entrance to the site is correct. A new sign has recently been installed as a result of the previous sign being destroyed by a motor vehicle.
5. Gates have been provided at both entrances to the site to prevent unauthorized access when the facility is not in operation.
6. The access road has become slightly damaged by rutting as a result of recent heavy rains. Be sure to make necessary repairs to ensure that the road remains in good operational condition.
7. No dust was observed at the time of inspection.
8. A large stockpile of un-ground leaves was observed on site at the time of inspection. Good access was maintained around the stockpile and proper buffers were being maintained as required.
9. A large stockpile of un-ground material was observed on the west side of the facility. This stockpile has been located directly adjacent the densely vegetated area along Cloninger Mill Road preventing access from firefighting equipment. The location of this stockpile must be adjusted to provide sufficient access of firefighting equipment.
10. **North Carolina Administrative Code 13B .1404(a)(2)** requires that a 50-foot minimum buffer be maintained between all compost areas and property lines. It appeared that the large stockpile of un-ground material observed on the west side of the facility was within the required 50-foot buffer. Therefore, this stockpile must be relocated to provide the appropriate buffer to property lines required by Administrative Rule.
11. Accumulated sediment should be removed from the sediment basin restoring adequate sediment storage capacity. Fresh stone should also be placed around the riser.

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


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