FACILITY COMPLIANCE AUDIT REPORT
Division of Waste Management
Solid Waste Section

NCDENR
NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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

Date of Audit: July 15, 2010 **Date of Last Audit:** June 2, 2010

FACILITY NAME AND ADDRESS:
City of Hickory Compost Facility
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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AUDIT PARTICIPANTS:
Andrew Ballentine, Solid Waste Manager
Steve Miller, Streets Manager
Charles Gerstell, NCDENR-Solid Waste Section

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:
Follow-up audit

NOTICE OF VIOLATION(S):
No new violations.

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.

STATUS OF PAST NOTED VIOLATIONS:

North Carolina Administrative Code 13B .1406(1)(a) requires that any person who maintains or operates a solid waste compost facility must follow the construction plans and conditions of the permit.

Permit Condition #1 of the approved permit states: Operation and maintenance of this facility shall be in accordance with the Solid Waste Compost Rules (15A NCAC 13B, Section .1400), the permit application and the Operation and Maintenance Manual submitted with the permit application.

An inspection performed on April 16, 2010 found that a substantial portion of wood waste and tailings was disposed of on a separate area of the property (parcel ID# 371407691239) northwest of the Compost Facility. The waste was not taken to an appropriately permitted Solid Waste Management Facility as outlined in the approved Operation and Maintenance Manual. Therefore, the City of Hickory did not properly follow the approved Operation and Maintenance Manual. As a result, the City of Hickory is in violation of NCAC 13B .1406(1)(a) and Permit Condition #1.

A follow-up inspection was performed on June 2, 2010. At the time of the inspection, material was being removed from the landfill area to the City of Hickory's permitted Type 1 Compost Facility. Work was in the early stages of removal. Mr. Ballentine explained that several delays were experienced since the previous inspection. These delays included a medical complication with a lead supervisor. Mr. Ballentine also explained that there were complications trying to locate a contractor that would agree to grind the material located at the landfill area. Mr. Ballentine requested an additional 30 days to comply with the Notice of Violation(s). The deadline for the Notice of Violations was extended 30 days from the audit report issued on June 10, 2010.

The follow-up inspection performed on July 15, 2010 found that all wood waste and tailings had been removed from the landfill area to the permitted Compost Facility. **Therefore the violations are considered resolved.**

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 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.
3. Gates have been provided at both entrances to the site to prevent unauthorized access when the facility is not in operation.
4. Grinding was taking place at the facility at the time of inspection.
5. As material is ground, be sure to maintain all required buffers required by the North Carolina Administrative Rules, Section 1400.

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

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