



**FACILITY COMPLIANCE INSPECTION REPORT**  
**Division of Waste Management**  
**Solid Waste Section**

**UNIT TYPE:**

Lined MSWLF		LCID		YW		Transfer		Compost	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SLAS		<b>COUNTY: CATAWBA</b> <b>PERMIT NO.: SWC 18-06</b> <b>FILE TYPE: COMPLIANCE</b>
Closed MSWLF		HHW		White goods		Incin		T&P		FIRM		
CDFL		Tire T&P / Collection		Tire Monofill		Industrial Landfill		DEMO		SDTF		

**Date of Site Inspection: 6/29/12**

**Date of Last Inspection: 1/12/2012**

**FACILITY NAME AND ADDRESS:**

City of Hickory Compost Facility  
 Cloninger Mill Road  
 Hickory, NC 28601

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

**FACILITY CONTACT NAME AND PHONE NUMBER:**

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 Larry Frost, Regional Permitting Engineer - NCDENR Solid Waste Section  
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**STATUS OF PERMIT:**

Permit issued on September 12, 2005 with a renewal date of September 12, 2010 for a Large, Type 1 Solid Waste Compost Facility. A permit renewal application was submitted to the Division and is currently under review.

**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 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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**Figure 1 - SWC 18-06 Facility Location**

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

1. The facility is a Large, Type 1 Solid Waste Compost Facility that is permitted to compost yard and garden waste, silvicultural waste, and unpainted and untreated wood waste.
2. The site visit was to conduct a comprehensive inspection and address permit review items.
3. Requested permit review items were discussed. An updated facility aerial was provided on-site. It was agreed that the facility will provide all information requested to complete the review process no later than 30 days (by July 30, 2012).
4. The facility is secured with an upper and lower gate to prevent unauthorized access.
5. The required signage is posted at each gate stating the permit number, hours of operation, and no dumping.
6. Mr. Ballentine provided had the Permit and Operations Plan available for inspection.
7. Mr. Ballentine will provide temperature logs with the annual report for compost processes that occurred since the last inspection. The temperature logs will be reviewed at that time.
8. The facility grinds stockpiled wastes at the end of the collection season. The ground waste is then placed in windrows and composted. There was approximately 100 to 150 yards of finished compost on-site. There were no ongoing composting activities.
9. The facility appeared to accept only those wastes it is permitted to receive. Any waste that is inadvertently delivered to the site is removed by an attendant and placed in a waste container for removal to a permitted solid waste disposal facility.
10. The facility access road was maintained in operational condition.
11. An access road is also maintained around all stockpiled waste (land clearing debris). Adequate distance was provided between stockpiles for access by firefighting equipment.
12. The inspection was conducted during hot dry weather. Very minimal dust was observed. Please continue to implement dust control as required.
13. There were no areas ponding of surface water at the site.
14. Stormwater from the site was directed to a retention basin. The retention basin and riser pipe were maintained. There was no water present in the basin.

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- 15. Silt fence should continue to be maintained surrounding the run-on inlet, and should be re-installed around other stormwater features along the access road.
- 16. It appeared that all required buffers had been maintained.

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



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