



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

**UNIT TYPE:**

Lined MSWLF	LCID	YW	Transfer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Compost	SLAS	<b>COUNTY: CATAWBA</b> <b>PERMIT NO.: 18-08T</b> <b>FILE TYPE: COMPLIANCE</b>
Closed MSWLF	HHW	White goods	Incineration		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: 5/17/2011**

**FACILITY NAME AND ADDRESS:**

City of Hickory Compost Facility  
 1050 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue SW  
 Hickory, NC 28601

**GPS COORDINATES:** N:35.73125 W:-81.35588

**FACILITY CONTACT NAME AND PHONE NUMBER:**

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**FACILITY CONTACT ADDRESS:**

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**PARTICIPANTS:**

Andrew Ballentine, Solid Waste Manager – City of Hickory  
 Larry Frost, Regional Permitting Engineer - NCDENR Solid Waste Section  
 Deb Aja, NCDENR Solid Waste Section

**STATUS OF PERMIT:**

A Permit to Operate a Municipal Solid Waste Transfer Facility was issued to the City of Hickory on February 19, 2010 and shall expire on February 19, 2015.

**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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**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

1. The facility is a Municipal Solid Waste Transfer Facility to with a service area limited to the City of Hickory. All waste is transferred to the Blackburn Sanitary Landfill in Catawba County.
2. The facility receives approximately 86 tons of waste per operating day.
3. The facility is secured with an upper and lower gate to prevent unauthorized access.
4. The required signage is posted at each gate stating the permit number, hours of operation, and no dumping.
5. Waste Screening records were reviewed for the last quarter. A waste screening was conducted on at least one load per day. Loads were screened randomly. The final disposition of any unacceptable waste that was removed from loads during waste screenings was well documented. Unacceptable wastes commonly removed from the waste stream were tires and pallets. Batteries were also removed. These items were recycled by facility staff.
6. Waste is unloaded directly into hoppers by City employees. The attendant views the wastes deposited in the hoppers from an interior operator room. Residents place wastes at convenience boxes and do not unload wastes at the transfer building.
7. The tipping floor was inspected. It was stated that the floor is typically washed more that once per day. There were no wastes on the floor at the time of the inspection. The floor was maintained in good condition.
8. The transfer facility wall has a hole that needs to be repaired.
9. Transfer building interior walls appeared to be cleaned on a regular basis. A pressure washer is maintained on-site.
10. The two hoppers for the facility were replaced approximately 1 year ago and appear to be maintained in excellent condition.
11. Leachate Management: All transfer floor surfaces drain to two trench drains located inside the building. The drains were free of debris and appeared to be operational. Trench drains and exterior areas that receive leachate or washdown water (including the exterior hopper loading areas), are connected to the sanitary sewer system. The drains to the sanitary sewer system appeared to be operational.
12. Loaded trucks are hauled directly to the Blackburn Landfill once loaded and are not stored on-site.
13. It appeared that vector management was implemented.
14. Dust appeared to be effectively controlled.
15. There was no windblown litter around the facility or on surrounding grounds.
16. Mr. Ballentine provided records and had the Permit and Operations Plan available for inspection.
17. Certified Transfer Station Operations Specialists:
  - a. Ronald Lewis Berry II ( expires 2/22/14)
  - b. Justin Gross (expires 4/13/12)
  - c. Chucky A. Thompson (expires 4/3/15)
  - d. Kenneth R. Watts (expires 2/22/14)
  - e. Randall Cline (expires 4/3/15)

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



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