



FACILITY COMPLIANCE INSPECTION REPORT
Division of Waste Management
Solid Waste Section

UNIT TYPE:

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| Lined MSWLF | | LCID | | YW | | Transfer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Compost | | SLAS | | COUNTY: CATAWBA PERMIT NO.: 18-08T FILE TYPE: COMPLIANCE |
| Closed MSWLF | | HHW | | White goods | | Incineration | | T&P | | FIRM | | |
| CDFL | | Tire T&P / Collection | | Tire Monofill | | Industrial Landfill | | DEMO | | SDTF | | |

Date of Site Inspection: 5/1/2014

Date of Last Inspection: 1/23/2013

FACILITY NAME AND ADDRESS:

City of Hickory Transfer Station
 1050 1st Avenue SW
 Hickory, NC 28601

GPS COORDINATES: N:35.73125 W:-81.35588

FACILITY CONTACT NAME AND PHONE NUMBER:

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PARTICIPANTS:

Andrew Ballentine, Solid Waste Manager
 Justin Gross – City of Hickory
 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 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 received 16,858.36 tons of waste since July 1, 2013.
3. The facility is secured with an upper and lower gate to prevent unauthorized access. The required signage was posted at each gate stating the permit number, hours of operation, and no dumping.
4. Waste is unloaded directly into hoppers by City employees. The attendant views the wastes deposited in each of the hoppers from an interior operator room.
5. Residents place wastes at convenience boxes. The boxes were well maintained and no litter or debris was observed in the areas surrounding the boxes.



Views of residential collection boxes. Photographs taken by D. Aja on 5/1/2014.

6. The inspection was conducted at the end of the facility working day. Upon arrival the tipping floor was in the process of being cleaned by facility staff. The tipping floor was maintained in good condition.
7. Transfer building interior walls were clean. Mr. Gross stated that the walls were cleaned each day.



View of cleaned tipping floor and transfer building walls. Photograph taken by D. Aja on 5/1/2014.

8. The transfer trailer loading area was clean and had just been washed-down at the time of the inspection. Two loaded trailers were parked at the hoppers.
9. Exterior and interior drains appeared to be free of debris and operational. Trench drains and exterior areas that receive leachate (including the exterior hopper loading areas) are connected to the sanitary sewer system.
10. No vectors were observed during the inspection.
11. Dust appeared to be effectively controlled.
12. There was no windblown litter observed around the facility or on surrounding grounds. The grounds were well maintained.

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- 13. Waste Screening records were reviewed from 2/4/2014 to present. 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.
- 14. The Permit and Operations Plan available for inspection.
- 15. Certified Transfer Station Operations Specialists:
 - a. Ronald Lewis Berry II (expires 2/22/16)
 - b. Justin Gross (expires 4/3/15)
 - c. Chucky A. Thompson (expires 4/3/15)
 - d. Randall Cline (expires 4/3/15)
 - e. Daniel Oxentine (expires 2/26/16)

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



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