

CITIZEN'S ADVISORY BOARD

Cherry Island Landfill

July 13, 2015

Notes

The July 13, 2015 meeting of the Citizen's Advisory Board (CAB) convened at approximately 5:10 p.m. at the Cherry Island Landfill (CIL), 1706 E. 12th Street, Wilmington.

Attendees:

CAB

Vince D'Anna
Sandra Smithers
James E. Parker II

DSWA

Robin Roddy
Jason Munyan
Mike Lenkiewicz
Uriel Mendonca

DNREC

Brad Richardson
Mark Lyon

Introductions/Welcome/CAB History

At the July 13, 2015 CIL CAB meeting, Mr. James E. Parker II was introduced and welcomed as a new member of the CAB. Mr. Parker was appointed by Senatorial District #2, Senator Margaret Rose Henry.

For the benefit of Mr. Parker, Ms. Roddy gave a short history of the landfill and the formation of the CAB. Ms. Roddy stated that when Delaware Solid Waste Authority (DSWA) last applied for a new permit to operate this Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) landfill, the community expressed concerns, and wanted to ensure that the facility would be operated properly. Additionally, prior to DSWA applying for that permit, there were odor issues associated with the site, which has since been corrected. As a result of these circumstances The Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) incorporated the formation of the CAB into the new permit conditions.

Currently the landfill is taking in approximately 1,000 tons of solid waste/day which is landfilled in a controlled manner. As the waste breaks down, it generates landfill gas and the gas has to be properly collected so it doesn't escape into the air. In the early 2000, the system in place at the time, was not large enough to properly collect all the landfill gas being generated, so there were odors associated with the landfill gas getting offsite. We have since

corrected the issues, but again this did play a role in the formation of the CAB at the time. Since that time the CAB's main focus has been to inform representatives for the local citizens as to what is occurring at the landfill so that information can be transmitted to the community and community concerns can conversely be brought to the attention of DSWA.

Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) Update

Mr. Richardson presented DNREC's update on their activities at CIL.

Mr. Richardson reported that there were no odor complaints reported for the 2nd quarter of 2015. The last odor complaint was in 2013.

There was one fire reported on June 8, 2015. As specified in the Permit, DNREC was immediately informed via telephone and received a written notification within five (5) days. Once identified the hot load was placed to the side, smothered with soil and/or water and left overnight, to make sure it was out before putting it into the working face.

Mr. Parker inquired if the hot load was coming from the truck?

Ms. Roddy confirmed yes, and in fact a lot of times the hauler is aware that they have a hot load prior to arrival and would notify us ahead, so that we can have it dumped away from the working face so that it may be handled safely.

Mr. Richardson continued the DNREC update stating that during the past quarter no prohibited waste was reported as being received at CIL and no citations for yard waste were issued. He also stated that about a week and a half prior he had received CIL's permit renewal application which will be reviewed within the next few months. DNREC will then put out a public notice regarding the issuance of the application. Currently, if all goes according to schedule, it is anticipated that a renewed permit will be issued by January 6, 2016.

Mr. D'Anna inquired as to when will the hearing be for the Permit Renewal Application?

Mr. Richardson responded that he didn't know, as it depends on how long it takes DNREC to go through the application.

Mr. Richardson reported that for the past quarter 2015 DNREC's onsite inspections reported that DSWA controlled litter, dust and odors both on and off-site.

Discussions ensued regarding the CAB requirements within the permit and what if any changes may be requested. Specifically discussed was the number and frequency of the CAB meetings and whether a fewer number would be effective.

Mr. Parker inquired as to when the notices and emails are distributed, do the officials receive them as well?

Ms. Mendonca responded no, just to the CAB members and DNREC.

Mr. Parker requested that the officials be added to the notification and email list.

The members concluded that they will approach Secretary Smalls with their suggestions regarding the CAB and the CIL permit renewal.

Ms. Roddy suggested the attendance log be sent to the entire Board members.

CIL Update

Mr. Munyan reported that one hot load that came in on June 8. It was pushed to the side and smothered.

On July 2, the CIL Permit Renewal Application was submitted to DNREC. This is a renewal application and no substantial changes are being requested from the existing permit conditions. Our current permit is set to expire and a renewal is required to continue operation pas the expiration date.

Mr. D'Anna requested statistics and historical information on the site such as, recycling, tonnage and the anticipated life of CIL.

Ms. Roddy indicated that there is a power point presentation on all DSWA facilities which will be updated for the next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, 10/05/15 at 5:00 p.m. at CIL

Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:23 p.m.