

CITIZEN'S ADVISORY BOARD

Cherry Island Landfill

October 20, 2008

Notes

The October 20, 2008, meeting of the Citizen's Advisory Board (CAB) commenced at 5:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Delaware Recycling Center, 1101 Lambsons Lane, New Castle.

Attendees:

CAB

Thomas Mitten
Marvin Thomas

DSWA

Richard Watson
Robin Roddy
Michael D. Parkowski
Wendy Pizzadili
Pam Williamson

DNREC

Nancy Marker
Bryan Ashby
Robert Hartman

Introductions

Meeting attendees introduced themselves.

Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) Updates

Mr. Hartman presented DNREC's update on their activities at Cherry Island.

Cherry Island Landfill Update

Mrs. Roddy updated the Committee on landfill activities. Cherry Island is mulching the yardwaste that is brought in and using it on site. The expansion project is on track and expected to be completed in August 2010. There are no issues with capacity at this time.

Recycling Update

Mr. Parkowski updated the Committee on recycling issues. 38,000 homes are signed up for DSWA's single-stream curbside recycling program. DSWA estimates that approximately that many are also using the 157 drop-off centers statewide.

Communications Update

Ms. Pizzadili told the Committee that DSWA was doing public education through seminars at schools and other public events. The advertising budget is limited so DSWA is doing a little radio to promote the yard waste program and some local newsprint. DSWA is partnering with DNREC and the University of Delaware to present a yard waste composting seminar that will be held the first three weekends of November.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

DSWA Cherry Island Landfill Summary for the Citizens Advisory Board
Prepared by Robert Hartman, DNREC Solid & Hazardous Waste Management Branch
October 20, 2008

1. During the third quarter of 2008 (July, August, September) there was one odor complaint called into the DNREC. The complaint was made on the afternoon of Sunday, August 24th by a resident near the Paladin Club condominiums, about 1.5 miles north of the landfill. At the time of the complaint, the landfill was closed and the gas extraction system was working properly. Winds at the time of the complaint were from the south at about 8 mph.
2. The DNREC on-site inspector continued to inspect the facility and 12th Street for litter and dust. Inspectors found the DSWA to be satisfactorily controlling litter and dust both on site and off.
3. On August 29th, DSWA discovered and reported a spill of approximately 40 to 50 gallons of unknown liquid near the enclosed flares (most likely landfill gas condensate). The spill was contained near the flares with no runoff to surface or storm water. DSWA removed the contaminated soil in the area of the spill.
4. DSWA continues to find methane gas in the new landfill gas monitoring probes at the perimeter of the landfill. DSWA continues to monitor the probes and has undertaken a study to determine the source of the methane.
5. DSWA reported no hot loads or fires at the landfill during the quarter.
6. DSWA reported the receipt of prohibited wastes on two occasions during the quarter. On July 3rd and again on July 30th operations staff discovered suspected asbestos material in loads of waste brought into the landfill. In both cases, the suspected asbestos materials (shingles) were removed from the landfill within 2 hours of arrival.
7. The DSWA remains in compliance with the conditions of the Yard Waste Ban, and through September 29th, has issued 45 warnings and 6 special fee citations to haulers attempting to dump excessive amounts of yard waste into the landfill.