

## COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

# DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY NORTHERN REGIONAL OFFICE

Molly Joseph Ward Secretary of Natural Resources 13901 Crown Court, Woodbridge, Virginia 22193 (703) 583-3800 www.deq.virginia.gov

David K. Paylor Director

Thomas A. Faha Regional Director

January 6, 2017

Larry Bayne Lorton Construction Landfill 10001 Furnace Road Lorton, Virginia 22079 VIA EMAIL: lbayne@esiwaste.com

## WARNING LETTER

Re:

Lorton Construction Landfill – 10001 Furnace Road, Lorton

Solid Waste Permit (SWP) 331

Dear Mr. Bayne:

The Department of Environmental Quality ("DEQ" or "the Department") has reason to believe that the Lorton CDD Landfill may be in violation of the Waste Management Law and Regulations.

This letter addresses conditions at the facility named above, and also cites compliance requirements of the Waste Management Law and Regulations. Pursuant to Va. Code § 10.1-1455 (G), this letter is not a case decision under the Virginia Administrative Process Act, Va. Code § 2.2-4000 et seq. (APA). The Department requests that you respond within 20 days of the date of this letter

## **OBSERVATIONS AND LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

On December 22, 2016, DEQ staff conducted a records review of the Lorton Construction Landfill. The inspection checklist is attached. The following describe the staff's factual observations and identify the applicable legal requirements:

1. Observations: On December 13, 2016, the facility detected a methane concentration of 20.5 % at Boundary Probe GP-11, and 15.9% at Boundary Probe GP-50. On December 14, 2016, the facility detected a methane concentration of 11.3 % at Boundary Probe GP-22, and 13.8% at Boundary Probe GP-26. The methane concentration detected at Boundary Probes: GP-11, GP-22, GP-26 and GP-50 exceeded the Lower Explosive Limit (LEL) for methane.

## Legal Requirements: 9 VAC 20-81-200.A.1.b requires ...

The concentration of methane gas migrating from the landfill shall not exceed the lower explosive limit for methane at the facility boundary.

## **ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY**

Va. Code § 10.1-1455 of the Waste Management Act provides for an injunction for any violation of the Waste Management Act, Waste Management Board regulations, an order, or permit condition, and provides for a civil penalty up to \$32,500 per day of each violation of the Waste Management Act, regulation, order or permit condition. In addition, Va. Code § 10.1-1455 (G) authorizes the Waste Management Board to issue orders to any person to comply with the Waste Management Act and regulations, including the imposition of a civil penalty for violations of up to \$100,000. Also, Va. Code § 10.1-1186 authorizes the Director of DEQ to issue special orders to any person to comply with the Waste Management Act and regulations. Va. Code §§ 10.1-1455(D) and 10.1-1455(I) provide for other additional penalties.

## **FUTURE ACTIONS**

After reviewing this letter, please respond in writing to DEQ within 20 days of the date of this letter detailing actions you have taken or will be taking to ensure compliance with state law and regulations. If corrective action will take longer than 90 days to complete, you may be asked to sign a Letter of Agreement or enter into a Consent Order with the Department to formalize the plan and schedule. It is DEQ policy that appropriate, timely, corrective action undertaken in response to a Warning Letter will avoid adversarial enforcement proceedings and the assessment of civil charges or penalties.

Please advise us if you dispute any of the observations recited herein or if there is other information of which DEQ should be aware. In the event that discussions with staff do not lead to a satisfactory conclusion concerning the contents of this letter, you may elect to participate in DEQ's Process for Early Dispute Resolution. Also, if informal discussions do not lead to a satisfactory conclusion, you may request in writing that DEQ take all necessary steps to issue a final decision or fact finding under the APA on whether or not a violation has occurred. For further information on the Process for Early Dispute Resolution, please see Agency Policy Statement No. 8-2005 posted on the Department's website under "Programs," "Enforcement," and "Laws, Regulations, & Guidance" (<a href="http://www.deq.virginia.gov/Programs/Enforcement/Laws,Regulations,Guidance.aspx">http://www.deq.virginia.gov/Programs/Enforcement/Laws,Regulations,Guidance.aspx</a>) or ask the DEQ contact listed below.

Your contact at DEQ in this matter is Jeffrey Modliszewski. Please direct written materials to his attention. If you have questions or wish to arrange a meeting, you may reach him directly at at (703) 583-3832 or Jeffrey.modliszewski@deq.virginia.gov.

Sincerely, Quehard C. Doucette

Richard C. Doucette

Land Protection and Revitalization Program Manager

cc: CASE FILE

Crystal Hambrick, Fairfax County Jeffrey Modliszewski, NRO Solid Waste Compliance Inspector Priscilla D. Fisher, Solid Waste Compliance Coordinator



## **Compliance Inspection Report**

## **Inspection Summary**

Facility: Lorton Construction Landfill Inspector: Jeffrey Modliszewski
Permit: SWP331 Inspection Date: 12/22/2016

Region: Northern Approximate Arrival Time: Records Review

Inspection Type: Records Review Inspection Method: Announced

Facility Staff: Records Review Exit Interview: No

Weather Conditions: Records Review

## Construction / Demolition / Debris (CDD) Landfill (Active)

Reference	Description	SL	Result				
Compliance Area: Operator Information							
10.1-1408.1	Disclosure Statement	I					
10.1-1408.2	Operator Certification	Ш					
Compliance Area: Rec	ordkeeping, Reporting & Permit						
20-81-80	Waste Assessment Program	I					
20-81-100.B	Compliance with the facility's permit	Ш					
20-81-100.E	Unauthorized waste program and inspection	Ш					
20-81-140.A.16	Facility self inspections	I					
20-81-140.A.17	Record maintained of waste received and processed	I					
20-81-485	Operations Manual	Ш					
20-81-530	Permittee recordkeeping and reporting	Ш	✓				
Compliance Area: Design, Construction & Operation							
20-81-110.B	Prohibited waste	Ш					
20-81-130	Facility design / construction	I					
20-81-140.A.1,4	Safety and fire control	Ш					
20-81-140.A.6	Pollutant discharge	Ш					
20-81-140.A.7	Stormwater control system maintenance	Ш					
20-81-140.A.8,14-15	Facility operation, maintenance, and training	Ш					
20-81-140.A.9-13	Hazard and nuisance control	1					
20-81-140.C	Compaction and cover	I					
20-81-610-660	Special Waste	Ш					
Compliance Area: Clos	ure & Post-Closure Care						
20-81-160	Closure requirements	Ш					
20-81-170	Post-closure care requirements	Ш					
Compliance Area: Dec	omposition Gas Control						
20-81-200	Decomposition gas control	Ш	X				
Compliance Area: Lead	chate Control						
20-81-210	Leachate control	Ш					
Compliance Area: Gro	·						
20-81-250	Groundwater monitoring program	П					
20-81-260	Corrective action program	Ш					
Compliance Area: Landfill Mining							
20-81-385 & 395	Landfill Mining	Ш					

SL = Severity Level ✓ = In Compliance X = Alleged Violation N/A = Not Applicable Blank = Not Inspected

## **Alleged Violations**

#### Reference Comments

20-81-200		Decomposition gas control - On December 13, 2016, the facility detected a methane concentration of 20.5 % at Boundary
	Probe GP-11, and 15.9% at Boundary Probe GP-50. On December 14, 2016, the facility detected a methane concentration of	
	11.3 % at Boundary Probe GP-22, and 13.8% at Boundary Probe GP-26. The methane concentration detected at Boundary	
		Probes: GP-11, GP-22, GP-26 and GP-50 exceeded the Lower Explosive Limit (LEL) for methane.

#### **General Comments**

Reference	Comments		
20-81-530	Permittee recordkeeping and reporting - The facility provided the 24-hour notifications and the five day written submission for the December methane exceedances.		

#### **Disclosure Statement Details**

Key Personnel	Title
Dean Kattler	CEO
Gary Hewes	Vice President Operations
James Stenborg	Director of Landfill Engineering
Jim Alderson	CFO
Larry Bayne	General Manager

**Disclosure Statement Last Updated: 12/9/2015** 

## **Waste Management Facility Operators**

Licensed Operator	License #	Expiration Date
Larry Bayne	4605002098	12/31/2016
William Williams	4605003459	3/31/2018

PLEASE advise the Regional Office within 10 calendar days if any information noted in this report is incorrect, if you have taken appropriate action to meet compliance, or if there is other information that the department should consider regarding any alleged violations.

PLEASE be advised that this report is not an agency proceeding or determination which may be considered a case decision under the Administrative Process Act (VA Code 2.2-4000 et seq). If informal discussions do not lead to a satisfactory conclusion on the contents of this report, you may request in writing that DEQ take all necessary steps to issue a final decision or fact finding under the APA on whether or not a violation has occurred.

## Modliszewski, Jeffrey (DEQ)

From: Modliszewski, Jeffrey (DEQ)
Sent: Friday, January 06, 2017 7:49 AM
To: Larry Bayne (lbayne@esiwaste.com)
Cc: Crystal.Hamrick@fairfaxcounty.gov

Subject: SWP331 Warning Letter Attachments: SWP331 WL CIR 20161222.pdf

## Larry

I have attached the warning letter from December's methane exceedance. Please ensure that you continue to follow your Landfill Gas Remediation Plan. Thanks jrm

Respectfully,

Jeffrey Modliszewski Environmental Specialist II Phone: 703-583 3832

Email: Jeffrey.modliszewski@deq.virginia.gov