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Re: Put-In-Bay Township  
Solid Waste Inspections

June 18, 2009

Put-In-Bay Township Trustees  
Box 127  
Put-In-Bay, Ohio 43456

Dear Trustees:

On June 9, 2009, I, representing the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA), conducted inspections of South Bass Island's Transfer Station and Class II Composting Facility, located at 624 Trenton Avenue, Put-In-Bay, Ohio. These inspections were conducted in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Rule 3745-37-08(C)(6). The purpose of these inspections was to determine compliance with Chapters 3745-27 and 3745-37 of the Administrative Code and the Director's Final Findings and Orders effective August 9, 1994, (DFF&O). The township was not represented during the inspections; the findings of the inspections were discussed with Mr. Rick Rothert and Mr. Matt Miller upon completion. Jeremy Scoles of Ohio EPA was also present for the inspections. Following are my observations.

Transfer Facility

The transfer facility instructions were posted on the fence at the entrance of the facility and on the front of the transfer station building in compliance with OAC Rule 3745-27-23(G). The access road from the gate to the transfer station building was well-maintained. The transfer station building was locked; the interior was not inspected.

The in-use BFI box attached to the compacter ram was full, presumably of recycleable waste. Some spilled solid waste was noted between the compacter box and the rear wall of the building, and must be picked up and properly disposed. No other litter was observed. No ponded water was noted in the connection area.

Six BFI dumpsters were staged near the building. Four were empty and two had minor amounts of waste. None contained water. The waste must be removed from the staged boxes and properly disposed. Please continue to store the dumpsters so that water cannot accumulate in them.

Two open top roll-off boxes were located in the Lake Disposal tipping area. One was full and tarped, the other contained a few bags of solid waste. Very little waste was observed beside the tipping wall. No ponded water was observed in this area.

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One Lake roll-off box full of metal was staged at the top of the hill. There were other recycleable items staged around the box.

The required daily log of operations forms were reviewed. Form 3, the Daily Inspection Form, was reviewed for March 19 – June 8, 2009 and appeared to be properly completed. No Incoming or Outgoing Materials Form, Forms 2A and 2B, were on file for Lake Disposal or BFI during this period of time. Ohio EPA is aware that the accumulated waste from over the winter has been removed from the island. **The owner/operator of the Put-In-Bay transfer station is in violation of OAC Rule 3745-27-23(U) for failing to properly record facility operations.** Please obtain copies of Forms 2A and 2B for the waste accumulated over the winter and any other waste transferred through the facility since January 1, 2009 and forward to my attention as soon as possible.

The contingency plan was also reviewed and appears to contain all required information.

Composting Facility

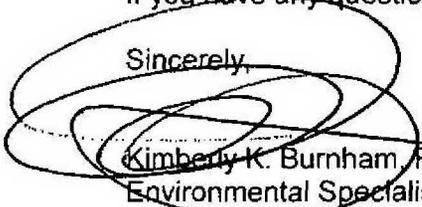
The composting facility is located on the same property as the transfer facility. The facility consists of two adjacent windrows of wood chips and fish wastes combined, and a stockpile of wood chips. Numerous pieces of fish waste were visible in the windrows. Ensure that the pile of wood chips is of sufficient depth that all fish wastes can be completely covered. An area of ponded water was noted at the end of the windrow nearest the Lake tipping area. Ohio EPA recommends that the township add soil to this area to eliminate the ponded water and to prevent water from draining from the Lake tipping area onto the compost facility.

This correspondence addresses specific observations only for the areas of the facilities that were inspected. Nothing present in, nor absent from this correspondence is intended to mean that no other violations existed at the facilities at the time of inspection.

Compliance with the requirements outlined in this letter, or the solid and infectious waste provisions contained in the Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3734. and the rules promulgated thereunder, does not relieve the owner/operator of the facility from their obligations to comply with other applicable state and federal laws and regulations.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (419) 373-3049.

Sincerely,

  
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