

Citizens' Advisory Board
to the
Cherry Island Landfill
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**CITIZENS' ADVISORY BOARD - CHERRY ISLAND LANDFILL
ANNUAL REPORT – JULY 2009**

This report covers the period of July 2008 to July 2009, the third year of the Citizens' Advisory Board to the Cherry Island Landfill. Board members are:

Vincent D'Anna	Appointed by New Castle County Council
Deborah Deubert	Appointed by Wilmington City Council
Jeffrey Flynn	Appointed by Wilmington Mayor Jim Baker
<i>(open)</i>	Appointed by Governor Jack Markell
Thomas Mitten	Appointed by NCCo. Executive Chris Coons
Alfonzo Plant	Appointed by State Representative Hazel Plant
Marvin Thomas	Appointed by State Senator Margaret Rose Henry

The Citizens Advisory Board to the Cherry Island Landfill (CAB-CIL) continues to meet quarterly, receiving reports and updates from the Delaware Solid Waste Authority (DSWA) and the Department of Natural Resources & Environmental Control (DNREC) regarding the operation and improvements taking place at the landfill. We also receive updates regarding DSWA programs such as curbside and igloo recycling, yard waste recycling and other pertinent matters.

During the past year and throughout its history, the CAB-CIL has always found the representatives of the DSWA and DNREC with whom we meet to be knowledgeable and forthcoming, sharing information and addressing questions and concerns of board members. The board is pleased with the overall performance of the DSWA management and staff at Cherry Island regarding landfill operations and environmental stewardship.

The progress of the landfill expansion project, while day-to-day operations continue coupled with the absence of any verifiable odor complaints at Cherry Island attest to the quality of site management and the commitment of DSWA senior management to their mission.

The CAB-CIL has interacted with and offered its perspective to DSWA and DNREC, as well as demonstrating our support for waste disposal, landfill usage and recycling initiatives in Delaware, through correspondence and publication of our quarterly meeting minutes on the DSWA website.

In January, following his inauguration, we provided Governor Jack Markell with a letter of introduction regarding the CAB-CIL.

At our April meeting, Robert McWilliams advised the board that he was relocating to New Mexico and tendered his resignation from the board. We sent Governor Markell a letter requesting that he appoint a replacement to fill Mr. McWilliams' seat on the board at his earliest opportunity.

In June, the CAB-CIL corresponded with the DSWA Board of Directors regarding the matter of sewage sludge disposal by the City of Wilmington. The matter continues to be unresolved as of the date of this report.

We appreciate the cooperation of DSWA and DNREC and look forward to continuing our working relationship with these agencies.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas J. Mitten, Chairman
CAB-CIL

Approved & adopted by CAB-CIL at Quarterly Meeting, July 20, 2009