

Citizens' Advisory Board  
to the  
Cherry Island Landfill  
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**ANNUAL REPORT – JULY 2010**

This report covers the period of July 2009 to July 2010, the fourth 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
Thomas Mitten	Appointed by NCCo. Executive Chris Coons
Thomas Noyes	Appointed by Governor Jack Markell
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 Cherry Island Landfill expansion project is slated to conclude in 2010/Q4. Day-to-day operations continue with virtually no verifiable odor complaints reported. This attests 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 October, Thomas Noyes joined the CAB as the representative of Governor Jack Markell.

Several important matters were addressed by the CAB during the year.

In response to the Board's expressed concerns about waste water sludge disposal by the City of Wilmington at its treatment plant, Kash Srinivasan, Commissioner, City of Wilmington Department of Public Works, made a presentation to the CAB at the October meeting.

DSWA presented its Statewide Solid Waste Management Plan to the CAB and welcomed questions and suggestions. The board found the plan to be comprehensive and well thought out.

The Governor signed Senate Bill 234, which will create a system of universal, single-stream recycling starting in September of 2011 and have far-reaching impact on the operations of the DSWA and Cherry Island Landfill.

The CAB commends DSWA for its management of the expansion project at Cherry Island, as well as the manner in which it has conducted day-to-day operations with an absolute minimum number of complaints from the public or reportable incidents at its landfill site. DSWA's practice of selling methane gas to Conectiv Energy as a fuel source demonstrates good business and responsible stewardship.

Over the course of its existence, the CAB has come to appreciate the work done by DSWA on important matters such as landfill expansion, recycling, yard waste management and waste water sludge disposal, all to the benefit of the citizens of Delaware.

The members of the Citizens' Advisory Board to the Cherry Island Landfill appreciate the cooperation shown us by DSWA and DNREC and look forward to continuing our working relationship with these agencies.

Respectfully submitted,

*Thomas J. Mitten*

Thomas J. Mitten, Chairman  
CAB-CIL

Approved and adopted at July 19, 2010 board meeting.