

CITIZEN'S ADVISORY BOARD

Cherry Island Landfill

October 18, 2010

Notes

The October 18, 2010, meeting of the Citizen's Advisory Board (CAB) commenced at 5:25 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Cherry Island Landfill Administrative Office, 1706 E. 12th Street, Wilmington.

Attendees:

CAB

Thomas Mitten
Marvin Thomas
Vince D'Anna
Jeffrey Flynn
Thomas Noyes

DSWA

Richard Watson
Robin Roddy
Michael D. Parkowski
Joel Haley
Justin Wagner
Uriel Rodriguez

DNREC

Bryan Ashby
Robert Hartman

Introductions

Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) Updates

Mr. Hartman presented DNREC's update on their activities at the Cherry Island Landfill (see attached).

Cherry Island Landfill Update

Before the start of the meeting Mrs. Roddy gave a tour of the Cherry Island Landfill (CIL) Expansion Project.

Mrs. Roddy updated the CAB on a couple of landfill gas projects. One project is the installation of a 24" header pipe that will provide consistency with pipe size throughout the landfill and make it more efficient. DSWA is in negotiations with Cummins to provide a beneficial use of the landfill gas. The current contract is with Calpine (formerly Conectiv) who has been buying the gas. Mr. Watson informed the CAB that DSWA is working on an agreement with the City of Wilmington to have them use a portion of the landfill gas to dry their sludge.

Mrs. Roddy also informed the CAB that the Cherry Island Landfill will celebrate its 25th anniversary on October 21st.

Universal Recycling Method

Mr. Parkowski updated the CAB on the universal recycling method. DSWA will be ending their curbside recycling program on March 31, 2011. Most of the haulers said that they would be ready to provide the service for their customers by that time. Mr. Parkowski said that DSWA will end their yard waste collection service in New Castle County December 31, 2010. Every hauler in New Castle County already has yard waste programs in effect.

CAB-CIL matters

2011 meeting schedule

Mr. Mitten said that it was time to set a meeting schedule for next year and suggested that the CAB meet every four months next year for a total of three meetings. Mr. Hartman said that the permit required that the CAB meet quarterly so the CAB would have to issue a letter requesting the change and DSWA will have to ask for a permit modification.

MOTION A – Moved by Mr. Mitten

“Propose that the Cherry Island Landfill Citizen’s Advisory Board meeting schedule for 2011 be February 28, June 20, and October 17.”

Second – Mr. Thomas

Vote – Unanimous

(Mitten, Noyes, Thomas, D’Anna)

MOTION ADOPTED

(Unanimous)

Mr. Mitten will write a lettering requesting the meeting schedule change and Mrs. Roddy will then proceed with a permit modification.

2nd Representative district board member

Mr. Mitten will contact the newly elected Representative for the 2nd District to have them appoint a new member to the CAB. There may be some other changes to the CAB after the upcoming election.

Other Business

Mr. Noyes noted that he agreed to be the vice-chairman of the CAB as opposed to the co-chairman. The notes from the last meeting will be revised to reflect that.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

DSWA Cherry Island Landfill Summary for the Citizens Advisory Board
Prepared by Robert Hartman, DNREC Solid & Hazardous Waste Management Branch
October 18, 2010

1. On August 13, 2010, DNREC received one CIL odor complaint. The caller provided an address on New Castle Avenue and advised that they believed that they smelled an odor coming from the DSWA landfill on Cherry Island. An enforcement officer responded to the area and could not confirm the odor. This was the first CIL odor complaint of 2010.
2. During this quarter, the DNREC on-site inspector continued to inspect the facility and 12th Street for litter and dust. During this time, we found the DSWA to be satisfactorily controlling litter and dust both on site and off.
3. DSWA continued to find excessive amounts of methane in some gas probes along the perimeter of the landfill. According to DSWA, studies to-date indicate that the methane seen in these probes originates in the dredge spoils.
4. DSWA reported the receipt of prohibited wastes on September 16, 2010 (suspected asbestos shingles). DSWA operations staff discovered the material in a load brought to Area 3, an area designated for hand unloading small vehicles. DSWA took appropriate actions to report the material as required. DSWA also provided the customer with information regarding safe disposal of asbestos material.
5. DSWA remains in compliance with the conditions of the Yard Waste Ban. This quarter, DSWA issued no citations to haulers for yard waste. Additionally, DNREC inspectors found no excessive amounts of yard waste at the CIL working face during the third quarter of 2010.