



## Meeting Notes

### TREE Community Advisory Committee

Monday, November 15, 2004

#### Committee Members Attending:

*Clifford A. Newton, Rochester State Representative-Serving as Chairman  
Alan Davis, Waste Management; John Larochelle, Rochester City Councilor; Trey Dykstra, NH Department of Environmental Services; Rhonda Knapp, Rochester Resident Representative; George Jenness, Rochester Business Representative; Sam Crowley, Dover Resident; Dean Peschel, Dover City Representative.*

#### I. Meeting Notes

The committee accepted "Meeting Notes" of the Community Advisory Committee meeting of September 20, 2004. Revised meeting notes from the previous meeting were forwarded to members by mail.

#### II. Discussion of Brown & Caldwell Report

Since the last meeting, the committee received the Odor Investigation Report prepared by Brown and Caldwell. At the meeting of September 20, 2004 Senior Associate Alan R. Kirschner of Brown and Caldwell presented the report findings to the committee. Brown and Caldwell was retained at the directive of the DES to review landfill odor issues at TREE.

The Chair invited further discussion of the report and questions to Mr. Kirschner who was in attendance. A discussion ensued regarding the specific recommendations set forth in the report and Waste Management's response to them.

Steve Poggi, Area Engineering Manager for Waste Management outlined for the committee in some detail how the company was responding to each recommendation made in the report. Specifically, the company was in general concurrence with the recommendations and was moving as quickly as possible to implement them. Poggi did note that the use of Posi-Shell Cover System had been used as a cover material in the past with only limited success due to its propensity to crack and splinter when walked on.

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Questions were asked of Poggi regarding C & D fines and when the company stopped using this material as cover for the landfill. Poggi indicated that the company discontinued using this material as a cover at TREE prior to the DES prohibiting C&D fines in all NH landfills and prior to the Brown & Caldwell report.

Committee member and co-chairperson, Cliff Newton asked fellow committee member and NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) representative, Trey Dykstra, if the DES was satisfied with the report and/or did the DES have anything specific it would like to see a follow-up with respect to the investigation. Further, Newton requested that the DES provide the committee with a written response regarding the report.

III. Summary Review of Landfill Construction Tour

Alan Davis briefly summarized the landfill construction tour. He presented the committee with a comprehensive project summary report indicating the status of the construction project and specifically the number of landfill gas wells which have been completed and those which remain to be connected as part of phase II of the construction process.

IV. Review & Discussion of New Gas Control Systems

The committee received an overview of an actual landfill gas well system, which was brought to the meeting for display purposes. Mr. Poggi pointed out the specific operating nature of the system, and committee members asked a variety of questions regarding the units operation, reliability and function.

V. Review of Odor Complaint Log Data

The committee was briefed by fellow member Trey Dykstra, of the NH Department of Environmental Services (DES), regarding odor complaints since the last meeting. It was reported that the number of odor complaints had decreased significantly since the last meeting providing some measure of anecdotal evidence that the odor control improvements at the landfill are having a positive impact.

The following represents a review of odor complaints as compiled by the DES on a year-to-date basis:

<b>DES Odor Statistics 2004</b>				
<b>Month</b>	<b>No. of</b>		<b>Odor Description(3)</b>	
	<b>Complaints (1)</b>	<b>Complainants (2)</b>	<b>Garbage(4)</b>	<b>Landfill Gas(5)</b>
Jan-04	12	4	0	8
Feb-04	7	6	2	2
Mar-04	6	6	1	2

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Apr-04	24	10	0	9
May-04	24	15	1	5
Jun-04	17	9	0	4
Jul-04	21	9	1	6
Aug-04	39	18	7	20
Sep-04	97	44	13	28
Oct-04	51	21	9	26
11/15/04	6	3	1	4
<b>Total:</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>114</b>

VI. Communications

Mark Bodi reported on communications and community outreach efforts. He noted that the committee's objective of providing a more accurate collection of odor complaint data, as well as more fully informing the public of where to call with complaints regarding landfill odors has made significant progress. To date, over 500,000 community outreach impressions have been made with a variety of messages on local cable TV, newspaper advertising and direct mail.

The committee reviewed the website and offered several suggestions for updates. It was expected the website would be operational sometime later in the week. Committee members were encouraged to offer suggestions for inclusions and improvements to the website moving forward.

VII. Next Meeting

No meeting will be held in December. The next meeting will be held on Monday, January 17, 2005