



Meeting Notes

TREE Community Advisory Committee
Monday, October 16, 2006

Committee Members Attending:

Presiding- John Larochelle, Rochester Mayor; *Bill Howard*, Waste Management for Al Davis; *Tom Seigle*, Department of Environmental Services Representative; *Wally Fournier*, Barrington town Representative, *Dean Peschel*, Environmental Projects Manager, City of Dover.

Members of the Public: No members of the public were in attendance.

I. Meeting Notes

The committee approved the Meeting Notes of the Community Advisory Committee's previous meeting, September 18, 2006.

II. Review of Odor Complaint Log Data

The committee reviewed the odor complaints since the last meeting.

Tom Seigle noted the total number of odor complaints for September was 41 received from 15 complainants.

III. Report from Bill Howard, District Engineer for Waste Management

Bill Howard reviewed with the committee possible reasons for increased odors in addition to the ongoing problems resulting from heavy rain. These factors included the 6 ½ acres of Phase III final cap area which was being finalized but that construction required trenching which exposed previously covered waste. Further, rain in this uncovered area added to the already difficult circumstances being dealt with by spring rainfall.

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Rain was also causing problems with slope stabilization that could impact headers. Wally Fournier asked if synthetic erosion matter could be used to abate the problems. Howard indicated that they may have to use synthetic erosion materials especially now that is unlikely that any growth will take hold on the earth cover this late in the season.

It was reported that the new flare was going into the test burning phase the following day and that it was expected, as reported at the last meeting, the flare would be helpful in reducing landfill odors through more efficient gas management and combustion. It was agreed that the committee would have an opportunity to view the flare in operation once the site work was complete.

Tom Seigle noted that the annual odor evaluation report prepared by Waste Management would be due to be submitted to the DES by the third week of November.

It was noted by Howard that 23 of the 28 wells have been installed and 9 of the 23 have been connected to the vacuum source.

Committee members asked a number of questions regarding construction activities at the landfill and the impact on landfill odors.

IV. Committee Discussion

There was considerable discussion regarding the continuance of landfill odors. Committee member John Larochelle noted that he would have hoped that this reemergence of odors would not have occurred. He asked Bill Howard how long it would take in his opinion to reduce the intensity, duration and frequency of the odors.

Howard pointed out that the new odors resulted from a different circumstance than the previous odors which occurred in higher levels over two years ago. He indicated that initiatives reported by Waste Management should mitigate bothersome odors and that overall, given a number of factors, the total number of odor complaints are still relatively low.

Further, Howard indicated that the company had made substantial changes in design and construction of its landfill gas control systems. As a result, it is expected that the landfill expansion area will have improved odor control capacity given its state-of-the-art technology and applications of "lessons learned" from difficulties in the past.

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Committee member Wally Fournier expressed the view that most local residents were not apprised of what has taken place at the landfill and the improvements that have and continue to be made. In his opinion people may have become cynical because they see no improvement in the landfill odor problem. He advocated that the company increase communication with the public so that they understand many of the issues he spoke to the committee about.

City of Dover Representative Dean Peschel noted that the city of Dover was concerned over recent landfill odor occurrences. He stated that a representative of the company should update the Dover City Council regarding activities now underway at the landfill to more effectively control landfill odors.

V. New Business

No new business.

VI. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at the call of the chair.

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**LANDFILL GAS ODOR
COMPLAINT DATA *
TURNKEY DISPOSAL
FACILITY
ROCHESTER, NH**

Last Revised: 10/16/2006

Month	Year	No. of Complaints (1)	No. of Complainants (2)
Jan	04	12	4
Feb	04	7	6
Mar	04	6	6
Apr	04	24	10
May	04	24	15
Jun	04	17	9
Jul	04	21	9
Aug	04	39	18
Sep	04	97	44
Oct	04	51	21
Nov	04	20	10
Dec	04	5	4
Jan	05	2	1
Feb	05	17	6
Mar	05	1	1
Apr	05	3	3
May	05	7	4
Jun	05	8	5
Jul	05	26	12
Aug	05	30	13
Sep	05	14	8
Oct	05	3	3
Nov	05	9	5
Dec	05	13	4
Jan	06	26	10
Feb	06	7	5
Mar	06	1	1
April	06	1	1
May	06	3	3
June	06	7	5
July	2006	19	9
Aug	2006	43	14
Sept	2006	41	15
Oct	2006	26	9

* Data as of CAC Meeting Date.