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Douglas P. Scott, Director
Illinois EPA
1021 N. Grand Avenue East
P.O. Box 19276
Springfield, IL 62794-9276

Dear Mr. Scott:

I write regarding the solid waste transfer station located at 1712 Church Street in the City of Evanston. The facility, which is operated by Veolia ES Solid Waste Midwest, LLC, is IEPA site no. 031081003 and holds IEPA permit no.1984-002-DE-OP (the original) as well as a number of supplemental permits.

IEPA has investigated complaints about the Veolia facility in the past and has found violations of the permit conditions; for example, in July 2007, the facility was found to be improperly storing waste overnight and failing to properly mitigate odor. The last complaint to IEPA of which the city is aware was in June 2009, when city landscapers were sickened by an acrid odor while working in close proximity to the transfer station.

Since that time, the City and, to the best of our knowledge, the operator itself, have received a steady stream of complaints about noise and odor emanating from the facility—at least 10 in the second half of 2010 alone. The City has taken steps to inform residents that complaints should be directed to the IEPA and/or the Pollution Control Board and has disseminated relevant contact information. However, to best serve the residents and the City, and in keeping with the City's home rule authority to act for health, welfare, and safety of its residents, I am contacting you directly to notify you of the complaints and to request investigatory follow-up by your agency.

Although it endeavors to be as responsive as possible to the community, the City does not possess the enforcement capability or the technical expertise to ensure that the transfer station complies with all the requirements of its IEPA permits. Indeed, the City is not statutorily empowered to enforce the terms of the transfer station's IEPA permit. Accordingly, the City wishes to put IEPA on notice of the complaints about the facility and requests that IEPA increase the frequency and intensity of its inspections in order to determine whether the facility is in compliance with all of the extensive conditions of its permit. The City is looking to your agency, with its technical expertise and enforcement powers, to assist us in ensuring Veolia complies with its permit, and to investigate all non-compliant factors. The City appreciates all possible actions by the IEPA to respond to residents' concerns and all necessary information that your agency can provide us in order to ensure that our residents' health and welfare are not compromised by the transfer station.

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In addition, the City will continue to undertake—as it always has—all necessary inspections and investigations in furtherance of its home rule powers relative to maintaining the health, safety, and welfare of its residents.

The City of Evanston will be conducting its "Evanston Day" in Springfield on March 30th. The City's Director of Intergovernmental Affairs will be contacting your office in order to schedule a meeting with you and your staff on that day to discuss this critical matter.

Thank you in advance for your time and attention. Please contact me if I can provide you with additional information regarding this important issue.

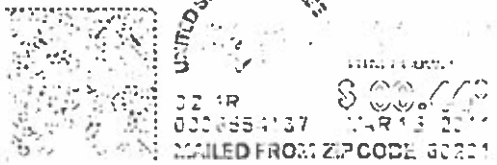
Sincerely,

Elizabeth Tisdahl

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cc: Charles T. Grigalauski, IEPA Des Plaines Region Manager
Members of Evanston City Council
Illinois State Senator Jeffrey Schoenberg
Illinois State Representative Daniel Biss
Illinois State Representative Robyn Gabel

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ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Transfer Station Inspection Checklist

County: Cook LPC#: 0310810003 Region: 2 - Des Plaines

Location/Site Name: Evanston/Evanston Transfer Station

Date: 03/21/2011 Time: From 11:30am To 12:40pm Previous Inspection Date: 05/06/2010

Inspector(s): Donna Czech Weather: 50F

No. of Photos Taken: # 9 Samples Taken: Yes # No ☒

Interviewed: Ryan Strong Facility Phone No.: 847/833-1067

Permitted/Unpermitted Owner Mailing Address

Veolia ES Solid Waste Midwest, Inc.
2800 Shermer Road
Northbrook, Illinois 60062

Permitted/Unpermitted Operator Mailing Address

Veolia ES Solid Waste Midwest, Inc.
1711 Church Street
Evanston, Illinois 60201

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AUTHORIZATION:

1. OP Permit 1984-2-DE/OP 2. Unpermitted: ☐
3. Exp Date

	SECTION	DESCRIPTION	VIOL.
		ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT REQUIREMENTS	
1.	9(a)	**CAUSE, THREATEN OR ALLOW AIR POLLUTION IN ILLINOIS**	☐
2.	9(c)	**CAUSE OR ALLOW OPEN BURNING**	☐
3.	12(a)	**CAUSE, THREATEN OR ALLOW WATER POLLUTION IN ILLINOIS**	☐
4.	12(d)	**CREATE A WATER POLLUTION HAZARD**	☐
5.	21(a)	**CAUSE OR ALLOW OPEN DUMPING**	☐
6.	21(d)	**CONDUCT ANY WASTE-STORAGE, WASTE-TREATMENT, OR WASTE- DISPOSAL OPERATION:**	
	(1)	Without a Permit or in Violation of Any Conditions of a Permit (See Permit Provisions)	☐
	(2)	In Violation of Any Regulations or Standards Adopted by the Board	☐
7.	21(e)	**DISPOSE, TREAT, STORE, OR ABANDON ANY WASTE, OR TRANSPORT ANY WASTE INTO THE STATE AT/TO SITES NOT MEETING REQUIREMENTS OF ACT AND REGULATIONS**	☐
8.	21(p)	**CAUSE OR ALLOW THE OPEN DUMPING OF ANY WASTE IN A MANNER WHICH RESULTS IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING OCCURRENCES AT THE DUMP SITE:**	
	(1)	Litter	☐
	(3)	Open Burning	☐
9.	21.6(a)	**KNOWINGLY MIX LIQUID USED OIL WITH MUNICIPAL WASTE FOR DISPOSAL AT A LANDFILL**	☐
10.	22.14	**SETBACK REQUIREMENTS**	☐
11.	22.22(a)	**KNOWINGLY MIX LANDSCAPE WASTE FOR DISPOSAL AT A LANDFILL**	☐

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12.	22.23(f)	KNOWINGLY CAUSE OR ALLOW THE DISPOSAL OF ANY LEAD-ACID BATTERY IN A LANDFILL	☐
13.	22.28(a)	COLLECT WHITE GOODS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISPOSAL BY LANDFILLING	☐
14.	55(b)(1)	KNOWINGLY MIX ANY USED OR WASTE TIRES, EITHER WHOLE OR CUT, WITH MUNICIPAL WASTE	☐
15.	55(k)	NO PERSON SHALL:	
	(1)	Cause or Allow Water to Accumulate in Used or Waste Tires	☐
	(4)	Transport Used or Waste Tires in Violation of the Registration and Placarding Requirements	☐
16.	56.1	NO PERSON SHALL:	
	(b)	Cause or Allow the Delivery of Any Potentially Infectious Medical Waste for Transport, Storage, or Transfer Without Proper Packaging	☐
	(d)	Cause or Allow the Delivery or Transfer of Any Potentially Infectious Medical Waste for Transport Without Permits and/or Manifests	☐
	(e)	Cause or Allow the Acceptance of Any Potentially Infectious Medical Waste for Purposes of Transport, Storage or Transfer Without Proper Packaging and Storage	☐
	(g)	Cause or Allow Any Potentially Infectious Medical Waste Storage or Transfer Without a Permit	☐
35 ILLINOIS ADMINISTRATIVE CODE REQUIREMENTS SUBTITLE G			
17.	722.111	HAZARDOUS WASTE DETERMINATION	☐
18.	807.201	CAUSING OR ALLOWING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT SITE WITHOUT A DEVELOPMENT PERMIT ISSUED BY THE AGENCY, OR ALLOWING MODIFICATION OF AN EXISTING SITE WITHOUT A DEVELOPMENT PERMIT ISSUED BY THE AGENCY	☐
19.	807.202(a)	CAUSING OR ALLOWING THE USE OR OPERATION OF A SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT SITE WITHOUT AN OPERATING PERMIT ISSUED BY THE AGENCY	☐
20.	807.210	SUPPLEMENTAL PERMITS	☐
21.	808.121(a)	SPECIAL WASTE DETERMINATION	☐
22.	809.301	REQUIREMENTS FOR DELIVERY OF SPECIAL WASTE TO HAULERS	☐
23.	809.302(a)	ACCEPTANCE OF SPECIAL WASTE FROM A WASTE HAULER WITHOUT A WASTE HAULING PERMIT AND/OR MANIFEST	☐
24.	809.501	MANIFESTS, RECORDS, ACCESS TO RECORDS, REPORTING REQUIREMENTS AND FORMS	
	(a)	Delivery of Special Waste to Hauler	☐
	(g)	Retention of Special Waste Manifests	☐

OTHER REQUIREMENTS			
25.	OTHER:	APPARENT VIOLATION OF: (☐) PCB; (☐) CIRCUIT COURT CASE NUMBER: ORDER ENTERED ON:	☐
26.			☐
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PERMIT PROVISIONS	
PERMIT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION OF VIOLATION (condition # of permit, page # of permit, and/or page # of approved application)

Informational Notes

1. [Illinois] Environmental Protection Act: 415 ILCS 5/4.
2. Illinois Pollution Control Board: 35 Ill. Adm. Code, Subtitle G.
3. Statutory and regulatory references herein are provided for convenience only and should not be construed as legal conclusions of the Agency or as limiting the Agency's statutory or regulatory powers. Requirements of some statutes and regulations cited are in summary format. Full text of requirements can be found in references listed in 1. and 2. above.
4. The provisions of subsection (p) of Section 21 and subsection (k) of Section 55 of the [Illinois] Environmental Protection Act shall be enforceable either by administrative citation under Section 31.1 of the Act or by complaint under Section 31 of the Act.
5. This inspection was conducted in accordance with Sections 4(c) and 4(d) of the [Illinois] Environmental Protection Act: 415 ILCS 5/4(c) and (d).
6. Items marked with an "NE" were not evaluated at the time of this inspection.

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Narrative

On March 21, 2011 a solid waste inspection was conducted at the subject site in order to determine the facility's compliance with its operating permit (1984-2-DE/OP) and the applicable regulations. Ryan Strong, the site manager, was interviewed during the inspection. The weather was about 50°F and the site conditions were dry.

In 2006, Veolia Environmental Services, the parent company of Onyx Waste Services Midwest, Inc., decided to change the name of its Onyx companies to Veolia. The subject facility has been operating as Veolia Environmental Services since that time.

The site's permitted operating hours to receive waste are from 6:00am to 6:00pm Monday through Saturday. The volume of waste currently being accepted is approximately 475 tons a day. The facility accepts municipal solid waste and construction and demolition debris.

The following materials are not accepted at this facility: hazardous waste, special waste, yard waste and potentially infectious medical waste (PIMW). Solid waste that leaves the subject facility is currently being shipped to Orchard Hills Landfill in Davis Junction, Illinois for disposal.

Scrap tires are pulled out of loads of incoming refuse and stored in a closed container in the yard south of Church Street. When the container is filled, it is taken to Northbrook Transfer Station (another Veolia facility) where the tires are consolidated for shipment to Shred–All Recycling in Chicago, Illinois.

White goods are not received at the subject facility. Incidental amounts of scrap metal, when they are received, are loaded into the transfer trailers for disposal.

The new transfer station building has been completed and has been in operation since November 2005. A new scale house has been constructed along with a new scale for incoming vehicles. The existing scale for outgoing vehicles was relocated to an area adjacent to the new scale office. Loaded transfer trailers are weighed on a scale inside the loading ramp.

All waste is removed from the tipping floor at the end of the operating day. The tipping floor is cleaned with a sweeper after the waste has been removed. Waste is sometimes stored overnight in covered transfer trailers at this facility. No waste may be stored on site over the weekend or over any non-operating days.

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Litter is collected from the transfer station grounds throughout the operating day. A street sweeper is used to clean the grounds on site and the nearby streets. An exterminator (Anderson Pest Control) inspects the facility every month for vector control.

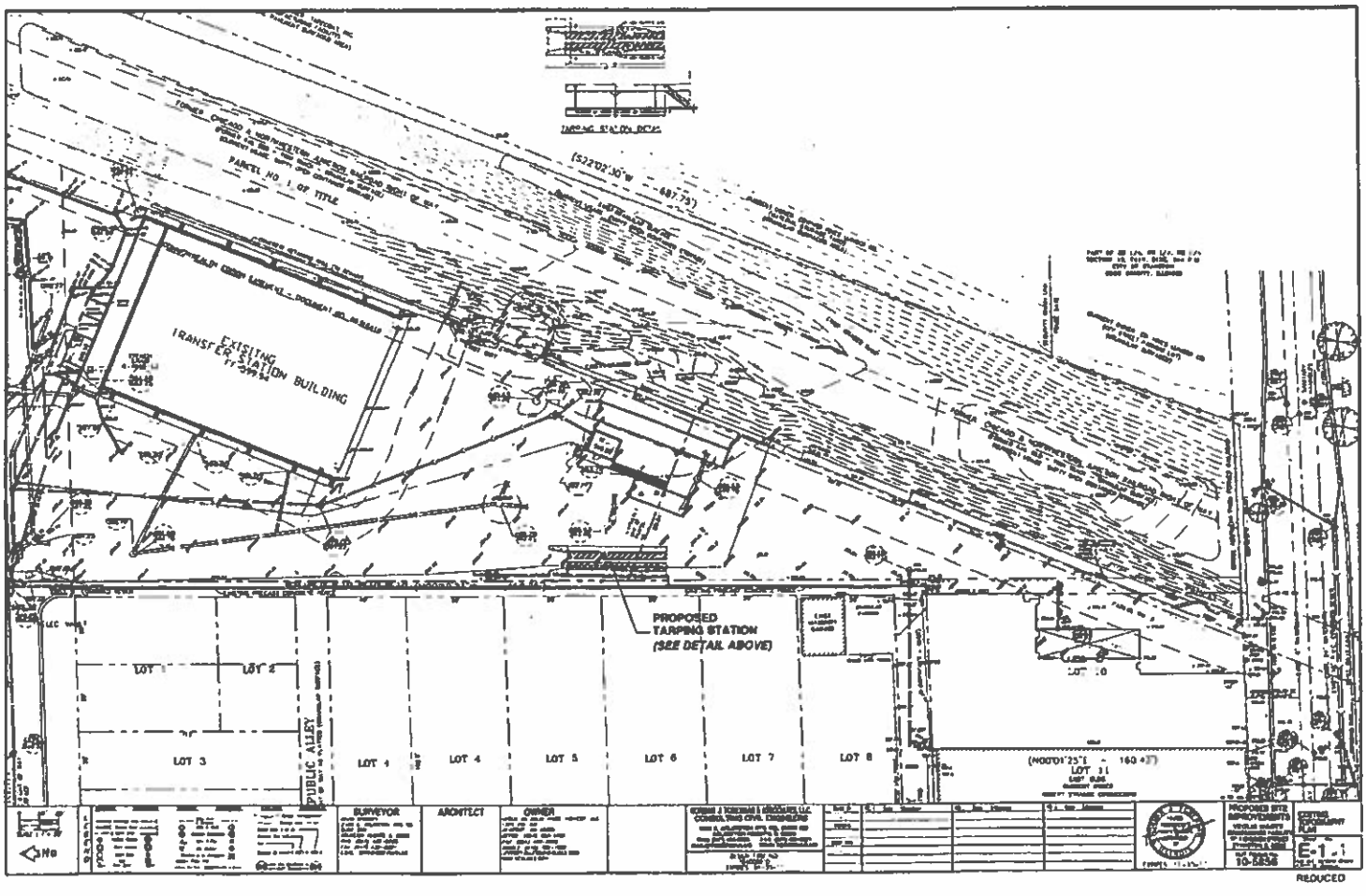
Recyclable materials (cardboard and paper) were not being accepted at the time of this inspection. During a meeting held on September 21, 2010 between Jeffrey Ellerd of Veolia and Chuck Grigalauski, the regional manager at the Agency's Des Plaines office, it was agreed that the Evanston Transfer Station is authorized to accept commingled or source separated recyclables under the existing operating permit.

Evanston Transfer Station received authorization to install a tarping station along the west property line with the issuance of Supplemental Permit No. 2010-461-SP, dated December 1, 2010. The tarping station had not been constructed as of the date of the inspection. Mr. Strong stated that Veolia is waiting for approval from the City of Evanston to install the tarping station. Other proposed activities at the site include demolition of the building located at 1711 Church Street and the addition of an above ground diesel fuel tank on the transfer station property.

There was no disagreeable odor detected at the site at the time of the inspection. Containers of odor control granules are stored on site. This solid material, which has a sweet smell, is deposited on loads of refuse on the tipping floor during the cold weather when the water in the misting system would freeze. The misting system, which is used to spray a deodorizing chemical onto the refuse, is operated during the warm weather to minimize the strength of the odor from the refuse.

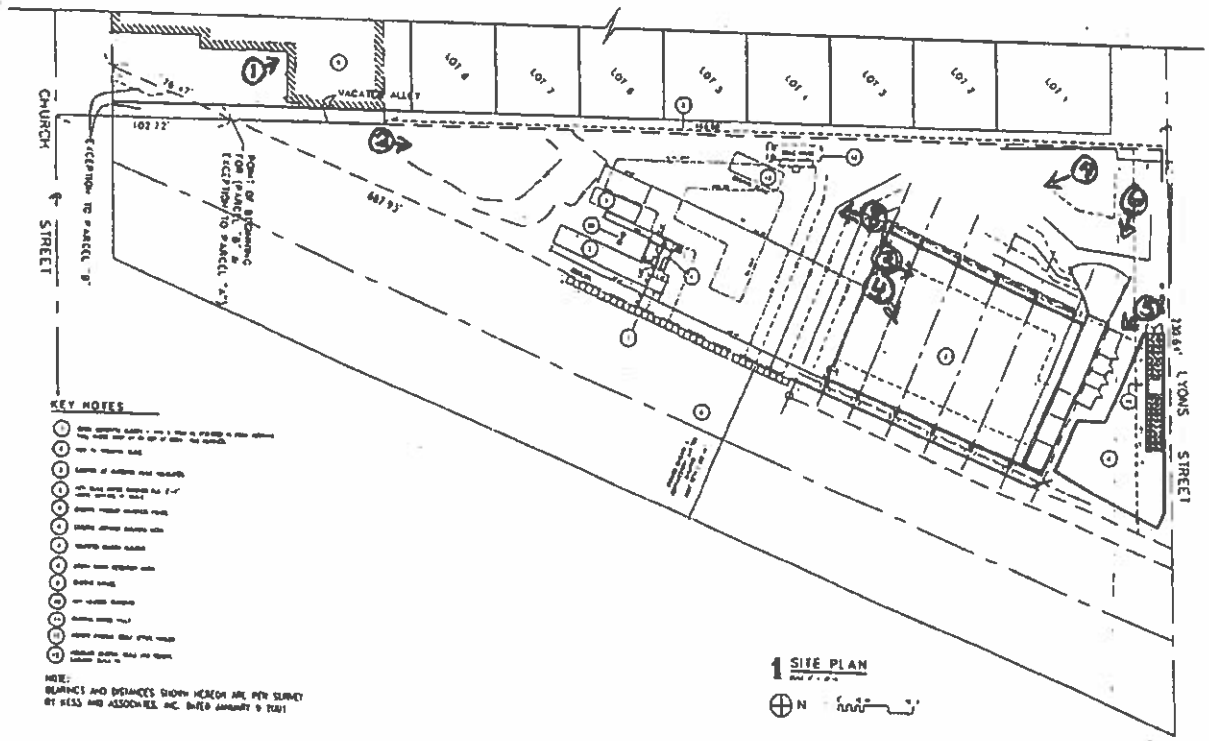
At the time of this inspection, no apparent violations of the facility's operating permit or the applicable regulations were observed.

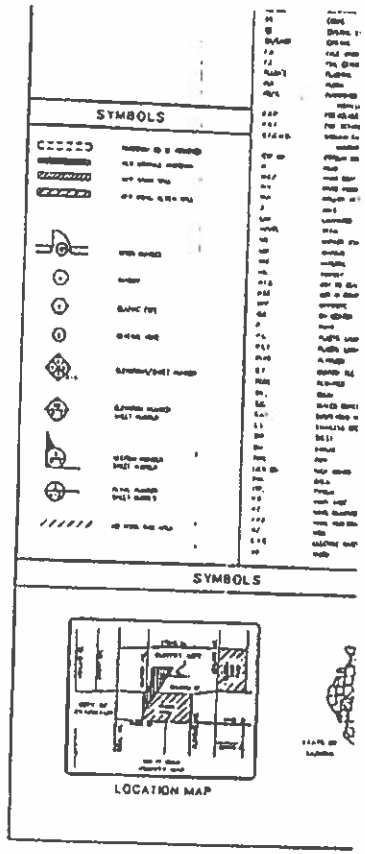
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EXISTING
TRANSFER STATION BUILDING
PROPOSED
TARPING STATION
(SEE DETAIL ABOVE)
PUBLIC ALLEY
LOT 1
LOT 2
LOT 3
LOT 4
LOT 5
LOT 6
LOT 7
LOT 8
SURVEYOR
ARCHITECT
OWNER
E-1

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MARCH 21, 2011

EVANSTON, ILLINOIS





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AURORA, ILLINOIS 60504

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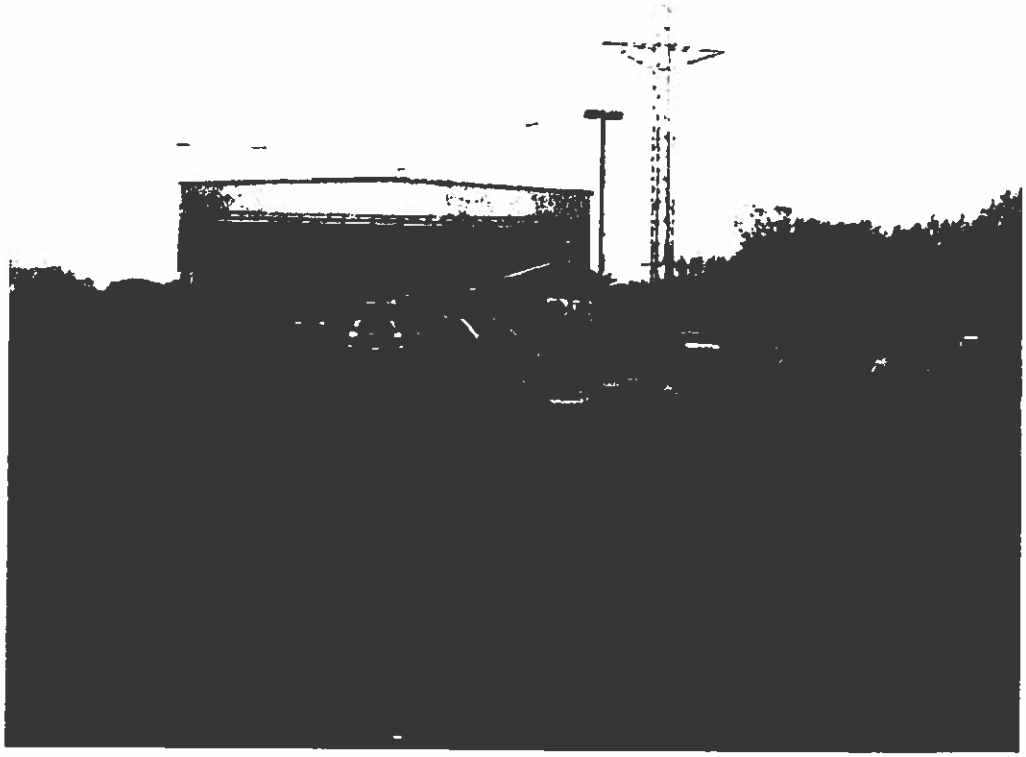
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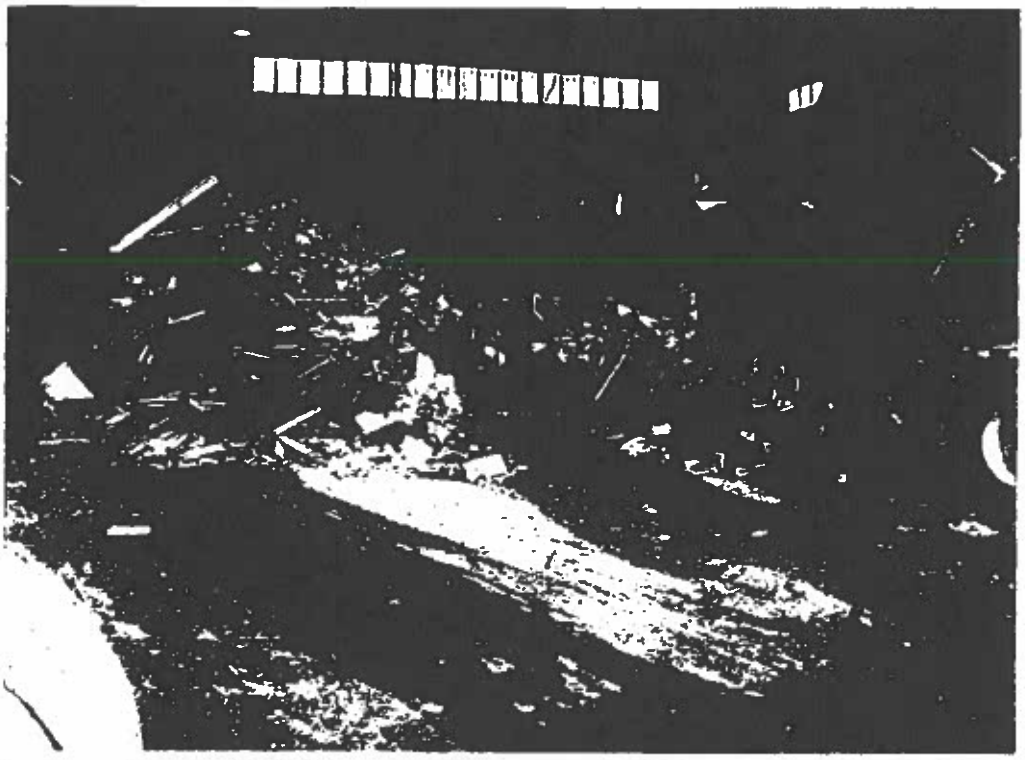
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Comments: Entrance to the Transfer Station Building; Scale House to the Right

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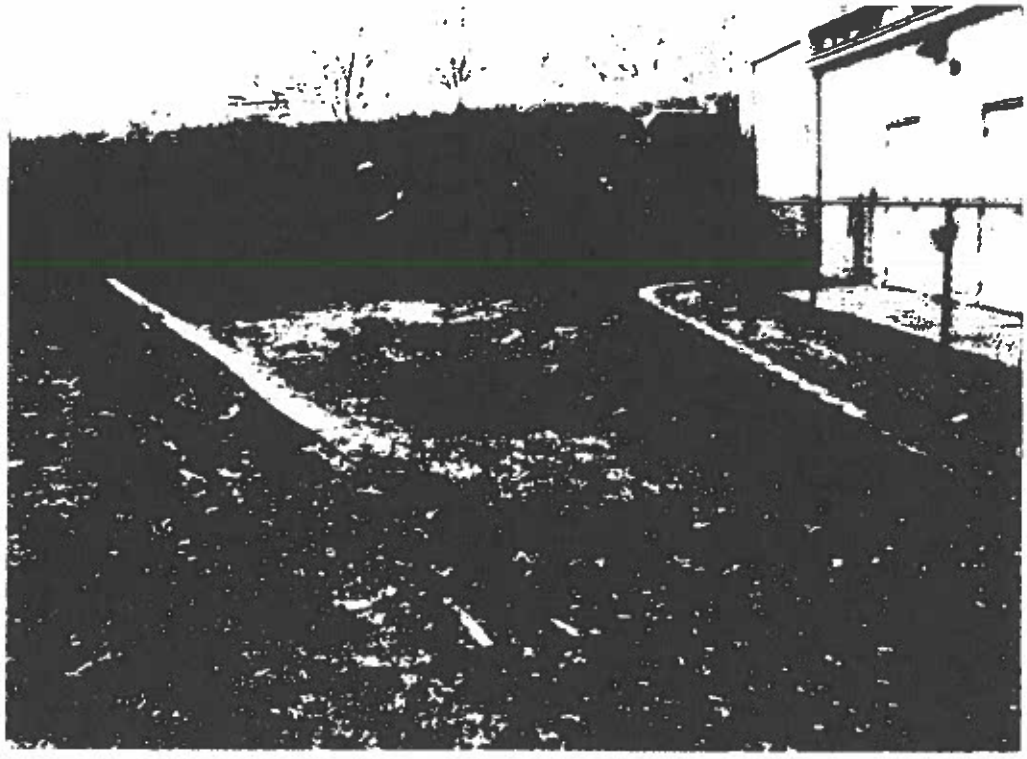
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Direction: Northeast
Photo By: D. Czech
Exposure #: 004
Comments: Same as Photo #3 Above

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Comments: Storm Water Detention Basin



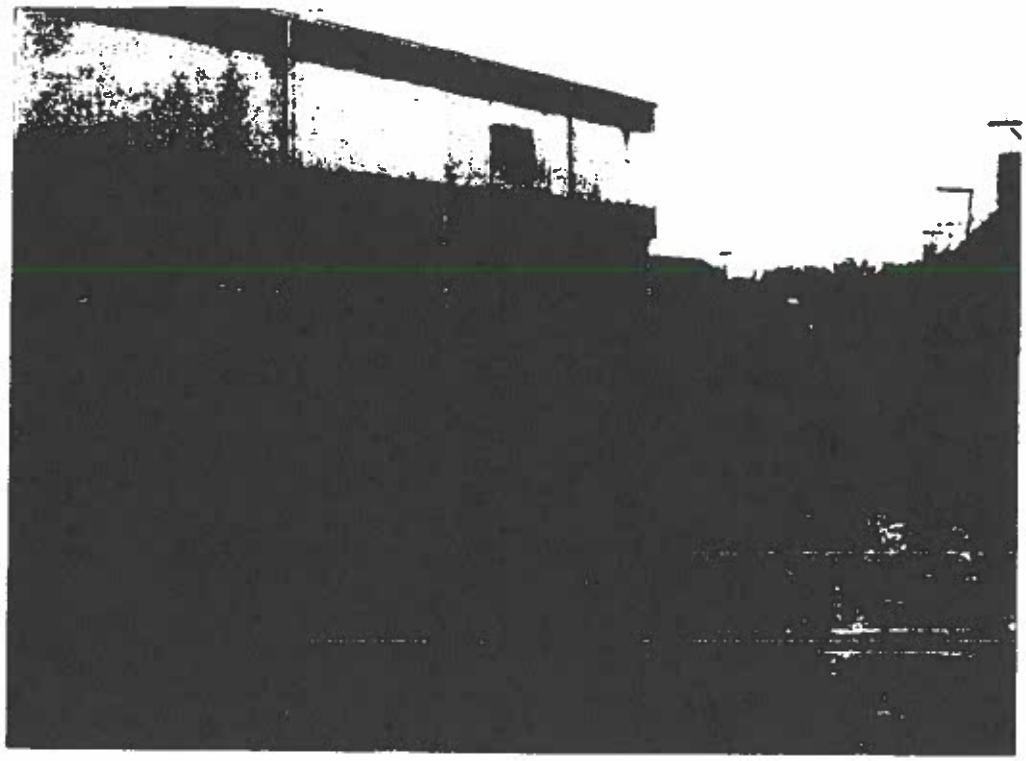
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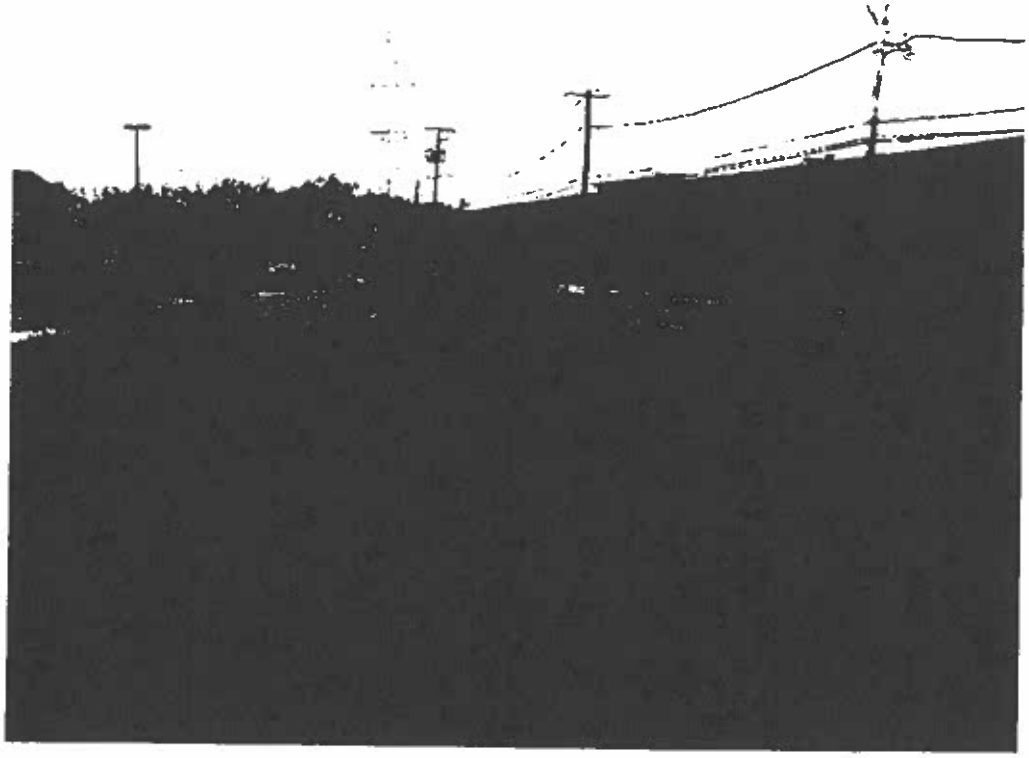
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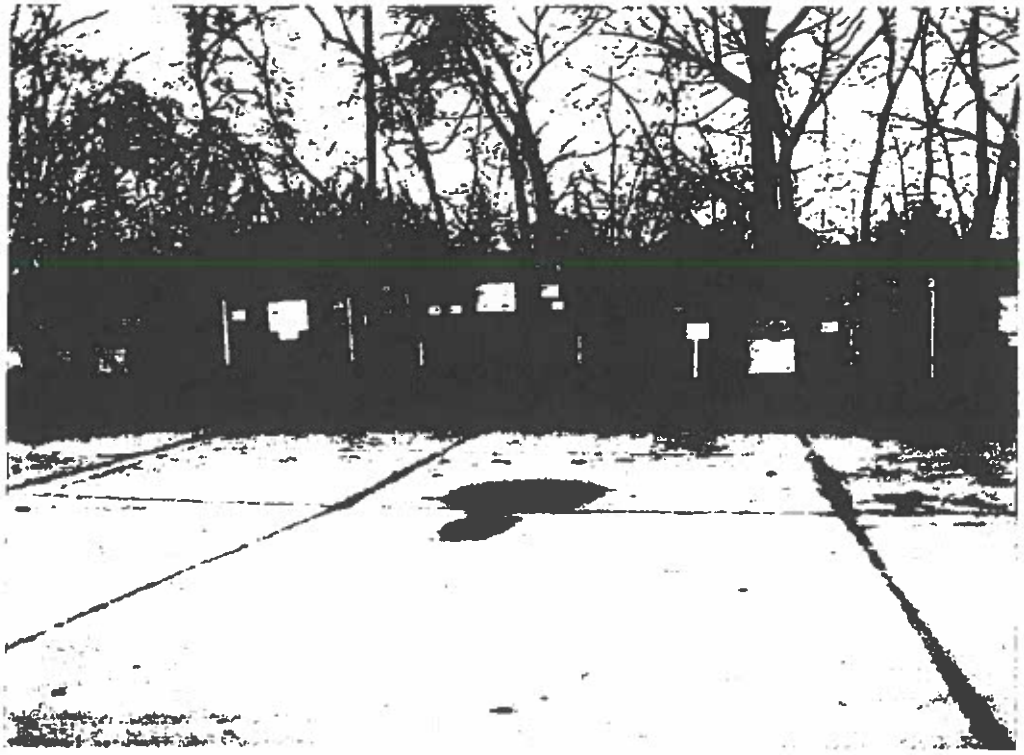
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Comments: View of Site From the Northwest Corner



Date: 3/21/11
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Direction: South
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Comments: Proposed Location for the Tarping Station (Right); Scale House at Left

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Comments: Closed Container for Scrap Tires (Center) in the Yard South of Church Street

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