0310810003 – Cook County
Evanston/Evanston Transfer Station

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Narrative

A solid waste inspection was conducted at the subject site on March 21, 2011 in response to a special request from Springfield. The inspection was unannounced. Ryan Strong, the site manager, was interviewed during the inspection. There was no disagreeable odor detected on site at the time of the inspection. Odor control granules, which have a sweet smell, were being deposited directly on loads of refuse on the tipping floor. This solid material is used to control odors during the cold weather months when the water in the ceiling misting system would freeze. No apparent violations of the facility's operating permit or the applicable regulations were observed.

On April 19, 2011 there was a meeting at the subject site between Paul Purseglove, the manager of the Agency's Bureau of Land Field Operations Section (FOS) and Gregg Asciutto, the Central Region Manager for Veolia Environmental Services (Veolia), the owner and operator of the site. Also in attendance at the meeting were Chuck Grigalauski, the Regional Manager of the Agency's Des Plaines office; Donna Czech, an inspector from the Des Plaines office; and Ryan Strong, the manager of the subject site. The meeting was arranged between Mr. Purseglove and Mr. Asciutto to discuss the issues raised by the neighborhood residents and the mayor of Evanston. The meeting included a tour of the facility and of the neighboring residential streets.

During the meeting Mr. Purseglove and Mr. Asciutto developed a list of "beyond compliance" items that Veolia might consider in order to address the concerns of neighboring residents regarding nuisance odors emanating from the subject site. Some of the items discussed were:

1.) Construct a wall along the top of the berm (former railroad track) on the east side of the property to further block the view and minimize the noise for the people living in the area east of the site. There are high voltage power lines running along this berm so ComEd would have to be involved in that decision.

2.) Lower the sprinklers for the deodorant misting system so they are closer to the tipping floor.

3.) Install sound absorbing materials on the interior wall of the transfer station.

4.) Install rubber blades on the large end loaders that are used to load waste from the tipping floor into the transfer trailers.

5.) Install a drive-through plastic curtain (similar to the type used in commercial meat packing plants) that would minimize odors.

6.) Repair some minor holes in the metal walls on the north side of the building.

As of this writing, it is not known whether Veolia has agreed to implement any of the proposed items listed above. Another inspection of the subject site will be conducted by the Agency during the coming summer months.

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DOCUMENT DATE 04-06-2011

ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
BUREAU OF LAND/FIELD OPERATIONS SECTION
COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION FORM

Complaint #: C - 11-100
Date Received: 4-6-11
By: CG
BOL/FOS - Region
☑ By E-mail: ☐ By Phone: ☐ In Person; ☐ By Mail

DLPC #: 0310870003 COUNTY: Cook
Location/Facility Name: EVANSTON / EVANSTON TRANSFER STATION
Complainant [redacted] Respondent EVANSTON TRANSFER STATION
Address [redacted] Address 1711 CHURCH STREET
EVANSTON, IL 60201
Telephone #: [redacted] Telephone #: (847) 833-1067
Directions to Source:

Complaint Details: ODORS FROM THE TRANSFER STATION ARE NOT APPROPRIATE FOR A RESIDENTIAL AREA. CONCERNS INCLUDE NUISANCE ODORS AND VECTORS SUCH AS RODENTS AND FLIES.

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☐ Refer to reverse for more details

INVESTIGATION FINDINGS

By: DONNA CZECH Date: 5-26-11 (UPDATE)
Interviewed: RYAN STRONG (SITE MANAGER) ON 3-21-11 Time: 10:00 am-12:00pm
Investigation Results (Select one of the following):
☑ Refer to inspection report dated: SEE INSPECTION REPORT (3-21-11) & NARRATIVE ATTACHED
☐ Refer to below and/or reverse for more details: A TELEPHONE VOICE MAIL MESSAGE WAS LEFT FOR THE COMPLAINANT ON MAY 26, 2011 REGARDING THE RESULTS OF THIS INVESTIGATION.

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Complainant notified of findings? ☑
Referred to:
CONFIDENTIAL
File Opened? ☐

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LPC #: _____

Investigation Date: _____

Complaint Details (continued): _____

Investigation Results (continued): _____

[redacted] MD DC

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Bureau of Land - Des Plaines
Complaint Log

Complaint ID # C11-100

BOL ID # : 0310810003 **Facility Name :** Evanston Transfer Station

Facility Address : 1711 Church Street

City : Evanston **Zip Code :** 60201 **County :** Cook

Complainant :	[redacted]	Respondent :	Evanston Transfer Station
Address :	[redacted]	Address :	1711 Church Street
City :	[redacted] State : [redacted]	City :	Evanston State : IL
Zip Code :	[redacted]	Zip :	60201
Phone :	[redacted]	Phone :	(847) 833-1067
Date Received :	4/6/2011	Received By :	CTG
Investigator:		Start Time:	
Inspect Date:		End Time:	

Complaint Details :

Odors from the transfer station are not appropriate for a residential area. Concerns include nuisance odors and vectors such as rodents and flies.

Summary :

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Czech, Donna

From: Grigalauski, Chuck
Sent: Wednesday, April 06, 2011 1:49 PM
To: Czech, Donna
Subject: FW: Citizen Pollution Complaint

From: EPA.Pollution.Comp
Sent: Wednesday, April 06, 2011 10:29 AM
To: Grigalauski, Chuck
Cc: Purseglove, Paul; Youngblut, Steven
Subject: FW: Citizen Pollution Complaint

Hi Chuck-- forwarding another odor complaint from Evanston transfer station... sorry I didn't get you this last week but I'm behind looking at the data base with GEC interviewing... will forward any others in the system as I go through them now... thanks, Kurt

-----Original Message-----
From: [redacted]mailto:nobody@server.admop.epa.state.il.us]
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2011 2:09 PM
To: EPA.Pollution.Comp
Subject: Citizen Pollution Complaint

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by [redacted] on Tuesday, March 29, 2011 at 14:09:28

Street_Address: [redacted]

City: [redacted]

County: [redacted]

State: [redacted]

Zip: [redacted]

Cell Phone: [redacted]

Owner_Company_Name: Veolia

Owner_Company_Street: 1711 Church Street

Owner_Company_City: Evanston

Owner_Company_County: Cook

Owner_Company_Zip: 60201

Land_Issues: Yes

Agricultural_Issues: Yes

Problem_Description: The odors emitting from the Veolia transfer station are not appropriate for a residential area.

Veolia operates right [redacted] and from the [redacted] I am able to see their operations. They do not close the door to the structure during their operations-- so, while the waste is contained in a structure, the odor is not.

In addition, in warmer months, we have issues with rodents and flies.

Times_of_Problems: daily-- I observe the problem before I leave for work on weekdays, as well at on Saturdays.

Health_Affected: Don't_Know

Doctor_Consulted: No

Property_Damage: No

Worked_for_Source: No

Filed_Claim: No

Contacted_Source: Yes

Outcome_of_Contact: Our [redacted] approached them with complaints, and they assured us that they have mist that addresses odors. It does not work well enough. They committed to picking up waste that escapes the transfer structure and ends up on the street. This doesn't seem to solve the insect and rodent issue.

Willing_to_Testify: Yes

Consent_to_Identity_Disclosure: No

Submit: Submit
