ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

1021 NORTH GRAND AVENUE EAST, P.O. BOX 19506, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS 62794-9506 – (217) 782-2113

ROD R. BLAGOJEVICH, GOVERNOR DOUGLAS P. SCOTT, DIRECTOR

(217) 782-2113

Friday, June 22, 2007

Re: FOIA Request Received 6/20/2007

Dear

The IEPA Bureau of Air does not have any files or permits for the facility(s) listed below.

Veolia Waste Transfer Station
1711 Church St
Evanston IL

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the FOIA Coordinator at the number indicated above.

Sincerely,

Ed Bakowski
Manager, Permit Section - Acting
Division of Air Pollution Control

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Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Air Pollution ODOR LOG
Please read instructions carefully on reverse side before making entry.
Return completed form to:
ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
9511 WEST HARRISON STREET, 3RD FLOOR
DES PLAINES, IL 60016 ATT: BUREAU OF LAND

1. Prepared by (Please Print)
Name
Street
City Phone

2. Date	3. Time From	3. Time To	4. Your Location	5. Suspected Source of Odor	6. Odor Type	7. Odor Severity ON SCALE OF 10	8. Interference with Normal Activities	9. Wind Dir.	9. Wind Speed	10. Weather Temp.	10. Weather Conditions
6/22	10 AM	11:45 AM		Veolia transfer	foul garbage	6	I am trying			~80°	SUNNY
7/12	11 PM	1 PM	"	"	fetid meat	6	to lease space,			~82°	"
7/13	NOON PM			"	"	5	@				PC
7/16	6 PM			"	"	4				75°	RAIN
7/24	11:30 PM		Same	"	"		MANY potential			80s°	SUNNY
7/30	12 noon PM	3 PM	same	"	"	9	businesses are			85°	"
8/6	1 PM	4 PM	"	"	"	9	repulsed by foul			90	PC
8/8	AM	AM		"	"	10	odors from Veolia			88	PC
	PM	PM		"	"		Some days (7/30				
	AM	AM		"	"		8/6-7-8) I				
	PM	PM									
	AM	AM		"	"		am literally				
	PM	PM									
	AM	AM		"	"		by the				
	PM	PM									
	AM	AM		"	"		odor of fetid				
	PM	PM									
	AM	AM		"	"		food.				
	PM	PM									

11. Do you authorize this agency to send a copy of this log to the known or suspected source of pollution?
YES ✓ NO

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ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

1021 NORTH GRAND AVENUE EAST, P.O. BOX 19276, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS 62794-9276 – (217) 782-3397
JAMES R. THOMPSON CENTER, 100 WEST RANDOLPH, SUITE 11-300, CHICAGO, IL 60601 – (312) 814-6026

ROD R. BLAGOJEVICH, GOVERNOR DOUGLAS P. SCOTT, DIRECTOR

6/25/2007

Phone: 217/782-8482
Fax: 217/782-9891
Email: foia@epa.state.il.us

RE: Request regarding the Bureau of Water in Illinois (FOIA NO: **2007-2892**)
Documents/Files: Veolia Waste Transfer Station, Evanston - 1711 Church St., IL

Dear _____

The FOIA Sector, Bureau of Water, has processed your request dated 6/20/2007, for public records pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") (5 ILCS 140/1 et. Seq.). The Bureau of Water has no information regarding the subject of you request, as referenced above.

Please contact me at the above referenced number, if you require further assistance.

Sincerely,

Janet Christer

Janet Christer
FOIA Coordinator
Bureau of Water

cc: File

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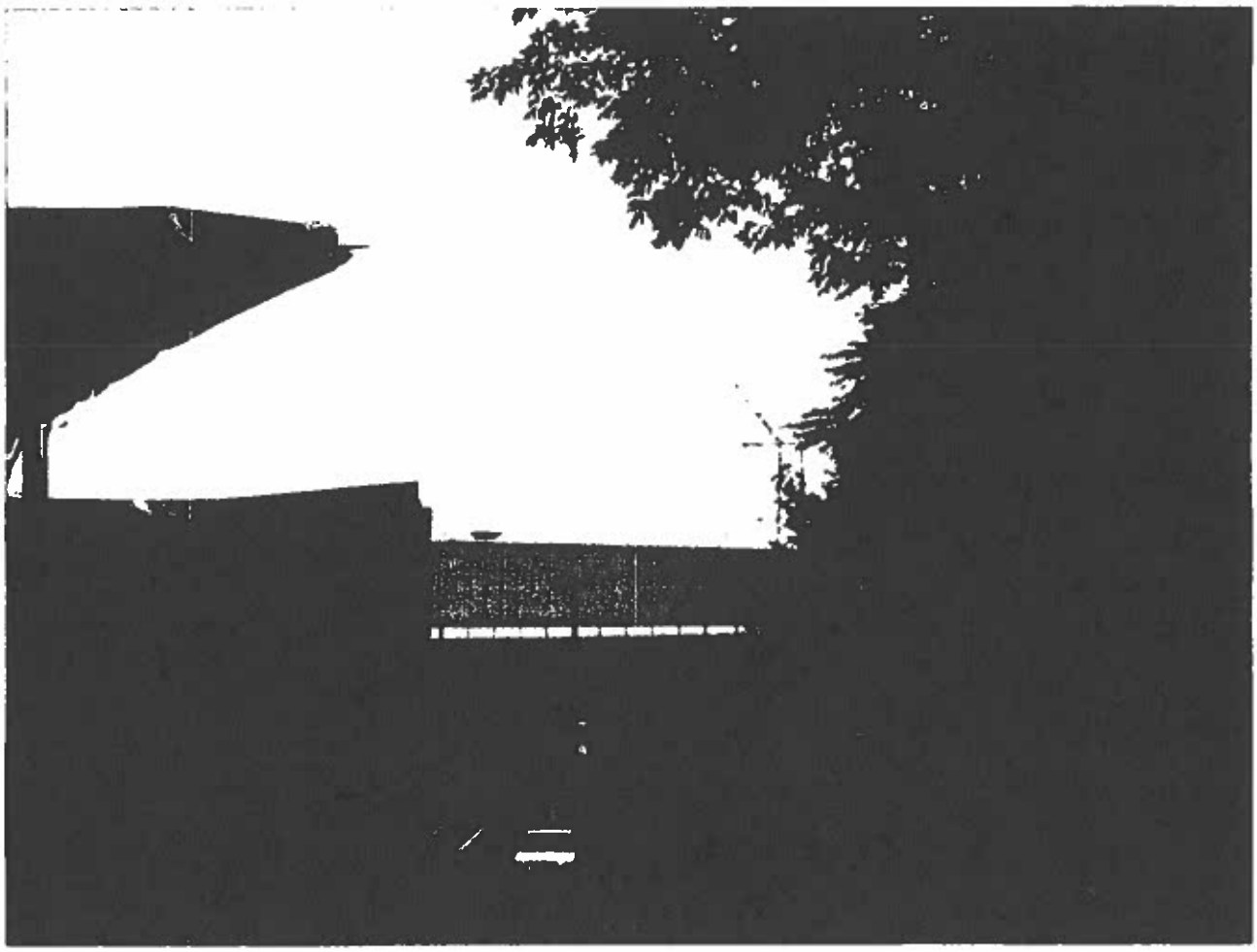
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Veolia Waste Transfer Site 03108100 03



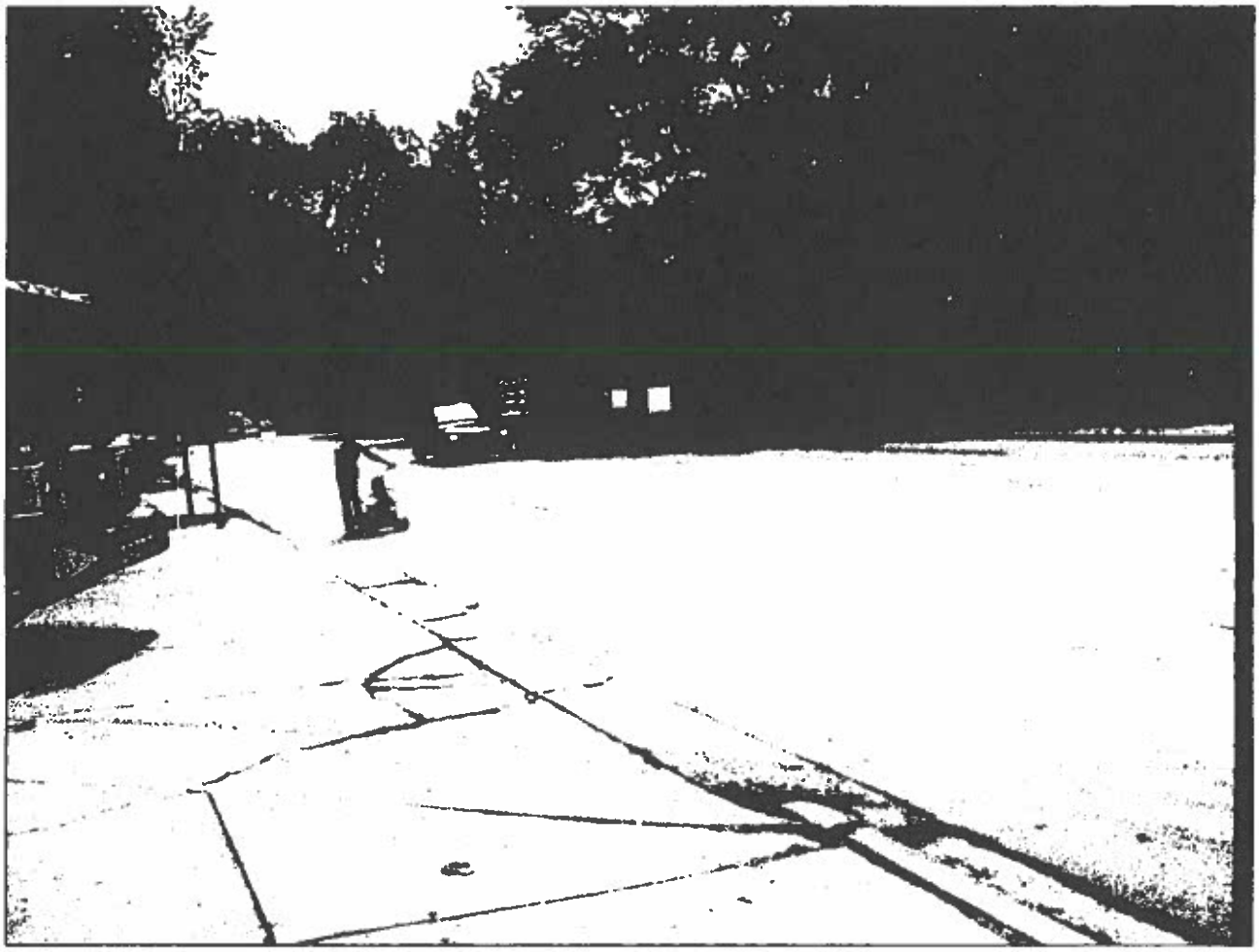
garbage dumped in open door garage - insufficient odor control. Particulate matter, litter a constant problem.

Veolia Waste Transfer site 0310810003



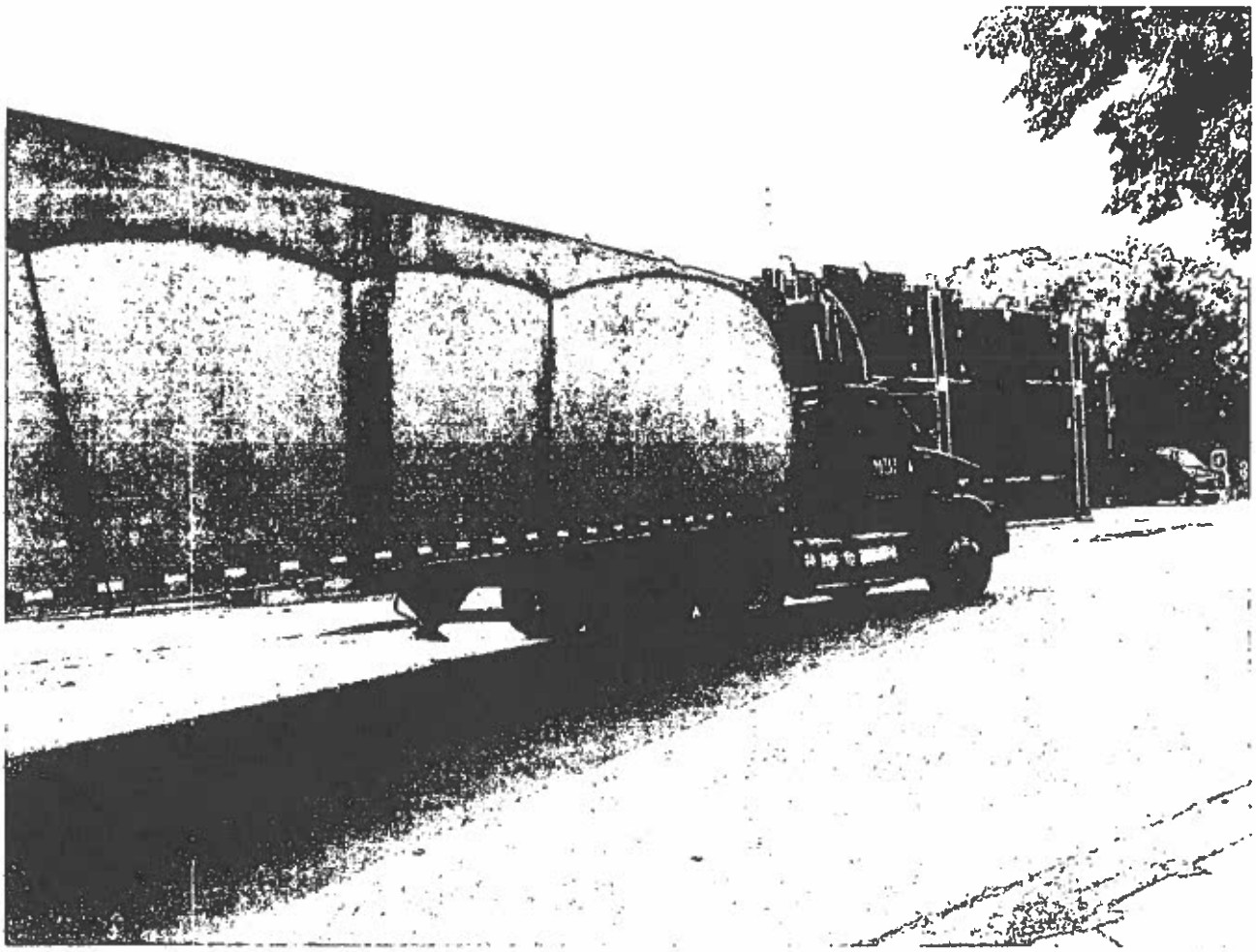
ground stained with dirt and littered with cigarettes and paper fragments ALWAYS

Veolia Waste Transfer site 03108/0003



A woman and her baby try to cross from the park as yet another garbage truck emerges from between buildings onto Church Street

Veolia Waste Transfer Site 0310810003



Massive malodorous trucks like this roll through the _____ day in and day out. Often they line up on Church, exuding stench, as they wait to enter the Veolia station.

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REVIEWER CT

DR. HILL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
P.O. Box [redacted] Evanston, Illinois 60204-[redacted] 6094
6094

August 8, 2007

RECEIVED
SEP 10 2007
IEPA/BOL

Donna Czech
IEPA Bureau of Land
9511 W. Harrison St.
Des Plaines, IL 60016

RE: Veolia Transfer Station Site # 0310810003

Dear Ms. Czech,

I spoke with you over a month ago about the ongoing problems we've had with the Veolia waste transfer station located at 1711 Church Street in Evanston. Enclosed is a log of the days I personally have experienced foul odors at the transfer station, along with some photos that illustrate the absurdity of locating such a facility in the heart of a [redacted]one block from our City's high school.

I have been lax at photo-documenting the abuses because I am at the site sporadically in the course of showing spaces at various locations in Evanston and quite frequently I don't have my camera with me; but I will testify that often there are trucks lined up waiting to enter the facility most of the trucks entering or leaving the facility are filthy and malodorous, many of them trailing litter in their path. I cannot remember a day this summer that I have been there that the bad odor has not been apparent – some days truly causing [redacted]

I have requested disclosure of the terms of their permit or licensure and have been told by IEPA Bureau of Water and Air that they have nothing. Can you get this information for our community group? I have researched industry "best practices" for solid waste transfer and they are clearly not following those guidelines – a completely enclosed structure for transfer of waste with pest and odor abatement on a continual basis. Instead they have an open "carport" where garbage is dumped and transferred. This facility poses a danger to the health and safety of our neighborhood.

Thank you for investigating whether or not best practices have been fully implemented at the Veolia site.

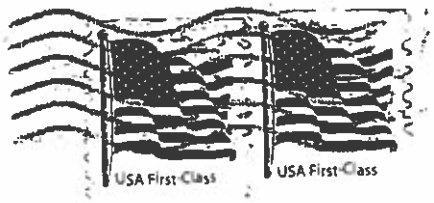
Sincerely,

[redacted] offic [redacted]

cc: City of Evanston Property Standards, Ald. Holmes, Ald. Jean-Baptiste,

DR. HILL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Box [redacted] Evanston, Illinois 60204-6094
6094

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Donna Czech
IEPA Bureau of Land
9511 W. Harrison St.
Des Plaines, IL 60016

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EXEMPT DOCUMENT NO. 0 0 7

THE AGENCY HAS DETERMINED THIS DOCUMENT IS EXEMPT IN PART FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

EXEMPT IN PART DOCUMENT

FILE CATEGORY EOS

DOCUMENT DATE 08-10-07

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

Complaint #: C - 08 - 035 N
Date Received: 8-10-07
By: DC
BOL/FOS - Region

☐ By E-mail: ☐ By Phone: ☐ In Person; ☑ By Mail

DLPC #: 031081000 3 **COUNTY:** Cook
Location/Facility Name: EVANSTON / EVANSTON TRANSFER STATION
Complainant — , — . — **Respondent** EVANSTON TRANSFER STATION
Address — **Address** 1711 CHURCH STREET
(—) — (OFFICE) EVANSTON, IL 60201
Telephone #: (— — ; (CELL #) **Telephone #:** (847) 272 - 4145
Directions to Source:

Complaint Details: UNBEARABLE ODORS COMING FROM STATION WHICH IS IN A — RELEASABLE FEB 10 2009 REVIEWER CT
RECEIVED SEP 10 2007 IEPA/BOL
SEE ATTACHED. ☐ Refer to reverse for more details

INVESTIGATION FINDINGS

By: DONNA CZECH **Date:** 9-6-07
Interviewed: RAYMOND STRONG (by telephone) **Time:** 9:00am - 11:00am
Investigation Results (Select one of the following):
☑ Refer to inspection report dated: JULY 19, 2007 (COMPLAINT # 607-215N)
☑ Refer to below and/or reverse for more details: ON SEPTEMBER 6, 2007 A TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WAS CONDUCTED WITH RAYMOND STRONG, THE GENERAL MANAGER FOR THE SUBJECT SITE. MR. STRONG WAS INFORMED THAT THE AGENCY HAD RECEIVED THE SUBJECT COMPLAINT ON AUGUST 10. THE ODOR LOG SUBMITTED BY THE COMPLAINANT AND ATTACHED TO THIS COMPLAINT WAS SENT TO MR. STRONG BY FAX ON SEPTEMBER 6. MR. STRONG WAS TOLD THAT THE COMPLAINANT MENTIONED ODORS, LITTER, DUST AND HEAVY TRAFFIC AS ADVERSE EFFECTS OF THE SUBJECT SITE ON THE — . HE WAS INFORMED THAT DUE TO THE EXISTING OPEN ENFORCEMENT CASE PENDING BETWEEN THE AGENCY AND ONYX SERVICES MIDWEST, INC. REGARDING THE SUBJECT SITE RESULTING FROM A SIMILAR
Complainant notified of findings? ☑
Referred to: [redacted] CT **File Opened?** ☐

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Complaint #: C- 08-035N

LPC #: 0310810003

Investigation Date: 9-6-07

Complaint Details (continued):

Investigation Results (continued): COMPLAINT (C07-215N), THE AGENCY WOULD TAKE NO FURTHER ACTION ON THE SUBJECT COMPLAINT.

THE COMPLAINANT WAS TOLD AT THE OUTSET THAT THERE IS AN EXISTING OPEN ENFORCEMENT CASE PENDING BETWEEN THE AGENCY AND ONYX SERVICES MIDWEST, INC. REGARDING ODORS AT THE SUBJECT SITE RESULTING FROM AN EARLIER COMPLAINT. THE COMPLAINANT ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE AGENCY WOULD TAKE NO ACTION ON THE SUBJECT COMPLAINT DUE TO THE PENDING ENFORCEMENT CASE, BUT WANTED TO GO ON RECORD AS OPPOSED TO THE LOCATION OF THE SUBJECT SITE, SO FILED THE COMPLAINT ANYWAY. NO FURTHER ACTION BY FOS APPEARS TO BE APPROPRIATE AT THIS TIME.