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November 27, 2012

Ron Olson, Street and Sanitation Superintendent
City of Mitchell
612 North Main Street
Mitchell, SD 57301

Re: Inspection of the Mitchell Municipal Solid Waste Landfill

Dear Mr. Olson:

On November 13, 2012, I conducted an inspection of the Mitchell Municipal Solid Waste Landfill (permit number 12-02) with your assistance. The purpose of this inspection was to review operation and maintenance of the landfill, and determine if the operation of the landfill is in compliance with South Dakota solid waste disposal rules and the city of Mitchell's solid waste permit.

The inspection of the landfill showed that the operation and maintenance of the landfill is acceptable and in compliance with South Dakota solid waste laws and rules and the permit conditions. If you have any questions, or if you would like to discuss the contents of the inspection report, please do not hesitate to contact me at (605) 773-3153.

Sincerely,

Steven Kropp, P.E.
Waste Management Program

Enclosure

**South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources
Waste Management Program
Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Inspection Report**

Facility Owner: City of Mitchell Date of Inspection: November 13, 2012
Address: 612 North Main Street, Mitchell, SD 57301 County: Davison
Contact's Name, Title & Telephone #: Jay Tollefson, Landfill Manager, (605) 995-8448
Ron Olson, Street & Sanitation Supt., (605) 995-8465
Date of Last Inspection: November 16, 2011 Permit #: 12-02 Type of Facility: IIA
Tonnage received in 2011: 25,426 tons for disposal
Tonnage received year-to date: 33,110 tons for disposal
Tipping Fee: \$39/ton MSW & Rubble; \$20/ton for trees

Narrative

On November 13, 2012, I met with Ron Olson, Street & Sanitation Superintendent at the Mitchell landfill. Jay Tollefson was not working the day of the inspection. We began the inspection by discussing solid waste operations and reviewing records and documentation required by the operator's solid waste permit. We then traveled around the landfill where we observed and discussed solid waste handling and disposal practices related to the various waste storage and disposal areas. We returned to the landfill office where we further discussed solid waste issues as well future landfill cell construction. Pictures were taken during the on-site inspection and are attached to this report.

Design Standards (ARSD 74:27:12)

1. South Dakota Highway 37 passes one and one-half miles west of the landfill. The primary access road (257th Street) to the landfill is a blacktop paved road that leads from the highway to the landfill. The city of Mitchell maintains this road. The on-site roads at the landfill are well maintained. Mr. Olson stated that there are no problems with access to the municipal solid waste (MSW) disposal area during inclement weather conditions. The landfill has a designated area for the unloading of MSW during inclement weather conditions in the MSW disposal area.
2. There are signs posted at the entrance to the landfill and at the scale house with the following information: name of the landfill, phone numbers for the landfill and street and sanitation department, days and hours of operation, emergency information, the landfill's fees, and the requirement that all incoming loads to the landfill must be secured. There are signs posted around the landfill that shows where the various waste disposal and waste storage areas are located.

3. Access to the landfill is controlled by the use of fencing and a lockable gate at the main entrance to the landfill. In addition, the city of Mitchell's wastewater treatment facility is located adjacent to the north side of the landfill which provides additional access control.
4. The landfill has been designed to divert normal surface water flow and storm water runoff away from the active fill area. Surface water is directed away from the MSW disposal area by perimeter ditches and storm sewer piping along with the natural topography of the landfill. Surface water is stored in a storm water pond located in the southwest corner of the site. The storm water pond has been designed to contain runoff from a 25-year, 24-hour storm event. The pond has a culvert with a vertical slide gate so that the operator can manually drain the storm water pond into constructed wetlands located south of the storm water pond. The operator has a storm water discharge permit for the storm water pond through the Surface Water Quality Program (SDR00B408). Mr. Olson stated that the landfill discharged water from the storm water pond into the wetlands on May 2, 2012 in accordance with their storm water permit. At the time of the inspection, the storm water pond was dry.

Facility Operation (ARSD 74:27:13)

1. The landfill is only open when there are adequate supervisory and operational personnel at the landfill. The landfill employs four full-time employees. The landfill has a scale that is located on the south side of the scale house. The operator has the scale certified by the South Dakota Department of Public Safety – Weights and Measures Program. The Weights and Measures Program last certified the scale last month.
2. The operator typically maintains a working face and unloading area that's 60 feet wide by 100 feet long. The operator spreads the waste in lifts that are one to two feet thick. The compactor operator makes an average of three to five passes over the waste to ensure the waste is sufficiently compacted. It was noted during the inspection that the landfill staff had two working faces open at the same time and they were bigger in size than normal. One was on the northwestern side of cell #1 and the other on the east side of cell #2. It was discussed with Mr. Olson that the landfill staff needed to cover one of the working faces with six inches of soil. Mr. Olson said that he would talk to the landfill staff and get one of the areas covered that day.
3. The operator uses a spray-on alternative daily cover material to cover the wastes at the end of the working day. The operator is also approved to use petroleum contaminated soil (PCS) as an alternative daily cover material. The operator uses soil once per week as cover to meet a permit condition that requires soil to be used once per week as cover. No vector issues were noted at the time of the inspection.
4. The solid waste permit for the landfill requires the operator to perform daily litter pickup. The landfill staff and the Mitchell garbage collection personnel perform the daily litter pickup at the landfill. The operator picks litter along 257th Street and South Dakota Highway 37 to the edge of Mitchell city limits. In the event of excessive litter at the landfill due to high wind conditions, employees from the Mitchell Street and Sanitation Department assist to help pick up litter. The landfill uses approximately 30

portable litter fences at the working face and fixed litter fences around the lined disposal area and the landfill to help control litter. At the time of the inspection, there were a few pieces of litter in the east tree belt and south of the lined MSW disposal area but no litter was noted outside of the permitted boundary of the landfill.

5. In the past the operator used to burn trees, tree branches, and untreated wood as needed. The operator stockpiles this material south of the lined MSW disposal area. The operator burns only when the weather conditions are favorable and notifies the Mitchell Fire Department, the sheriff's office, Mitchell Dispatch and the DENR before burning at the landfill. The landfill has an agreement with Mueller Pallets of Sioux Falls to have them come out to the landfill and take the clean wood waste material for recycling/reuse. So the landfill has not open burned any wood waste for many years. Oversized tree trunks that Mueller Pallet cannot grind are hauled to the Mitchell restricted use site for disposal.
6. The operator accepts a number of special wastes for disposal or temporary storage and future recycling. The landfill will accept pesticide containers from the public for disposal. The operator requires the pesticide containers be triple rinsed and punctured prior to acceptance at the landfill for disposal. The landfill receives very few pesticide containers anymore. The landfill accepts PCS for disposal. The operator's permit has a variance in it that allows the landfill to use PCS for daily cover or direct disposal in the landfill. The landfill also accepts asbestos for disposal. The asbestos is buried with the MSW in the lined disposal area and its location and elevation is mapped by the city's engineering department for the landfill's records. The landfill last accepted a load of regulated asbestos wastes in September 2012. No uncovered regulated asbestos containing wastes were noted during the inspection. Mr. Olson stated that the landfill now has a \$100 minimum fee for accepting regulated asbestos containing wastes for disposal.
7. The landfill accepts materials that could go to a restricted use facility for disposal. The landfill buries the materials with the MSW. The landfill does accept lead-acid batteries from the public for temporary storage and future recycling. The lead-acid batteries are picked up for recycling by German Auto of Dimock, SD. The landfill does not accept waste oil from the public. The landfill refers the public to local businesses that will accept waste oil from the public. The landfill stores the waste oil that it generates in a 260-gallon tank. The operator has Randt Oil Company of Litchfield, MN pick up the waste oil for recycling.
8. The landfill accepts appliances that contain refrigerants for temporary storage and recycling. The landfill staff is certified to remove the refrigerants from the appliances and temporarily stores the refrigerants on-site. The operator periodically takes the refrigerants to Johnstone Supply, Sioux Falls, SD, for recycling. The landfill staff hauls the appliances, white goods, and other salvageable metal to either Dakota Salvage or H&R Salvage in Mitchell for recycling. The operator also accepts waste tires for temporary storage. The operator periodically hauls the waste tires to New Deal Tire, Groton, SD, for processing. The landfill currently has two to three semi-loads of waste tires on-site. The operator is considering hiring a contractor to come in and shred the landfill's waste tires. The shredded tires could then be disposed of in the lined MSW disposal area in accordance with the operator's permit. The operator does accept yard waste from the public for composting. The composting area is located west of the scale house which has been constructed with a recycled

asphalt/concrete base and has been designed to control surface water runoff and run-on. Surface water that comes into contact with yard waste is handled as leachate and is directed to a storage pond located west of the composting area. The operator uses a misting system on the edge of the storage pond to help reduce the amount of compost leachate being stored in the pond. The misting system is typically used from late spring until the early fall.

9. The operator conducts random inspections of incoming waste loads to ensure no unauthorized wastes are being disposed of at the landfill. The waste screenings are conducted at the scale house or at the face of the MSW disposal area. Landfill personnel are trained to recognize hazardous or suspicious wastes. The load inspection sheet includes information as to the date of the inspection, vehicle identification, materials noted in the load, whether any additional action was taken and locations for the landfill employee and hauler to sign the inspection sheet. Mr. Olson is Manager of Landfill Operations certified through the Solid Waste Association of North America. The landfill employees have weekly safety meetings and periodically have personnel and safety training with other city of Mitchell employees. Landfill staff also attends SD Solid Waste Management Association meetings when additional training opportunities exist. All newly hired employees are trained on landfill operations.
10. The operator maintains computerized tonnage reports. Dependable Sanitation, Aberdeen, SD, offers recycling services to the city of Mitchell. Other recycling and reduction efforts are done at the county and local levels. The operator updated the Source Reduction and Recycling Plan for the landfill as part of this year's permit renewal application.
11. The operator's engineering department performs the fill progression survey calculations at the landfill. The operator maintains copies of past permit applications, permits, plans and specifications and other required information at the scale house and the Mitchell Street and Sanitation Department.
12. Leachate from the lined MSW disposal area is collected in a subsurface collection system and routed to a manhole/lift station located north of the MSW disposal area. The leachate is piped to the Mitchell wastewater treatment facility which is located adjacent to the landfill on the north side of the permitted area. The leachate is sampled twice per year as part of the landfill's monitoring plan. In addition, the city's wastewater treatment plant personnel sample the leachate twice as well.
13. The operator has hired LBG, Inc., to perform ground water monitoring and methane gas testing at the landfill. A review of the quarterly methane gas testing results for 2011 showed that methane gas was not detected anywhere at the landfill.

Closure and Postclosure (ARSD 74:27:15)

The operator submitted revised closure and postclosure plans to this department in 2011 when the operator submitted its solid waste permit application. A review of the closure and postclosure plans showed that the plans were adequate and in compliance with state rules.

Financial Assurance (ARSD 74:27:16)

There is a written estimate for closure and postclosure costs in the file. The estimated total cost calculated for closure and postclosure as stated in the 2011 permit renewal application was calculated as \$1,487,420. The operator has set aside \$200,550 as of December 31, 2011 to cover these costs. The accrued liability for the landfill as of the end of 2011 was \$199,418.11. The financial assurance mechanism for the closure and postclosure accounts is adequate and in compliance with the rules.

Transportation (ARSD 74:27:17)

There is a sign at the entrance to the landfill stating that all incoming loads to the landfill must be secured to prevent littering. First time offenders are warned the first time if their load is not secured. The second time the transporter of an unsecured load is fined \$10.

Ground Water and Assessment Monitoring (ARSD 74:27:19 & 20)

The operator has hired LBG, Inc., to perform ground water monitoring for the landfill. LBG, Inc. submitted the required annual report of statistical analysis for the 2011 ground water monitoring data for the landfill to this department on March 12, 2012. This department has not yet reviewed the report.

FACILITY RATING

Operations at the Mitchell Municipal Solid Waste Landfill are deemed: **Acceptable**

Signature of Inspector: Steven Kruff Date: Nov. 27, 2012

Inspection photos from the Mitchell landfill – Nov. 13, 2012



Photo of the main gate and signage posted at the Mitchell landfill.



Photo showing the white goods and salvageable metal storage area located on the north side of the scale house.



Photo of the landfill's waste tire stockpile area. The landfill stockpiles waste tires west of the scale house.



Photo of the landfill's yard waste composting pad located west of the scale house. Run-off from the composting area is routed to a yard waste leachate pond west of the composting pad.



Panoramic photo of the yard waste leachate pond.



Panoramic photo of the dry sedimentation pond at the Mitchell landfill. The pond's vertical slide gate is visible below the truck in the photo.



Photo of some of the portable litter fences placed near the working face in the northwestern corner of cell #1 at the Mitchell landfill. Photo is looking west along the edge of the cell.



Photo of the working face and portable fences in the south eastern part of cell #2. The landfill staff has stockpiled soil near the working face to cover the wastes.