IESI Bethlehem Landfill Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, February 19, 2015
Time: 1:20 PM
Location: Lower Saucon Township Council Meeting Room
Attendance: Donna Louder, Landfill Committee Member; Priscilla deLeon, Council Liaison; Al Schleyer, IESI; Chris Taylor, Hanover Engineering, Host Municipal Inspector; and Diane Palik for the Township. Absent: Haz Hijazi. Resident, Mr. Gene Boyer also attended the meeting.

Mr. Schleyer reviewed the monthly tonnages for January. Tonnage is decreased for January. He reviewed the Form U Submittal from Cantabury of Arlington.

Mr. Schleyer said the Annual Groundwater Trend Analysis report was completed; the next one is due June 2015. The 4Q14 Groundwater Sampling event was completed; 1Q15 is scheduled the week of March 16, 2015.

Mr. Schleyer said they had the general correspondence reports for Form U's, Abatement System report, Annual Recycling report, Title V compliance report, 4Q14 DEP Facility report and 4Q14 LFT Collection Efficiency report.

Mr. Schleyer reviewed the DEP protection inspections from January 8, 2015 through January 18, 2015. Mr. Schleyer said there were four Host Municipal Inspections from January 8, 2015 through today, February 19, 2015.

Mr. Schleyer reviewed the Commercial Waste Vehicles for the month of January 2015.

Mr. Schleyer said there was no police report at this time. If the trucks are overweight, there is a log sheet at IESI which DEP looks at and can tell what trucks were overweight, and then they can cite them.

Mr. Schleyer reviewed the BRE and Flare Operations from January 9, 2015 through January 31, 2015. BRE had a compressor problem and was down on Monday night, February 16th. Ms. Louder said she had an odor complaint that day. It was gas and garbage that she smelled. Mr. Schleyer said they are not running at full capacity and the flare is picking up the balance.

Mr. Schleyer said the North Slope road was not passable, but will be inspected when the snow and ice melts. Mr. Taylor reminded Mr. Schleyer that the road needs to be in use by mid-March for inspection and sampling. Mr. Schleyer said the sedimentation traps are functional. The abatement system continues to operate and discharge to the Bethlehem Waste Water Treatment Plant. Intermittent malfunctions of the well pumps and controls are repaired or replaced as needed.

Mr. Schleyer said the leachate collection flow rates continue to be monitored and reported. LCM-8 is on the increase.

Mr. Schleyer said Phase IV Construction Activities, Cell 4-E Stage 1-2 is the current active disposal area. Routine maintenance throughout the site as needed.

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Mr. Schleyer said there are four emails from Priscilla deLeon, which they logged in as complaints on record. Mrs. deLeon said we need to document this, that's why she called in these complaints to IESI. Last night at a Council meeting, several residents attended and spoke about odor complaints. At the end of the discussion, Council asked Mrs. Cahalan to contact DEP. Today Jack sent an email to DEP regarding the odor complaints from residents in Steel City, which Mrs. deLeon read to the Committee.

Mr. Schleyer reviewed the Leachate Demand report for January 2015. He said the total leachate was down from the previous month as it was all frozen. Mr. Taylor said for PS-1 secondary flows were negligible; PS-2 secondary flows were zero; PS-3, they were zero, LMC-6 the flows were trending downward to single digits; LMC-7, there are trending downward slightly to the low 20's; and LMC-8, which has historically been high flows, we're in the 300 to 400's over the last months. It's still high; we have frozen ground, snow on the ground. This is just to January 30th. They still seem high for the winter months. Mr. Schleyer said the same thing happened last year as well. When we got to the end of December of 2013, is when it increased, then throughout 2014 to about July or

August, it started to slow down again. There is a cycle like that which reoccurs. Mrs. deLeon asked if LMC-8 was part of the realignment and was it going to be covered? Mr. Schleyer said that won't go that far west. It's kind of more in the proximity of where the recycling drop-off is, which is pretty far away from LMC-7 and 8. The realignment is more in the SE area, and this is in the middle of the landfill.

Mr. Taylor said he received a request to review the fill material certification that IESIS keeps on file for the fill material they import and the cover material. Mr. Schleyer had made copies of the three documents and gave him to Mr. Taylor. Mr. Taylor will send them to the Township for distribution. He asked Mr. Schleyer for the air quality reports for 2Q14 and 3Q14 surface emission monitoring events and he was provided with those reports today. They will be sent to the Township for distribution. The Technical Consultant Committee had a few requests that he's relayed to Mr. Schleyer by email and copied the Township.

Mr. Taylor did an inspection today and will be issuing a separate report on that to the Township.

Ms. Louder asked what changed at the landfill that created these odor problems? Did something break, did something change? Mr. Schleyer said he can't say there's any real change that he's noticed. The typical operations have not changed. Ms. Louder said the soil cover at night, you are still doing maximum? Mr. Schleyer said they are putting additional soil cover down and they do use tarps as they always have in the past. On snowy days, they do not use tarps as they wouldn't be able to get them back up. He does spot inspections after they cover and he watch them cover sometimes. Nobody is cutting corners. Ms. Louder said her odor complaint was February 16th and it was gas and garbage. She went into the house and by the time she came back out, it was gone. Mr. Schleyer said they took measures to windproof and freeze proof things and everything is functioning. Mrs. deLeon said the residents aren't happy and they are going to keep calling. Ms. Louder said one or two calls is a lot different than when you get twelve calls at one time from all over Steel City, not just in one place. Mr. Gene Boyer asked if we could get a report of what was tarped, maybe the tarps blow around. Mr. Schleyer said the tarps have a heavy chain around them which hold them down. They could look at that. Ms. Louder said leachate season is coming.

Mr. Taylor said on the MSE Wall, earth wall, he thinks anything that big and of an engineering marvel should be inspected by the people who designed and built it. He doesn't think IESI should be taking the liability on itself to be responsible. They are not an expert on the walls. The experts should be out there looking at it. IESI is taking on liability which they shouldn't be taking on. The experts should be inspecting it at least annually with a visual inspection. He would seriously consider as part of your negotiations, try to get an inspection program in place for this new wall as well as the old wall. We'd all feel better if it was inspected and they tell us it hasn't moved a hair.

The next meeting is Thursday, March 19, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. The tour will be at 11:00 a.m. The meeting adjourned; the time was 2:20 p.m.