

IESI Bethlehem Landfill Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, March 19, 2015
Time: 1:08 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.

Mr. Schleyer reviewed the monthly tonnages for February. He reviewed three Form U Submittal's from February 23rd through March 16th.

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

Mr. Schleyer said they had the general correspondence reports for Form U's, Abatement System report, 4Q14 DEP Groundwater report, AIMS PADEP report, and SE Realignment Application. Mrs. deLeon asked Mr. Schleyer to put "Major Permit Modification" behind SE Realignment whenever they talk about it as not everyone knows what it is. Mr. Schleyer said that's how it was submitted on their application.

Mr. Schleyer reviewed the DEP protection inspections from February 11, 2015 through March 17, 2015. Mr. Schleyer said there were four Host Municipal Inspections from February 5, 2015 through today, March 19, 2015. Mr. Taylor questioned the March 11th inspection. Mr. Schleyer said they wanted to get a look at the landfill before their meeting. DEP did not provide any reports or feedback from that inspection. Mr. Schleyer reviewed the Commercial Waste Vehicles for the month of February 2015.

Mr. Schleyer said there was a Police Report for January 2015 at IESI with violations observed from January 3, 2015 through January 30, 2015. Mr. Taylor asked Mr. Schleyer if he sent this report to DEP as it says on the front of the report "DEP Engineer's Meeting Notes". Mr. Schleyer said he doesn't send it to DEP, but he can do that.

Mr. Schleyer reviewed the BRE and Flare Operations from February 3, 2015 through March 11, 2015. There were several turbine shutdowns through the month. BRE shut down on February 23rd, and could not get it restarted. Due to the severe cold weather, some things froze up and BRE wasn't able to restart until March 11th along with additional system malfunctions after the freeze up. They will use Blower No. 105 as the primary blower from now on and see how it works. BRE isn't a full go yet as they are only on one compressor right now.

Mr. Schleyer said the North Slope, the sedimentation traps are functional, the perimeter road will be inspected when the snow and ice melts.

Mr. Schleyer said 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. LMC-8 is still in the upper ranges. LMC-6 and LMC-7 aren't that bad. They have their gas contractors on site right now as they are replacing some header lines because over the winter they had temporary ones. Today he will be sending out notice that they will be drilling more wells and horizontal collectors in the near future. They are looking at installing some pumps in some of the gas wells so they can get better gas extraction out of them.

Mr. Schleyer said Phase IV Construction Activities, Cell 4-E Stage 1-2 is the current active disposal area. There is preliminary lfg well/header construction.

Mr. Schleyer said complaints received by IESI, there are three emails from Priscilla deLeon, which they logged in as complaints on record. Besides these three complaints in February, she had one on February 28th and she had a few in March. One of them was a sweet smell. Last night there was a Council meeting, and a gentleman who travels Applebutter Road said he smells an odor every morning around 4:00 a.m. Mr. Taylor said slight odors were detected on site and on Applebutter Road during his inspection today.

Mr. Schleyer reviewed the Leachate Demand report for February 2015. Mr. Taylor said he did his inspection today and will be sending the report in to the Township.

Ms. Louder said in reference to the BRE plant, when they told Council about their operational standards, there was an area where they said they would make sure nothing freezes. Did you mean their motors froze or did you mean their water/steam froze? Mr. Schleyer said they weren't very specific. Once they shut down and then try to start up, sometimes things freeze up. There were minus temperatures and any time a little bit of moisture gets in there, it can freeze up. Mrs. deLeon asked if the tipper truck was going today? Mr. Schleyer said they use it every day. Mrs. deLeon had a question on the wind direction on the IESI website. Mr. Schleyer explained to her how it worked.

Ms. Louder suggested setting a balloon to the peak of what the southeastern realignment is asking for at 725 feet and get feedback from the neighbors to see if they can see it from their houses. Mr. Schleyer said he'll pass that information along.

The next meeting is Thursday, April 16, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. The meeting adjourned, the time was 1:55 p.m.