

## IESI Bethlehem Landfill Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, June 16, 2016  
Time: 1:05 pm  
Location: Lower Saucon Township Council Meeting Room  
Attendance: Priscilla deLeon, Council Liaison; Donald Hallock, District General Manager IESI; Nick Rogers, Compliance Manager IESI; Jake Schray, Hanover Engineering; Staff: Diane Palik; Donna Louder and Hazem Hijazi (arrived at 1:20 pm)

Mr. Hallock's email is: [DonH@wcnx.org](mailto:DonH@wcnx.org).

Mr. Rogers reviewed the monthly tonnages for May.

	<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>
MSW	11,031.8	14,293.9	16,038.0
C&D	2,076.6	2,296.7	3,449.01
Residual (Total)	1,160.2	402	434.02
Asbestos	9.2	0	23.64
Out of State (Total)	5,897.7 (41%)	7,728.4 (45%)	9,918.41 (50%)
Recycle	7.2 (71%)	0 (64%)	0 (57%)
No. Trucks	1,771	1,925	2,093

Ms. Louder asked about getting the weights on the Form U's in tonnages not as cubic yards. Mr. Rogers said okay. Mrs. deLeon asked about the Form U's we didn't get. Ms. Palik said they are all up-to-date. Mrs. deLeon said Sam Donato and Allen Schleyer's names are still on them, they'd like that changed. Mr. Rogers said DEP has been notified.

Mr. Rogers said the 2Q15 Annual Groundwater Trend Report is due by June 30, 2016. The 2Q16 Groundwater monitoring was completed the week of June 13, 2016. They received Form U applications, abatement system report, land development plans/zoning correspondence, City of Bethlehem WWTP Leachate Disposal report, 2Q15 Annual Operations report and the Quarterly Groundwater Abatement System report.

Mr. Rogers reviewed three DEP inspections from May 12, 2016 to May 31, 2016. Mr. Rogers said there were no problems.

Mr. Rogers said there were three host municipal inspections. Mrs. deLeon said they are hoping for better communication with BRE and she'd like to have monthly reports. Mr. Hallock said they are a separate entity, but they also want to be informed. They had a meeting with Ken Mitton, Plant Manager from BRE and the tank was emptied; they will try to have monthly meetings when they start operations. They are excited about working with the new owner, Exelon. Ms. Louder asked Mr. Hallock to invite Mr. Mitton to our next Landfill Committee meeting. Ms. Louder asked if BRE communicates maintenance with IESI. Mr. Hallock said yes. Ms. Louder said she'd like to see BRE's communication with IESI on the monthly report. Mr. Hallock said they will speak to Mr. Mitton about that.

Mrs. deLeon said since we meet the third Thursday, some of the things on the report are for the end of the previous month. If DEP was there yesterday inspecting, maybe you could do an amendment to the report. Mr. Rogers said okay.

Mr. Rogers reviewed the Commercial Waste Vehicles for May 2016.

Mr. Rogers reviewed the LST police report for May 2016. Mr. Hallock said he'd like to specify what kind of truck is in violation. Ms. Louder said her biggest concern is tractor trailers. Mr. Hijazi said the issue is a weight limit so the roads can be maintained. Mr. Hallock said he agrees that these trucks should not be overweight. Mrs. deLeon said IESI has implemented a policy on the overweight vehicles and the Township really appreciates that. Mr. Hallock said Dee does a fantastic job and she's right on the phone with the company if a truck is overweight.

Mr. Rogers reviewed the BRE and flare operations. The BRE power plant has been shut down since September 14, 2015. Mr. Hallock said BRE said tentatively on the 27<sup>th</sup> they would be starting up. Mrs. deLeon asked when BRE

was purchased by this new company? Mr. Hallock said a month ago and they are investing a lot of money in their infrastructure.

Mr. Rogers said the North Slope road is in good condition and the sedimentation traps are functional. The abatement system continues to operate and discharge to the Bethlehem WWTP. Mrs. deLeon said the North Slope is a big concern as Steel City only has one way in and one way out. Ms. Louder said two years ago water came down the North Slope onto Riverside Drive and it just broke the road apart. Mr. Hallock said he will take a look at this.

Mr. Rogers said the leachate collection flow rates continue to be monitored and reported. There were no radiation monitoring's for May. Ms. Louder said someone was inspecting the radiation monitoring today. Mr. Rogers said currently Cell 4-E stage 3, the permanent cap is complete with the rip rap down channel installed and hydro-seeded for stabilization. The temporary capping is being installed and monitored. Ms. Louder said the North side looks very nice. Mr. Hallock said he'll let the staff know.

Mr. Rogers said there were two odor complaints for May 2016. Mrs. deLeon said she called those in. In the DEP inspection reports, they have charts of people who called in. Mr. Hallock said they are working on getting a community hotline. It's more of an open line of communication. Mrs. Louder said her concerns are where the work face is right now, it's getting higher and it's going to blow right down on the people of Steel City. When the wind brings it, they are going to get the odors.

Mrs. Louder said if you are taking in low tonnage right now to extend the life of the landfill, why not close on Saturday's? The positioning of the work face is directly above their homes and at least they would have the weekends to spend in their backyards. Mr. Hallock said it's a conversation they've had, but they have customers that are under contract and they have to be open for Saturday disposal and some are local residents/customers that utilize the landfill as they work all week and can't get there by 4 p.m. Mrs. Louder said she has been dealing with this landfill for three years. When it comes to her home and her neighbor's home, she won't go away, not until someone talks to her straightforward.

Mr. Hijazi asked about the misters. Mr. Hallock said they have been on since June 1<sup>st</sup>. It really makes a big difference. Mrs. deLeon said the last time she smelled landfill gas was May 18<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Louder said it's actually been better. Mr. Hallock said it could be the temporary cap, they are updating their gas collection system, and the misters. They want to make sure they are doing all the right things, there are no secrets. If something goes wrong at the landfill, they will open the lines of communication. Mr. Hallock said he doesn't think there's a better place for a landfill than where it is. Mr. Schray said why do you believe it's in such a great location? Mr. Hallock said it's already an existing landfill, the area that it's in is an industrial area, it's right next to a power plant, and you have the Bethlehem Waste Water Treatment out front.

Mrs. deLeon said by the time they get the quarterly report, it's a month later. Mr. Hallock said it has to be reviewed. Mrs. deLeon said six months down the road, we don't want to be surprised. Mr. Hallock said they will be happy to communicate with them. Give him an example of something they didn't know about. Mrs. deLeon said recently the ballooning of the cap. Ms. Louder said when the air got sucked into the flare. Mr. Hallock said that's why he thinks the community hotline will be useful. Ms. Louder said you can also put it on Nixle. Mr. Hallock said he will speak to Leslie about Nixle and if something happens, they can let Leslie know.

Mrs. deLeon said she was disappointed that Al Schleyer left as he was the most respectful to the residents. Ms. Louder said there was a beginning of trust, which was never there before. Mrs. deLeon said Mr. Rogers has been very helpful and upfront with them. Mr. Hallock said if there is something they are missing, give them a call.

Ms. Louder said since there are no secrets, where do you see this landfill in five years? Mr. Hallock said putting garbage in the southeastern realignment. Mrs. Louder said where do you see this landfill in ten years; and what are your intentions on the properties on the west side, which are not zoned properly? Mr. Hallock said that is something they can discuss with their regional and corporate team. They have a huge investment into Progressive

and Bethlehem and its staff. Their job is to operate and run a landfill and to expand the landfill to accept garbage. Ms. Louder said you are going to expand now? Mr. Hallock said he doesn't know, it's up to LST and the DEP.

Ms. Louder said she was told by John Lamana that they are vested and they are here to stay, and Mr. Hallock is talking about expanding the zoning. Mr. Hallock said he doesn't know that answer. Their main focus right now is concentrating on the southeastern realignment. They are going to look at the western part. You are talking about something 10 or 15 years down the road. Ms. Louder said she respects the business, but she respects the taxpayers of this township. The people in Steel City don't want to see you, don't want to hear you and don't want to smell you.

Mr. Rogers reviewed the leachate demand report for May. Ms. Louder said LMC-7 and LMC-8 are problems and this needs to be addressed. Mr. Schray asked what was causing the high concentration? Mr. Hallock said Martin and Martin is looking into this and will be coming up with a report. Mr. Schray said there's never been a satisfactory response.

The next meeting is Thursday, July 21, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. with a 10:30 a.m. inspection. The meeting adjourned, the time was 2:10 p.m.