

Florida Department of
Environmental Protection

Memorandum

To: File

Through: G. P. Neubauer *GP*

From: John Johnson *JJ*

Date: February 28, 2005

Subject: Complaint inspection of US 27 Landfill

On February 25, 2005, at 3:19 pm I received a telephone call from Mona Lisa Abbott. In this telephone conversation Ms. Abbott alleged that the Leon County Solid Waste Management Facility was not applying weekly cover as required by their permit. I told Ms. Abbott that I would go out to the landfill on Monday morning when they open to see if the landfill is working within their requirements of the permit.

On February 28, 2005, at 7:00 am I met Mr. D.J. Newsome, Supervisor of the Leon County Solid Waste Management Facility, and advised him that I was on site to do a complaint inspection due to a complaint reported by Mona Lisa Abbott in reference to the landfill not applying weekly cover to the Class III cell. Mr. Newsome and I drove out to the Class III cell. On arriving at the cell I could see that the initial cover consisting of earthen material had been applied. The weekly cover was sufficient and met all requirements of the permit. No strong odors were noted. The Class III cell looked to be in compliance. I thanked Mr. Newsome and concluded my inspection.

I will reinspect the landfill as complaints come in.

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From: John Johnson *JJ*

Date: January 7, 2005

Subject: January 7, 2005, Complaint inspection of US 27 Landfill

On January 6, 2005 at 10:27 am, I received an email from Gerry Neubauer stating that he had received word from Bill Hinkley that Mona Lisa Abbott was complaining of a strong odor at the Leon County Solid Waste Management Facility.

On January 6, 2005 at 2:20 pm I spoke with Ms. Abbott about her concerns with the landfill. I asked Ms. Abbott when the last time she noticed a strong odor was coming from the facility. Ms. Abbott replied that she could no longer smell an odor because she lives in it everyday, she was just speaking on behalf of others that complain to her. She stated that she had spoken to Norm Thomas on January 5, 2005 at approximately 6:00 pm. She told me that it distressed her that the facility was in the process of having its permit altered to allow for asbestos to be buried in the Class III cell. Ms. Abbott then reiterated that the fumes from the landfill were causing her respiratory problems and her dog to pant. I told Ms. Abbott that I would come out in the morning before the sun comes up to see if I can smell any offensive odors.

On January 7, 2005, at 7:00 am I drove with my windows down past the landfill on US 27. The temperature was 61° F with 100% humidity. A thick fog was out and the air was stagnant. I did not detect any odors on the highway. I stopped at the convenience store PAN, where Mona Lisa Abbott said the odor is most noticeable, and I did not smell anything. I drove into the landfill and met Mr. Norm Thomas at the office. Mr. Thomas said that he had in fact spoken to Ms. Abbott and that she had inquired about asbestos being buried at the facility. This is when Mr. Thomas told Ms. Abbott that the facility was in the process of having the permit altered to bury asbestos in the Class III cell. Mr. Thomas told Ms. Abbott that he felt that burying the asbestos at the toe of the Class III cell and covering it with future class III debris would keep the asbestos from being uncovered by erosion. He then told me that the facility was working on putting in place a gas containment system. He said that the facility meets all requirements for releasing green house gases but feels that the gas containment system would be better for the environment and stop the odor problems. Mr. Thomas did say that the flairs were not burning because of the need for a new igniter. I asked Mr. Thomas if I could ride around the property and see if I could smell any odors, Mr. Thomas said that this would be fine.

I drove around the entire property and did not detect any objectable odors. I will reinspect the landfill as complaints come in.