



# MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT

LAND and MATERIALS ADMINISTRATION

SOLID WASTE PROGRAM

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## Report of Observations

Inspector(s): Christopher Barlow AI #: 96927  
Type of Inspection/Observations: Routine Inspection Date: 5/31/2023  
Site/Facility Name: Camp Small – Baltimore City Department of Parks & Recreation Time In: 3:20pm  
Location: Cold Spring Lane next to Jones Fall – Baltimore City Time Out: 4:35pm

**Contact(s):** Facility Manager Shaun Preston, Nick Oster

**Inspection Reason:** Routine Scheduled

**Site Status:** Active

**Site Condition:** Corrective Actions Required

**Recommended Action:** Continue Routine Inspection

**Evidence Collected:** Visual observations and photos (see pages below)

**Weather:** 79°F Clear No Precipitation Calm wind

**Field Conditions:** Dry

### Remarks:

I arrived at the facility and attempted to locate Facility Manager Shaun Preston and Nick Oster, but no one was present onsite at my time of arrival. The logs on the northwest side of the access road have been removed, while the rest of the logs that line the road remain in place. I observed a stockpile of woodchips that was approximately 30ft tall. I measured the temperature of this large stockpile of woodchips; the lower half of the stockpile was found to be 110°F-120°F, the upper half of the stockpile was found to be 140°F-164°F. The facility should turn the large stockpile of woodchips regularly to prevent excessively high temperatures; additionally; the facility should consider turning this one large pile into multiple smaller piles. The signs observed during the last inspection are being used to help organize material onsite. The super silt fence is holding back multiple fallen logs from rolling into the Jones Fall River but is not compromised at any point. The fire lane that runs from the main access road to the southeast corner of the property is blocked by a fallen log, all other fire lanes are clear of debris.

After I completed my inspection, Nick Oster and Facility Manager Shaun Preston arrived onsite. I spoke with both of them about the facility's operations. They confirmed that the logs on the northwest side of the access road had been removed since the previous inspection on 1/11/2023, and they stated that a clean up plan for more logs and the 30ft tall stockpile of woodchips is in the works. I informed them of the temperatures recorded in the large stockpile of woodchips and suggested that the pile be turned and split into multiple piles. Mr. Preston told me that the facility does not have a temperature reader, and thus were unable to measure the temperature of the woodchip stockpile.

**Summary:** The accumulation of land clearing debris and natural wood waste without timely processing or removal constitutes "open dumping". Follow-up with the facility manager is needed; a schedule for the removal of all unprocessed materials that have been stockpiled on site for over a year should be established.

**Note:** Operating without a permit or in violation of a permit or law may result in the assessment of civil or administrative penalties. Each day a violation occurs is a separate occurrence. Be advised that this inspection report is a public record and as such, is accessible to the public.

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Woodchip Pile





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Access Road





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### Sorted Materials





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Blocked Fire Lane

