



MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT

LAND and MATERIALS ADMINISTRATION

SOLID WASTE PROGRAM

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Report of Observations

Inspector(s): Christopher Barlow, Section Head Anna Catherine AI #: 96927
Type of Inspection/Observations: Routine Inspection Date: 7/24/2024
Site/Facility Name: Camp Small – Baltimore City Department of Parks & Recreation Time In: 12:00pm
Location: Cold Spring Lane next to Jones Fall – Baltimore City Time Out: 1:00pm

Contact(s): Nick Oster, Shaun Preston

Inspection Reason: Routine Scheduled

Site Status: Active

Site Condition: Noncompliance

Recommended Action: Continue Routine Inspection

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

Weather: 85°F Overcast No Precipitation Calm wind

Field Conditions: Dry

Remarks:

I arrived at the facility and checked in at the sawmill office. I observed a stack of logs approximately 15ft tall lining both sides of the entrance to the facility; some sections are overgrown with foliage. I walked to the area behind the sawmill; the previously observed scrap tires have either been removed or covered by logs. The wood chips and mulch used to grade the property appear to be 2ft thick or greater near the railroad tracks. Some material has been grinded or removed from the center of the yard according to Nick Oster; the open area in the center of the yard is larger indicating the grinding or removal of some material, however I observed both old and new logs comingled in a large pile. Vehicle access around this large log pile is blocked on the rear side due to an overgrown pile of soil and logs. Burn marks were observed on multiple dumped logs. I observed a pile of yard waste with green, yellow, and orange leaves; new material continues to be brought to the property. The silt fence preventing logs, mulch, and wood chips from falling into the Jones Falls River is overgrown and compromised; multiple logs were observed passed the silt fence. There are two paths that serve as fire lanes between the log pile. The path on the backside of the pile is no longer navigable by car or foot. The other path has a wasp infestation. I observed wood waste and logs in the protected wetlands area next to the property. The accumulation of logs on the property constitutes "open dumping" and causes harm to the environment in violation of COMAR 26.04.09.03. and COMAR 26.04.07.03.. The logs being used for sawmill operations do not fall under the open dumping violation; all Natural Wood Waste must be removed from the property immediately. The facility must stop allowing the open dumping of logs and other Natural Wood Waste on the property.

Summary: Non-compliant with COMAR 26.04.07.03. and COMAR 26.04.09.03., Site Complaint SC-O-25-NW-001 has been issued for the ongoing violations.

See photos attached below.

Note: **Operating without a permit or license in violation of a permit, license, 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.**

Inspector: Christopher Barlow Jr *Christopher Barlow Jr* Received by: _____
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