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Re: Warning Letter #WL22-20SW51SWD
Pasco County Resource Recovery Facility
Facility ID No. 45799
Pasco County

Dear Commissioner Starkey:

A routine inspection was conducted at the referenced facility on January 19, 2022. A file review conducted as part of this inspection indicates that possible violations of Chapter 403, Florida Statutes and Chapter 62-701, Florida Administrative Code have occurred.

The file review revealed that the County and its contracted laboratory, Pasco County Utilities Environmental Laboratory, have failed to conduct water quality sampling and testing in accordance with standard procedures in violation of Rule 62-701.510(2)(b), F.A.C. which has resulted in invalid and incomplete monitoring results and missed sampling events.

Violations of Florida Statutes or administrative rules may result in liability for damages and restoration, and the judicial imposition of civil penalties, pursuant to sections 403.121 and 403.161, Florida Statutes.

Please respond in writing within **15 days** of your receipt of this Warning Letter. Please direct your written response to Steve Tafuni, at Steven.Tafuni@FloridaDEP.gov or (813) 470-5792 to discuss. The Department is interested in receiving any facts you may have that will assist in determining whether any violations have occurred.

Please be advised that this Warning Letter is part of an agency investigation, preliminary to agency action in accordance with section 120.57(5), Florida Statutes. We look forward to your cooperation in completing the investigation and resolving this matter.

Sincerely,



Kelley M. Boatwright
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**Florida Department of
Environmental Protection
Inspection Checklist**

FACILITY INFORMATION:

Facility Name: PASCO COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY

On-site Inspection Start Date: 01/19/2022

On-site Inspection End Date: 01/19/2022

WACS No.: 45799

Facility Street Address: 14230 HAYS RD

City: SPRING HILL

County Name: PASCO

Zip: 34610

INSPECTION PARTICIPANTS:

(Include ALL Landfill and Department Personnel with Corresponding Titles)

Principal Inspector: Melissa A. Madden, Senior Program Analyst

Other Participants: Emily Wargo, Engineering Specialist II; Joshua Roach, Environmental Specialist I;
Mike Frestick, Operator; Bruce Hartimer, WTE Plant Operator;

INSPECTION TYPE:

Routine Operation Inspection for Landfill - Class I

Routine Operation Inspection for Landfill - Class III

Routine Operation Inspection for Landfill - WTE Ash Monofill

Routine Operation Inspection for WPF - Waste Tire Processing Facility

Routine Operation Inspection for WPF - Waste To Energy Facility

ATTACHMENTS TO THE INSPECTION CHECKLIST:

This Cover Page to the Inspection Checklist may include any or all of the following attachments as appropriate.

Note: Checklist items with shaded boxes are for informational purposes only.

1.0 - SECTION 1.0 - FILE REVIEW

2.0 - SECTION 2.0 - LANDFILL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

9.0 - SECTION 9.0 - WASTE TIRE FACILITIES

12.0 - SECTION 12.0 - WTE FACILITIES

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1.0 - SECTION 1.0 - FILE REVIEW**Requirements:**

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Item No.	FILE REVIEW (Pre- or Post-Inspection, as appropriate.)	Ok	Not Ok	Unk	N/A
1.1	For landfills and C&D disposal facilities, does the facility have a current plan for the method and sequence of filling wastes? 62-701.500(2)(f) for landfills; 62-701.730(7)(a) for C&D debris sites	✓			
1.2	For landfills, are the following records being reported to the Department?(Check any that are Not OK) <input type="checkbox"/> Waste reports (annually) 62-701.500(4) <input type="checkbox"/> Annual estimate of remaining life 62-701.500(13)(c)	✓			
1.3	Is gas monitoring being performed as required by the permit? 62-701.500(9), 62-701.530(2)	✓			
1.4	Are the results of the gas sampling reported to the Department quarterly? 62-701.530(2)(c)	✓			
1.5	Is water quality sampling and testing performed according to standard procedures and at the required frequencies? 62-701.510(2) for landfills; 62-701.730(8) and 62-701.730(10) for C&D debris sites; 62-713.400(3) for stationary soil treatment facilities.		✓		
1.6	Do the results of the water quality testing suggest there may be adverse impacts to water quality from the operation of the solid waste facility? 62-701.510(3) and (4); 62-701.730(4)(c) and (10) for C&D debris sites; 62-713.400(3) for stationary soil treatment facilities.		✓		
1.7	For closed landfills and C&D disposal facilities with final elevations higher than 20 feet above grade, has a final survey report verifying the final elevations and contours of the facility been submitted to the Department? 62-701.600(6)(b), 62-701.730(9)(e)				✓
1.8	Is financial assurance adequate? 62-701.630 for landfills; 62-701.710(7)(a) and 62-701.710(1)(d)1. for waste processing facilities; 62-701.730(11)(a) for C&D debris facilities; 62-713.600(6)(a) for stationary soil treatment facilities; 62-711.500(3) for waste tire facilities. NOTE: The Solid Waste Financial Coordinator in Tallahassee can assist with this information.	✓			
1.9	Are cost estimates current and adjusted every year? 62-701.630(4) for landfills; 62-701.710(7)(a) and 62-701.710(1)(d)1. for waste processing facilities; 62-701.730(11)(a) for C&D debris facilities; 62-713.600(6)(b) and 62-713.600(6)(c) for stationary soil treatment facilities; 62-711.500(3) for waste tire facilities.	✓			
1.10	For C&D debris disposal and disposal with recycling facilities, is an Annual Report submitted to the Department for the disposal operation by February 1st of each year? 62-701.730(12)				✓
1.11	For C&D recycling facilities with no disposal, is an Annual Report for the recycling facility submitted to the Department by February 1st of each year? 62-701.710(8)(b)				✓
1.12	For compost facilities, has the compost product been sampled and analyzed every 20,000 tons or every 3 months (whichever is sooner)? 62-709.530(1)				✓
1.13	For compost facilities, has the annual report been submitted by June 1st? 62-709.530(3)				✓

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2.0 - SECTION 2.0 - LANDFILL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE**Requirements:**

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Item No.	SOLID WASTE PROHIBITIONS (unless "grandfathered" in, see 62-701.300(18))	Ok	Not Ok	Unk	N/A
2.1.1	Unauthorized storage, processing, or disposal of solid waste except as authorized at a permitted solid waste management facility or other exempt facility. 62-701.300(1)(a)	✓			
2.1.2	Unauthorized disposal or storage prohibited, except yard trash, within 500 feet of a potable water well? 62-701.300(2)(b)	✓			
2.2	Unauthorized storage or disposal of yard trash prohibited within the minimum setbacks of (Check any that are Not OK) 62-701.300(12) <input type="checkbox"/> 100 feet from potable water wells (except on-site)? <input type="checkbox"/> 50 feet from water bodies?	✓			
2.3	Unauthorized disposal or storage prohibited in any natural or artificial body of water including ground water and wetlands? (Does not apply to standing water after a storm event.) 62-701.300(2)(d)	✓			
2.4	Unauthorized disposal or storage prohibited, except yard trash, within 200 feet of any natural or artificial body of water, including wetlands without permanent leachate controls, except impoundments or conveyances which are part of an on-site, permitted stormwater management system or on-site water bodies with no off-site discharge? 62-701.300(2)(e)	✓			
2.5	Unauthorized open burning of solid waste prohibited except in accordance with Department requirements? 62-701.300(3)	✓			
2.6	Are the following unauthorized wastes or special wastes properly controlled, managed and disposed? (Check any that are Not OK) <input type="checkbox"/> Hazardous waste 62-701.300(4) <input type="checkbox"/> Biomedical waste 62-701.300(6) <input type="checkbox"/> Yard trash 62-701.300(8)(c) <input type="checkbox"/> Whole waste tires 62-701.300(8)(e) <input type="checkbox"/> Regulated asbestos waste 62-701.520(3), 62-701.730(19) <input type="checkbox"/> Used oil and oily wastes, except as exempted 62-701.300(11) <input type="checkbox"/> PCB wastes 62-701.300(5) <input type="checkbox"/> Lead-acid batteries 62-701.300(8)(a) <input type="checkbox"/> White goods 62-701.300(8)(d) <input type="checkbox"/> Liquids 62-701.300(10) <input type="checkbox"/> CCA treated wood 62-701.300(14) <input type="checkbox"/> Biological waste - Disposal of dead animals due to disease 62-701.520(5)(a) <input type="checkbox"/> Biological waste - Disposal of dead poultry and hatchery residue 62-701.520(5)(b) <input type="checkbox"/> Biological waste - Disposal of captive wildlife, fish or marine mammals, and domestic animals that have not died due to disease 62-701.520(5)(c)	✓			
2.7	Are only permitted waste types disposed at facility? 62-701.340(2), 62-701.500(6)(a), 62-701.500(2)(c)	✓			
2.6.5	Recommended guidance for Item 2.6 above. Facility was provided a copy of the Department's Disposal of Deceased Domestic Animals Guidance Document dated November 9, 2018. (Note: The Guidance Document is to provide direction regarding the disposal of deceased domestic animals pursuant to Chapter 62-701.520(5), F.A.C. and Chapter 823.041, F.S.) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A				

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Item No.	LANDFILL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE	Ok	Not Ok	Unk	N/A
2.8	Is there a trained operator on-site at Class I and III landfills when receiving wastes? 62-701.500(1)	✓			
2.9	Is there at least one trained spotter at each working face when receiving wastes at Class I and III landfills? 62-701.500(1)	✓			
2.10	Are the following records or plans current and available on-site? (Check any that are Not OK) <input type="checkbox"/> Training Plan 62-701.320(15)(a) <input type="checkbox"/> Operating Plan 62-701.500(2) <input type="checkbox"/> Waste weight records 62-701.500(4) <input type="checkbox"/> Precipitation records 62-701.500(8)(g) <input type="checkbox"/> Load-checking program records 62-701.500(6)(a) <input type="checkbox"/> Training records 62-701.320(15)(a) <input type="checkbox"/> Operation record 62-701.500(3) <input type="checkbox"/> Quantity of leachate 62-701.500(8)(f)	✓			
2.11	Is the operation plan substantially followed? 62-701.500(2)	✓			
2.12	Is incoming waste weighed? 62-701.500(4)(a) and 62-701.500(2)(d)	✓			
2.13	Is the method and sequence of filling waste according to plans? 62-701.500(2)(f)	✓			
2.14	Is access properly controlled to prevent unauthorized waste disposal? 62-701.500(5)	✓			
2.15	Is waste compacted as required? 62-701.500(7)(a)	✓			
2.16	Are the working face and side slopes above ground graded to a slope no greater than 3 feet horizontal to 1 foot vertical rise? 62-701.500(7)(c)	✓			
2.17	Is a narrow working face practiced? 62-701.500(7)(d)	✓			
2.18	Is the frequency, amount and quality of initial cover, as required? 62-701.500(7)(e)	✓			
2.19	Is the frequency, amount and quality of intermediate cover, as required? 62-701.500(7)(f)	✓			
2.20	Is litter controlled and are litter control devices maintained? 62-701.500(7)(i) and 62-701.500(11)(f)	✓			
2.21	Is erosion control adequate? 62-701.500(7)(j)	✓			
2.22	Is the leachate collection and removal system maintained and operated as required? 62-701.500(2)(j), 62-701.500(8)(b) and 62-701.500(8)(h)	✓			
2.23	Is leachate disposed of or treated as required? 62-701.500(8)(b), 62-701.500(8)(c) and 62-701.500(8)(d)	✓			
2.24	If leachate recirculation is practiced at the facility, is it done in accordance with Department requirements and the Operation Plan? 62-701.400(5)	✓			
2.25	Is gas controlled to not cause objectionable odors beyond the property boundary? 62-701.530(3)(b)	✓			
2.26	Is gas controlled to not allow combustible gas concentrations to exceed specified limits? 62-701.530(3)(a)	✓			
2.27	Are gas vents intact and functioning properly? 62-701.500(9), 62-701.530(1)(a)3	✓			
2.28	Is mixing of leachate and stormwater prevented or minimized? 62-701.500(10), 62-701.400(9)(b)	✓			
2.29	Is stormwater management system maintained and operated as required? 62-701.500(10)	✓			
2.30	Is there sufficient operating equipment? 62-701.500(11)(a)	✓			
2.31	Is there sufficient reserve equipment (or other arrangements)? 62-701.500(11)(b)	✓			
2.32	Are communication facilities adequate? 62-701.500(11)(c)	✓			
2.33	Are approved dust control methods adequate? 62-701.500(11)(d)	✓			
2.34	Are fire protection and fire fighting capabilities adequate and operational? 62-	✓			

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Item No.	LANDFILL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE	Ok	Not Ok	Unk	N/A
	701.500(11)(e)				
2.35	Are there required signs for operational directions and public information? 62-701.500(11)(g)	✓			
2.36	Are all-weather access roads and inside perimeter roads properly maintained? 62-701.500(12)	✓			
2.37	Are groundwater wells intact and properly maintained? 62-701.510(2)(b), 62-701.620(8)	✓			
2.38	Are all additional specific conditions (not otherwise addressed above) in the permit, Department order, or certification, if any, being followed? 62-701.320(1), 403.161, F.S.	✓			

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9.0 - SECTION 9.0 - WASTE TIRE FACILITIES**Requirements:**

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9.1.1	Unauthorized storage, processing, or disposal of solid waste except as authorized at a permitted solid waste management facility or other exempt facility? 62-701.300(1)(a)	✓			
9.1.2	Unauthorized disposal or storage prohibited, except yard trash, within 500 feet of a potable water well? 62-701.300(2)(b)	✓			
9.2	Unauthorized storage or disposal of yard trash prohibited within the minimum setbacks of (Check any that are Not OK) 62-701.300(12) <input type="checkbox"/> 100 feet from potable water wells (except on-site)? <input type="checkbox"/> 50 feet from water bodies?	✓			
9.3	Unauthorized disposal or storage prohibited in any natural or artificial body of water including ground water and wetlands? (Does not apply to standing water after a storm event) 62-701.300(2)(d)	✓			
9.4	Unauthorized disposal or storage prohibited, except yard trash, within 200 feet of any natural or artificial body of water, including wetlands without permanent leachate controls, except impoundments or conveyances which are part of an on-site, permitted stormwater management system or on-site water bodies with no off-site discharge? 62-701.300(2)(e)	✓			
9.5	Unauthorized open burning of solid waste prohibited except in accordance with Department requirements? 62-701.300(3)	✓			
Item No.	WASTE TIRE FACILITY - GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR STORAGE	Ok	Not Ok	Unk	N/A
9.6	If the facility accepts tires from the public, is a sign posted at the facility entrance stating operating hours, cost of disposal and site rules? 62-711.540(1)(a)	✓			
9.7	Are operations involving the use of open flames conducted no closer than 25 feet of a waste tire pile? 62-711.540(1)(b)	✓			
9.8	If the facility accepts tires from the public, is an attendant always present on site when the site is open for business? 62-711.540(1)(c)	✓			
9.9	Are fire protection services assured through notification to local fire protection authorities? 62-711.540(1)(d)	✓			
9.10	Is an annual fire safety survey conducted? 62-711.540(1)(d)	✓			
9.11	Is a copy of the annual fire safety report made part of the next quarterly report? 62-711.540(1)(d)	✓			
9.12	Does the facility have an Emergency Preparedness Manual (EPM) on-site? 62-711.540(1)(e)	✓			
9.13	Does the EPM contain the following information? (Check all that are Not OK) <input type="checkbox"/> Contact names and numbers 62-711.540(1)(e)1 <input type="checkbox"/> List of emergency response equipment and locations on-site 62-711.540(1)(e)2 <input type="checkbox"/> Procedures to be followed in the event of a fire 62-711.540(1)(e)3	✓			
9.14	Is the operator at the facility maintaining records of the quantity of waste tires received at the site, stored at the site, and shipped from the site? 62-711.540(1)(g) and 62-711.400(5)	✓			
9.15	If the operator of the site is not the owner of the property, has written authorization been obtained from the property owner to operate the facility? 62-711.540(1)(h)	✓			
9.16	Is adequate communications equipment available at the site? 62-711.540(1)(i)	✓			
9.17	Is the owner or operator providing for control of mosquitoes and rodents so as to protect the public health and welfare? 62-711.540(1)(j)	✓			

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Item No.	WASTE TIRE FACILITY - STORAGE INDOORS	Ok	Not Ok	Unk	N/A
9.18	Are waste tire piles more than 50 feet in width? 62-711.540(2)(a)				✓
9.19	Are waste tire piles along a wall more than 25 feet in width? 62-711.540(2)(a)				✓
9.20	Are widths of main aisles between piles less than 8 feet? 62-711.540(2)(b)				✓
9.21	Is there less than 3 feet of clearance between the top of storage to sprinkler detectors or roof structures? 62-711.540(2)(c)				✓
9.22	Is there less than 3 feet of clearance between waste tire piles and unit heaters, etc.? 62-711.540(2)(d)				✓
9.23	If waste tires are stored up to 15 feet high, do walls between adjacent warehouse areas and between manufacturing and warehouse areas have at least a four-hour fire rating? 62-711.540(2)(e)				✓
9.24	If waste tires are stored over 15 feet high, do walls between manufacturing and warehouse areas have a fire rating of not less than six hours and do steel columns have one-hour fireproofing? If the top of storage exceeds 20 feet in height, do columns and their connections with other structural members have two-hour fireproofing? 62-711.540(2)(f)				✓
9.25	Is the access controlled through the use of doors, fences, gates, natural barriers or other means? 62-711.540(2)(h)				✓
Item No.	WASTE TIRE FACILITY - STORAGE OUTDOORS	Ok	Not Ok	Unk	N/A
9.26	Is the waste tire site operated within 200 feet from a body of water? 62-711.540(3)(a)	✓			
9.27	Does the waste tire pile have a width less than 50 feet? 62-711.540(3)(b)	✓			
9.28	Does the waste tire pile have an area less than 10,000 sq. ft? 62-711.540(3)(b)	✓			
9.29	Does the waste tire pile have a height less than 15 feet? 62-711.540(3)(b)	✓			
9.30	Is there a 50 feet wide fire lane around the perimeter of the waste tire pile? 62-711.540(3)(c)	✓			
9.31	Is there unobstructed access to the fire lane? 62-711.540(3)(c)	✓			
9.32	Is the access controlled through the use of doors, fences, gates, natural barriers or other means? 62-711.540(3)(d)	✓			
9.33	Is the site kept free of grass, underbrush, and other potentially flammable vegetation? 62-711.540(3)(f)	✓			
9.34	Is the site bermed or given other adequate protection to prevent liquid runoff from entering water bodies? 62-711.540(3)(e)	✓			
9.35	Are residuals contained on-site and disposed of in a permitted solid waste management facility or properly recycled? 62-711.540(5)	✓			
9.36	Does the waste tire site qualify for the exceptions to the technical and operational standards as allowed by rule? 62-711.540(6)	✓			
Item No.	WASTE TIRE FACILITY - COLLECTION CENTER	Ok	Not Ok	Unk	N/A
9.37	Are no more than 1,500 tires at the collection center at any one time? 62-711.550(1)(a)				✓
9.38	Are all waste tires, which are not used tires, removed from site yearly for recycling, processing, or disposal? 62-711.550(1)(b)				✓

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12.5	Unauthorized open burning of solid waste prohibited except in accordance with Department requirements? 62-701.300(3)	✓			
12.6	Are the following unauthorized wastes or special wastes properly managed? (Check any that are Not OK) <input type="checkbox"/> Lead-acid batteries, mercury-containing switches and lamps in WTEs 62-701.300(9) <input type="checkbox"/> CCA treated wood 62-701.300(14)	✓			
Item No.	WTE FACILITY OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE	Ok	Not Ok	Unk	N/A
12.7	WTE facility in compliance with all permit conditions, site certification conditions, Department order, or certification, if any, and applicable requirements? 62-701.320(1), 403.161, F.S.	✓			

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Current Violations:

Rule: 62-701.510(3), 62-701.510(4), 62-701.730(10), 62-701.730(8)(f), 62-713.400(3)

Question Number: 1.6

Explanation: See 1.5

Corrective Action: See 1.5

Pre-existing Violations:

Rule: 62-701.510(2), 62-701.730(10), 62-701.730(8), 62-713.400(3)

Question Number: 1.5

Explanation: The First Semiannual Groundwater Monitoring Report of 2021 was received on June 4, 2021. The Second Semiannual Groundwater Monitoring Report of 2021 was received on January 19, 2022. Following a review of these reports, it does not appear that the groundwater purging procedures, stabilization criteria or proper sampling protocol per the Department's Standard Operating Procedures for field sampling, FS 2200 are being met.

Pasco County has been notified of these non-compliance issues in the past, including within the October 2019 inspection report (issued Nov. 2019) and the October 2020 inspection report (issued Nov. 2020). Similar groundwater sampling and reporting issues have been noted for East Pasco Landfill (WACS ID 45797) and Ridge Road Landfill (WACS ID 45798) in past and current inspection reports as well. The Department held a training on these topics, entitled Groundwater Sampling for Solid Waste Management Facilities, on July 29, 2021 which was attended by Pasco County Laboratories, the entity who samples the wells for the County.

Additionally, it appears that submitted electronic data (i.e. field and lab EDDs) received from the Pasco County Laboratory in support of referenced events does not contain information in a format usable to the Department for ADaPT processing which then requires extensive editing and manipulation prior to upload into the Department's database, e.g. LabIDs and ClientSampleID contain prepended numbers which do not match established test site names and inclusions of a hyphen "-" character or space being used which are not present in the testsite inventory. The Department has been working with the lab for several years to attempt to correct these issues, however, they remain evident in the most recent submittal causing a delay in processing.

Corrective Action: The First and Second Semiannual Groundwater Monitoring Reports of 2021 are considered to be missed sampling events due to the deficiencies noted above. Please schedule a meeting with the Department as required by the attached Warning Letter to address this Violation.

COMMENTS:

Item 1.8 - Please continue to work with the Financial Assurance Working Group in Tallahassee to ensure financial assurance is updated by March 31, 2022.

Item 2.11 - During the inspection, it did not appear the most recent Op Plan was available. In support of Mod G to PA87-23, the current Op Plan is dated July 2021. However, as noted, the July 2021 Op Plan does not appear to incorporate changes made to previous Op Plans associated with Mod E or F, e.g. Section 9.4 was updated in December 2020 with Mod F, but Section 9.5 (number change) was not updated in current July 2021 Op Plan. Additionally, Sections 6.5, 7.14 and 7.15 were updated in August

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2019 to accommodate the vertical expansion of SW-1 & 2, however these changes are not reflected in the current July 2021 Op Plan, most notably Lift 7, new final elevation of 122'. Other notable items for update include Section 9.2.2 which discusses alternative leachate removal in A-2 due to sump issues which have since been resolved as well as Section 9.4.1 which states that the ash leachate tank will be inspected every 5 years, however, Rule 62-701.400(6)(c)9, F.A.C. requires a minimum inspection every three years. Additionally, Figure 9.-1 of July 2021 Op Plan incorrectly identifies A-4 as A-1. Please review current Op Plan and submit revisions to the Department for review. Pasco County has engaged their consultant to begin review of these concerns.

Item 2.18, 2.19 - Some flagging in "active area" of SW-2 was noted which needs additional cover. This area had not received waste for several months. A minor seep with exposed waste was observed on the N slope of SW-2, however, runoff from these areas was contained in the leachate collection system. Hog damage on SW-1 appeared deep in some locations necessitating repair prior to rainy seasons. Documentation of additional cover and repairs to identified areas received 01/27/2022.

Item 2.22 - Q4 2021 Leachate Quantity Report due 01/15/2022, received 01/20/2022. Regarding SW-2 secondary flows, Q2 2021 reported that 1 gal was pumped in April-21 and 1 gal was pumped in May-21 which does not appear to be valid data. Upon review of the Q3 data, 0 gal was reported at this location for the period. During this inspection of SW-2 secondary manhole, it was noted that the pump was not plugged in but that leachate was present in the sump at the point where the float should have kicked on. Note that Op Plan Section 9.3.2 states that these are periodically pumped so it is unclear if they are pumped as needed or operated using float system as observed. It appears that very little flow was also reported for A-2 secondary during Q2, with none for A3 or A4 secondary for almost a 6 month period in 2021. Following the inspection, the County reviewed and confirmed functionality of these systems.

Additionally, the leachate tank is currently out of service and scheduled for repairs in late February. Please provide additional information about the recent tank inspection findings and subsequent repairs once completed.

Item 12.7 - Damage to containment curbing at entrance to ash building noted. Evidence of buildup of leachate/debris was noted on sump filter ("water line") indicating height of water in this area may be capable of breaching low areas in curbing, necessitating repair to curbing. Documentation of curbing repair received 02/04/2022.

ATTACHMENTS:

SW-2 Flagging



SW-1 Hog Damage



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SW-2 Seepage



SW-2 Secondary



A-2 Primary - tank out of service



A-4 Working Face



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Ash Leachate Tank Damage



WTE - Ash Building Curb Damage



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