



WASTE MANAGEMENT INC. OF FLORIDA

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October 31, 2012

Mr. Tom Lubozynski, P.E.
Administrator, Waste Management Program
Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Compliance & Enforcement Supervisor
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VIA EMAIL

**RE: Notification of Equipment Fire at the Vista Landfill LLC.
FDEP Permit #SO-48-0165969-018**

Dear Mr. Lubozynski,

In accordance with SC (12) of our operations permit, please consider this our letter notification of a fire at the Vista Landfill. On Tuesday, October 30, 2012 at approximately 3:30pm, a rented trommel screen used to process yard waste caught on fire. Our EP Manager, Paul Bermillo, notified the Department on October 30, 2012.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation by Waste Management. The details surrounding the event are as follows:

While our trackhoe operator was loading the screen, he noticed white smoke coming from underneath the unit. At that time he attempted to move the screen away from the yard waste pile that it was processing. He was unsuccessful as the hoses had already burned through. He immediately got our water truck and began spraying water on the fire, which was now burning throughout the screen. The City of Apopka Fire Department was notified at approximately 3:30pm and responded about the time our water truck had emptied their first load of five thousand gallons of water. The City of Apopka Fire Department started putting water on the fire from their brush trucks while our loader operator got dirt from our fire suppression pile and started dumping that onto the burning screen. After approximately 2 hours, 7,000 gallons of water and 100 cy of dirt the fire was extinguished. There was no damage to the landfill, gas system or any other units at the facility.

We will not be using a trommel screen for this purpose until our vendor determines the cause of this fire. Fortunately the quick reactions of our team, along with our policies of parking our water truck full of water and having a fire suppression dirt pile readily available kept this fire from becoming much worse and causing damage to the landfill. The weather conditions were prime for this fire to have spread, with wind gusts over 20 mph.

Please contact me at 407-466-4079 if you have any questions regarding this notification.

Regards,

Deborah A. Perez
District Manager

cc: Bryan Tindell, Director of Landfill Operations, WMIF
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