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December 13, 2021

Roberto Gonzalez, Division Manager
Taft Recycling, Inc.
375 West 7th Street
Orlando, Florida 32824
roberto.gonzalez@wasteconnections.com

Re: Taft Recycling
SW Facility ID #87104
Orange County

Dear Mr. Gonzalez:

Department personnel conducted an inspection of the above-referenced facility on November 3, 2021. Based on the information provided during the inspection, the facility was determined to be in compliance with the Department's rules and regulations. A copy of the inspection report is attached for your records, and any non-compliance items which may have been identified at the time of the inspection have been corrected.

The Department appreciates your efforts to maintain this facility in compliance with state and federal rules. Should you have any questions or comments, please contact Dr. Phil Kane at 407-897-4156 or via e-mail at phil.kane@FloridaDEP.gov.

Sincerely,

David Smicherko

David Smicherko, Manager
Central District
Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Enclosure: Inspection Report

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Inspection Checklist

FACILITY INFORMATION:

Facility Name: TAFT RECYCLING, INC.

On-site Inspection Start Date: 11/03/2021

On-site Inspection End Date: 11/03/2021

WACS No.: 87104

Facility Street Address: 375 WEST 7TH STREET

City: ORLANDO

County Name: ORANGE

Zip: 32824

INSPECTION PARTICIPANTS:

(Include ALL Landfill and Department Personnel with Corresponding Titles)

Principal Inspector: Philip N. Kane, Inspector

Other Participants: John Broxterman, Safety Supervisor;

INSPECTION TYPE:

Routine Operation Inspection for WPF - Transfer Station

Routine Operation Inspection for WPF - Material Recovery Facility - Class I/III

Routine Operation Inspection for WPF - Waste Tire Processing 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

4.0 - SECTION 4.0 - WASTE PROCESSING FACILITIES

9.0 - SECTION 9.0 - WASTE TIRE FACILITIES

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) ☐ Waste reports (annually) 62-701.500(4) ☐ 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)				✓

4.0 - SECTION 4.0 - WASTE PROCESSING FACILITIES

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Item No.	SOLID WASTE PROHIBITIONS (unless "grandfathered" in, see 62-701.300(18))	Ok	Not Ok	Unk	N/A
4.1.1	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)	✓			
4.1.2	Unauthorized disposal or storage prohibited, except yard trash, within 500 feet of a potable water well? 62-701.300(2)(b)	✓			
4.2	Unauthorized storage or disposal of yard trash prohibited within the minimum setbacks of (Check any that are Not OK) 62-701.300(12) ☐ 100 feet from potable water wells (except on-site)? ☐ 50 feet from water bodies?	✓			
4.3	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)	✓			
4.4	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)	✓			
4.5	Unauthorized open burning of solid waste prohibited, except in accordance with Department requirements? 62-701.300(3)	✓			
4.6	Are the following unauthorized wastes or special wastes properly managed? (Check any that are Not OK) ☐ Hazardous waste 62-701.300(4) ☐ Biomedical waste 62-701.300(6) ☐ Used oil and oily wastes, except as exempted 62-701.300(11) ☐ PCB wastes 62-701.300(5) ☐ Liquids 62-701.300(10)	✓			

Item No.	WASTE PROCESSING FACILITY OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE	Ok	Not Ok	Unk	N/A
4.7	For areas not enclosed, is litter controlled and are litter control devices maintained? 62-701.710(3)(a)	✓			
4.8	Is leachate collection and removal system maintained and operated as required? 62-701.710(3)(b)	✓			
4.9	Are all drains and leachate conveyances kept clean so that leachate flow is not impeded? 62-701.710(4)(g)	✓			
4.10	Are the following records or plans current and available on-site? (Check any that are Not OK) ☐ Operation Plan 62-701.710(2)(e) ☐ Contingency Plan 62-701.710(2)(g) ☐ Operation records 62-701.710(8)(a)	✓			
4.11	Is the Operation Plan substantially followed? 62-701.710(4)(a)	✓			
4.12	Are putrescible wastes stored no longer than 48 hours or as otherwise allowed in the Operation Plan? 62-701.710(4)(b)	✓			
4.13	Are the operating hours posted at the facility? 62-701.710(4)(c)1	✓			
4.14	Is a trained operator on duty whenever the facility is operating? 62-701.710(4)(c)1	✓			
4.15	Is at least one trained spotter on duty at all times that waste is received at the facility to inspect the incoming waste, unless exempt under 62-701.710(1)(d)1? 62-701.710(4)(c)2	✓			
4.16	Are unauthorized wastes removed from the waste stream and placed into appropriate	✓			

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	containers for disposal at a permitted facility? 62-701.710(4)(c)2				
4.17	Is the facility operated to control objectionable odors? 62-701.710(4)(d)	✓			
4.18	Is adequate fire protection equipment available and operational? 62-701.710(4)(e)	✓			
4.19	Is access to the facility controlled by fencing or other effective barriers to prevent disposal of unauthorized solid waste? 62-701.710(4)(f)	✓			
4.20	If the facility is a Transfer Station and is claiming the financial assurance exemption, does it manage the waste on a first-in, first-out basis and store waste for no greater than 7 days? 62-701.710(1)(d)1	✓			
4.21	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.	✓			
4.22	If the facility has reached its permitted capacity for storage of wastes or recyclable materials, has the permittee stopped accepting additional waste for processing? 62-701.710(4)(i)	✓			
Item No.	WASTE PROCESSING FACILITY CLOSURE	Ok	Not Ok	Unk	N/A
4.23	Has the solid waste or residue been properly disposed of within 30 days after receiving the final solid waste shipment? 62-701.710(6)(b)				✓
4.24	Has closure been completed within 180 days after receiving the final solid waste shipment? 62-701.710(6)(c)				✓

9.0 - SECTION 9.0 - WASTE TIRE FACILITIES

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Item No.	SOLID WASTE PROHIBITIONS (unless "grandfathered" in, see 62-701.300(18))	Ok	Not Ok	Unk	N/A
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) ☐ 100 feet from potable water wells (except on-site)? ☐ 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) ☐ Contact names and numbers 62-711.540(1)(e)1 ☐ List of emergency response equipment and locations on-site 62-711.540(1)(e)2 ☐ 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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COMMENTS:

The operator was Danny Gutierrez who was also the spotter. Random loads checks were good with no burning. Some bird vectors were present. The holes in the top layer of the 2 layer tipping floor are to be fixed around the end of December 2021. The facility was busy with the tunnels being OK, as well as litter control also being OK.The cardboard recycled goes to Georgia Pacific. The fire survey was current. Tires are primarily collected randomly or from the neighborhood and stored in bins and transported to Empire Tire. The facility was well maintained.

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Signed:

Philip N. Kane	Inspector	
PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR NAME	**PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR TITLE**	
Dr. Phil Kane	DEP	11/30/2021
PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR SIGNATURE	**ORGANIZATION**	**DATE**

John Broxterman	Safety Supervisor
REPRESENTATIVE NAME	**REPRESENTATIVE TITLE**
NO SIGNATURE REQUIRED	Taft
REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE	**ORGANIZATION**

NOTE: By signing this document, the Site Representative only acknowledges receipt of this Inspection Report and is not admitting to the accuracy of any of the items identified by the Department as "Not Ok" or areas of concern.

Report Approvers:

Approver: David Smicherko **Inspection Approval Date:** 12/08/2021