

Estancia Valley Regional Landfill Wind & Litter Management Plan

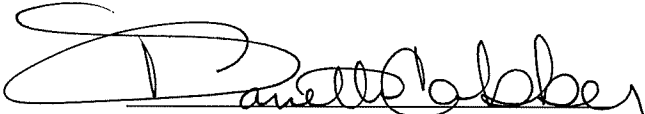
One of the many operational concerns in the management of a landfill is winds and management of litter. EVSWA is concerned for the safety of its employees, customers and anyone else who enters the premises. This wind & litter management plan is being written to identify the best management practices for controlling and collecting windblown trash from leaving the facility property line and offer directions that will be implemented by the facility operator and all EVRL employees.

1. All trucks must be tarped and contained upon entering and exiting the facility. They should only untarp and tarp at the active area. This policy will be strictly enforced.
2. The landfill will use semi-permanent fencing around the fill area of MSW as an additional barrier for litter. The utilization will be continually evaluated and the fence will be relocated as needed.
3. When needed EVSWA/EVRL may contract with a temporary employment agency for laborers who can collect litter in areas of the landfill where they are needed. If litter is found outside of the landfill property, laborers will be directed to collect litter from adjoining property, provided property owner allows access.
4. The main highway leading to the site will be routinely inspected for litter. If the highway has litter associated with the trucks entering the facility, then the litter will be picked up on a routine basis. All necessary safety precautions must be followed.
5. Before and after photos of any litter may be taken in the event anyone questions the level of effort spent on litter collection.
6. The landfill will monitor an on-site wind gauge between 25-30mph, over a one-hour period of sustained winds. Staff at the landfill will only allow one truck on top of the working face to dump and will stop all other cash customers. Management of the daily working face will be minimized to the smallest practical area with immediate compaction to minimize the area and debris subject to the impact of the wind. Heavy equipment operators will be highly encouraged to stay in equipment as much as possible during high winds.
7. Landfill employees will stop all collections at the septage dumping site completely at sustained winds of 35-40mph. This is at the discretion of the landfill supervisor and the EVSWA director.

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8. Once winds reach 45mph sustained or inclement weather is determined a safety hazard, a closure notification will be initiated. The director will initiate the closure and the administrative assistant at the landfill will communicate to necessary haulers, board members, NMED, etc. through phone calls, and emails.

Initiating a facility closure is ultimately to mitigate any potential operation safety hazards to the public, EVRL staff & commercial haulers, and also to control litter.

The management of litter at the landfill property is a daily activity. In most instances the above procedures and techniques should properly manage litter effectively. However, there will be occasions and situations when litter will be distributed by the wind in such manner that the above procedures will not totally manage the litter and contain the litter on-site. That in these situations the landfill supervisor may not be able to collect all the litter within the day the litter problem occurred. However, the landfill supervisor should proceed with collecting the litter off-site and complete the retrieval of wind blown litter at the earliest practicable time.



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