



Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality

Solid Waste Management Division

Complaint/Illegal Dump Investigation Worksheet



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Date Received May 22, 2007	Received By Flora Wrather
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Complainant Name / Address / Phone	X	Anonymous

Complaint Lodged Against / Address / Phone
John Dyess, President Altronic Research, Inc. PO Box 249 Yellville, AR. 72687

Location Description	Complaint Description of Waste
Approximately 4 miles south of Yellville on Hwy. 14, 250 MC 5048, Yellville, AR.	Power Film System dumping over spray filters into the dumpster. They are also burning trash behind the plant.

Investigation Section

Date Investigated 6-5-07	Time Investigated 1130
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SECTION 1		Size of Waste Mass	Violation Ranking	Points
Length		>640 yd ³	5	
Width		320 yd ³ to 640 yd ³ = 16 roll offs	5	
Height		160 yd ³ to 320 yd ³ = 8 roll offs	4	
Total		80 yd ³ to 160 yd ³ = 4 roll offs	3	
~yd3		40 yd ³ to 80 yd ³ = 2 roll offs	2	
		40 yd ³ or < = 1 roll off	1	1
Size of Waste Mass Score				1

SECTION 2		Contents of Waste Mass	Violation Ranking	Points
Household Waste			5	
Hazardous items {i.e. paint thinner, cleaning chemicals, oil cans, herbicides, medical waste, asbestos}			5	
White Waste {i.e. Refrigerators and appliances that may contain Freon}			3	
Construction/Demolition Waste			3	3
Approximate Number of Tires:			3	
Abandoned Vehicles /Auto Parts: {May contain gasoline, oil, antifreeze or other automotive fluids}			2	
Other Bulky Waste: {i.e. TV's, Furniture, Mattresses, etc.}			2	
Yard Waste			1	
Dead Animals			4	
Other				
Contents of Waste Mass Score				3

SECTION 3 Site Assessment Violation Ranking Points

Air Pollution	Open Burning	5	
Air Pollution	Evidence of Open Burning	4	4
Air Pollution	Strong; Foul Order Present	3	
Water Pollution	Waste in or near standing or flowing water	5	
Water Pollution	Probability of leachate (run-off) into ground/surface water	5	5
Public Health Risk Assessment	Vectors sighted	5	
Public Health Risk Assessment	Evidence of Vectors {i.e. rats, flies, mosquitoes, snakes, scavengers}	4	
Site Usage Assessment	Site attended or maintained for a fee	5	
Site Usage Assessment	History of previous complaints	5	
Site Usage Assessment	Active, attractive nuisance; evidence of recent dumping	5	5
Site Usage Assessment	Dumping resumed at cleaned up or closed site	4	
Site Usage Assessment	Old Site; no evidence of recent dumping; overgrown	2	
Site Assessment Score			14
*Violation Ranking: 1 (Least Serious Violation) to 5 (Most Serious Violation)		TOTAL SCORE	18

GPS Reading

SECTION 4 Violations

Solid Waste Management Act §8-6-205

x	(a)(2) To construct, install, alter, modify, use or operate any solid waste processing or disposal facility or disposal site without a permit from the department
x	(a)(3) To dispose of solid wastes at any disposal site or facility other than a disposal site or for which a permit has been issued by the department
	(a)(3) Individual's household disposal that creates a public or private nuisance or a hazard to health and/or violates a city ordinance or other law and/or involves the open dumping of garbage
	(a)(4) To dump, deposit, throw, or in any manner leave or abandon any solid wastes upon property owned by another person without the written permission of the owner or upon public property
x	(a)(5) To sort, collect, transport, process, or dispose of solid waste contrary to the rules, regulations or orders of the department, or create or likely to create a public nuisance or public health hazard or to cause or likely to cause water or air pollution (Ark. Water and Air Pollution Control Act §8-4-101 et seq)
	(a)(5)(b) A rebuttal presumption when one (1) or more items of solid waste bear the name to indicate that the person committed the unlawful act of disposal

Air Pollution Control Code §8-4-310(a)(1)(2)(3)

x	5)(a) No person shall cause or permit the open burning of refuse, garbage, trade wastes or other waste material, or shall conduct a salvage operation by open burning
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Investigation Comments

On this date Steve Cochran, ADEQ Air Inspector, and I Investigated the Facility and met with Russ Hensley, Production Coordinator, Doug Starkey, Marketing/Sales, and Lorrie McNeil, Human Resources Manager. Steve Cochran reviewed the facility for possible air violations and permit requirements. Mr. Cochran will file a separate report of his findings with the Air Division. I reviewed the solid waste generated by the facility and no hazardous waste was identified in their solid waste stream. Most all of their solid waste is placed in a 4 yard dumpster supplied by NABORS Sanitation. However, the facility does have a disposal pit located behind the plant where they have dumped and burned mostly pallets, brush, and other wood waste. I informed them this method of disposal was illegal and that all the remaining waste in the pit would have to be removed and disposed of properly at a permitted facility. The complainant's issues concerning possible water contamination has been forwarded to the Water Division.

Final Disposition

<input type="checkbox"/>	INVALID COMPLAINT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	VALID COMPLAINT
<input type="checkbox"/>	No evidence found	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Letter Sent
<input type="checkbox"/>	No illegal disposal occurring	<input type="checkbox"/>	Follow-up Investigation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Salvageable materials	<input type="checkbox"/>	Response Received
<input type="checkbox"/>	8-6-205(a)(3) exemption	<input type="checkbox"/>	No further action
<input type="checkbox"/>	Unknown violator – No further action	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Complaint Forwarded To Dale Washam, Water Division

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John Dyess, President
Altronic Research, Inc.
PO Box 249
Yellville, AR 72687

Dear Mr. Dyess:

On June 5, 2007, Steve Cochran, ADEQ Air Inspector and I performed an investigation of the Altronic Research Facility located at 250 MC 5048, Yellville, AR. in Marion County. This investigation was in response to a complaint alleging the open dumping and burning of waste. During the investigation a disposal pit was discovered behind the plant being used for the dumping and burning of solid waste. Be advised that this is a violation of the Arkansas Air Pollution Control Code A.C.A. §8-4-310, and the Arkansas Solid Waste Management Act, A.C.A. §8-6-205. Specifically, the following violations were noted:

1. Operation of an unpermitted solid waste dump site or disposal facility, which is in violation of §8-6-205 (a)(3), (4) and (5). "No person shall dispose of solid waste at any disposal site or facility other than a disposal site or facility for which a permit has been issued by the Department."
2. Open burning of this waste which is in violation of the Arkansas Air Pollution Control Code, A.C.A. § 8-4-310(a)(1)(2), and (3).

By law anyone who violates any provision of the Solid Waste Management Act may be subject to criminal, administrative and civil penalties up to \$10,000. You should immediately cease the activities described and undertake measures to correct the above solid waste violation. You should notify me, in writing, at PO Box 442, Mtn. Home, AR. 72654, or call 870-424-3322, within 20 days of the date of this letter, **when all the waste has been cleaned up and disposed of properly at a permitted disposal facility. Copies of your waste disposal receipt will be required.**

Please be advised, that failure to make contact with me in regard to this notification may warrant formal enforcement action. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Sincerely,



Gary Meador, Inspector
Solid Waste Division

cc: Heidi Love, Inspector Supervisor, SWD
Flora Wrather, Illegal Dump Program, SWD
Steve Cochran, Air Inspector











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