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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
OBSERVATION REPORT - L P C F C 0 5 5 C
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EDP Date _____

SANGAMON County SPRINGFIELD / BUERKETT # 2 (31ST) Site Code 16782516
(11) (18)

Time: From 10:15 Am Photos Taken: Yes (# ) No (X) Region C (19) Date 12/12/8 (20)

To 11:35 Am Site Open: Yes (X) No ( ) Letter Sent (Yes or No) NO (26)

Samples Taken: Yes ( ) No (X) Groundwater ( ) Surface ( ) Other ( ) Inspector D C J (27) (29)

Interviewed MERLE BUERKETT Weather COOL, CLOUDY

Previous Inspection 10-01-84 Previous Correspondence 10-15-84

OPERATIONAL STATUS:

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| Operating | (X) |
| Temporarily Closed | ( ) |
| Closed not Covered | ( ) |
| Closed and Covered | ( ) |

TYPE OF OPERATION:

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| Sanitary Landfill | (X) | Transfer | ( ) |
| Random Dump | ( ) | Dump | ( ) |
| Other | ( ) | | |
| Quantity Received Daily (1-6) | 3 (30) | | |

AUTHORIZATION:

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| E.P.A. Permit | (X) |
| Variance | ( ) |
| 21 (d) | ( ) |
| Board Order | ( ) |
| Other | ( ) |
| None (5) | ( ) |

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GENERAL REMARKS

RICH JOHNSON, DLPC/FOS, accompanied me on this investigation, which was prompted by a telephone call from Merle Buerkett. Mr. Buerkett called to say there was a tanker truck at his landfill carrying an unmanifested load of liquid waste. Mr. Buerkett said he had refused permission to the truck driver to dispose of the waste. Mr. JOHNSON and I arrived at the site to determine the identity of the waste.

We met JOHN DENNY and Larry Sidener of Waste Age, a local septic waste hauling firm, and IEPA Special waste hauler #1276. Mr. DENNY said the waste was water pumped from an excavation at the main post office at 600 E. MONROE in Springfield. The waste was a brown, muddy water having a slight odor. Mr. Sidener said approximately 2250 gallons were in the tanker. This amount was said to be about 2/3 the tanker capacity. We accompanied Mr. DENNY to the Post office to observe the excavation. In the alley south of the Post office we observed an approximately 30'x15'x10' deep hole where a nearby 10,000 gallon tank had been removed from. The bottom of the excavation

ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY — MEMORANDUM

TO: DIVISION FILE — DATE: 12-12-84

FROM: D. C. JANSEN — ☒ Information only

SUBJECT: 1678 2516 SANGAMON CO. — ☐ Response requested

contained no standing water other than in an 8" pipe placed in the bottom to serve as a sump. A concrete slab was said to be under the gravel in the bottom of the excavation. Mr. Denny said the tank that was removed had contained fuel oil. He said about 2200 gallons of fuel oil were lost from the tank about 4 years ago. No trace of fuel oil was visible in the excavation. Water in the 8" pipe had an odor of fuel oil.

Mr. Denny said Big Three Corp. of P.O. Box 164 Windham, New Hampshire 03087 603-893-4048 was the contractor hired by the Post Office to remove the old tank and install a new one.

Upon returning to the landfill I made arrangements to have a special waste permit (see attached) for the tanker of fuel oil contaminated water issued to Buerkett landfill, and a generator number issued to Big Three Corp. I assisted Mr. Denny in completing the incomplete manifest originally brought to the landfill.

Subsequent to the inspection I recommended to the Big Three representative in Spfld. that they obtain a special waste permit for the disposal of fuel oil contaminated gravel remaining in the excavation (See attached).

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