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From: Ramsey, S Scott [SRamsey@adem.alabama.gov]
Sent: 9/26/2019 3:33:14 PM
To: Whiting, Paula [Whiting.Paula@epa.gov]
CC: Story, S Scott [SSS@adem.alabama.gov]
Subject: RE: Recyc Systems Southeast, LLC

Paula

Sorry for the late reply. The Department does typically conduct complaint inspections from land application sites. I can not at this time locate a specific inspection related to this property, but am still looking. However, the Department currently does not regulate the land application of chicken processing waste nor the land application of biosolids. We do perform inspections to determine if there is a water quality impact to the receiving water from the application areas. In addition, we also do not classify sludge as food grade.

Please let me know if you have any other questions.

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Sent: Monday, August 19, 2019 11:07 AM
To: Whiting, Paula <Whiting.Paula@epa.gov>
Cc: Story, S Scott <SSS@adem.alabama.gov>; Ramsey, S Scott <SRamsey@adem.alabama.gov>
Subject: RE: Recyc Systems Southeast, LLC

Paula,

I'm not familiar with this matter. I'm copying Scott Story in our SW Program and Scott Ramsey in our Water Program to see if they have any information.

Brent

From: Whiting, Paula [mailto:Whiting.Paula@epa.gov]
Sent: Friday, August 16, 2019 2:45 PM
To: Watson, Brent <BAW@adem.alabama.gov>
Subject: FW: Recyc Systems Southeast, LLC

Good Afternoon Brent,

Hoping all is well.

Please see the complaint below. Would you please send me an update on any actions responses and/or actions taken?

Thanks,

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From: Annicella, Alan <Annicella.Alan@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, August 14, 2019 11:27 AM
To: Bingham, Kimberly <Bingham.Kimberly@epa.gov>; Lamberth, Larry <Lamberth.Larry@epa.gov>
Cc: Whiting, Paula <Whiting.Paula@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Recyc Systems Southeast, LLC

Hi Kimberly, it appears I have not yet responded. I have cc'd Paula on this matter, the Alabama State Coordinator.

Paula, please share this with the State and see if they have investigated it yet, and if yes, what the outcome was.

Thank you!
Alan

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From: Bingham, Kimberly <Bingham.Kimberly@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, July 29, 2019 3:00 PM

To: Annicella, Alan <Annicella.Alan@epa.gov>; Lamberth, Larry <Lamberth.Larry@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Recyc Systems Southeast, LLC
Importance: High

Alan and Larry,

Do you all know who would be the lead on this matter?

Kimberly

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From: Horner, Lynnette <Horner.Lynnette@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, July 29, 2019 1:50 PM
To: Bingham, Kimberly <Bingham.Kimberly@epa.gov>
Subject: Recyc Systems Southeast, LLC
Importance: High

Hi Kimberly, good speaking with you this morning.

This is the 1st of 2 leads I am forwarding to you. Definitely let me know if your people have any questions and/or find there may be a criminal component.

Complainant: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
Email:
Phone: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Allegations: Recyc Systems Southeast, LLC is allegedly sending a representative around to farmers/landowners/leasers of land, advertising their product as "food grade fertilizer" that's from a poultry processing facility. It's supposedly FREE and rich in nitrogen and other elements that are said to be great for the soil. Their website, www.recyc-systems.net, has a letter posted from the president that says they apply "Class B residuals from wastewater treatment and food processing plants." The complainant appears to be familiar with the regulations and states that Class B, would indicate that they fall under EPA 40 CFR Part 503. The complainant also says she has seen violations and that the land owner was not notified of the application of this sludge. She says they have also applied it to land that was actively grazed. She said she notified Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM). She claims Recyc Systems told her that EPA and ADEM classify their sludge as "food grade". She said they have also spread this near a site (across the road) from land that the Douglas Water Board owns, Big Spring Creek runs through the property.

Violator's address: AL Hwy 79 South, Guntersville, AL 35976

Thanks Kimberly!

LSH

V/r,

Lynnette S. Horner | Special Agent

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