
From: Wilkins, V. Harvey <WILKINVH@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 14, 2014 8:55 AM
To: Daniel Barb
Cc: jeremy_Tolbert@scott.senate.gov; Jack Schulnight; Larry Grooms; Haley, Nikki; Sanford-Coker, Christine; Auerbach, Ashley; Boswell, Wendy; Cook, Randolph; Hiott, Mark; Shealy, Renee; Yarborough, Jonathan
Subject: Re: Continuous Odors from GEN EARTH

Good Morning Mr. Barb:

I want to acknowledge receipt of your Oct. 13, 2014 email and your Oct. 6, 2014 email. As noted in your email: " We contacted the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control and they listened and addressed our concerns." During the past several weeks, representatives of the Lowcountry EQC Charleston office have made several on site visits to areas in which odor complaints were received including Oakley Rd. Odors in these areas varied from not noticeable, minimal, to noticeable. Representatives of the local regional office are continuing to monitor and respond to odor complaints as we receive them.

If you would like to discuss further, please contact me at 843-953-0150.

Sincerely,

V. Harvey Wilkins, P.E.
SC Department of Health and Environmental Control
Lowcountry EQC Region Charleston-McMillan Office
1362 McMillan Ave. Suite 300
Charleston, SC 29405
Telephone: 843-953-0182
Cell Phone: 843-830-6069
Fax: 843-953-0151
Email Address: wilkinvh@dhec.sc.gov

From: Daniel Barb <meherandtheboys@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 13, 2014 11:14 PM
To: Wilkins, V. Harvey
Cc: jeremy_Tolbert@scott.senate.gov; Jack Schulnight; Larry Grooms; Nikki Haley
Subject: Continuous Odors from GEN EARTH

To: *Mr. Harvey Wilkins, P.E.*
SC Department of Environmental Control
Lowcountry EQC Region Charleston

From: *Daniel Barb, Property owner/Resident*
342 Kurios Lane / 348, 352, 354, 356 Oakley Road
Moncks Corner SC

Date: October 6, 2014

Sub: **Odors from Gen Earth Berkeley**

Mr. Wilkins,

Over the past few weeks, we once again have been plagued with the horrible reeking odors from the **Gen Earth** Facility on Oakley Road in Moncks Corner.

Even though I live directly across from this place, I am speaking on behalf of several citizens of Berkeley County who are affected by this plant – this is our community where we live, our homes.

I believe we have exhausted every effort over the past 18 months (since February 2013) attempting to address and resolve this most life altering issue. We first reached out to the employees of the **Gen Earth** facility and they were welcoming and explained their process in detail, even given us tours of the site. They expressed their intentions of being good neighbors and have addressed our concerns, however the smells still exist.

We have contacted and spoken to our local government (Dan Davis –County Supervisor, Colin Martin BCWSA) who made no effort addressing the problems. They did “listen” to people’s concerns however, the odors still exist.

We contacted the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control and they listened to and addressed our concerns. However, the odors and smells still exist.

We have contacted State officials and expressed our concerns and the menacing odors plaguing our community, however, no resolve and the odors and smells still exist.

We went to Berkeley County council, not once but 4 times and expressed our concerns, complained, asked questions that were not answered and STILL, the odors exist to this day October 5th, 2014.

Other than the continuous (24/7) odor, there are questions that have never been answered;

What is the air quality samples/readings of the contents that are released into the atmosphere that we are breathing? We have been “told” by Gen Earth officials and DHEC “Air and Water” that these readings are within normal limits and contain H₂S (Hydrogen Sulfide as well as Ammonia) and are not harmful being the PPM (Parts Per Million) are at the lowest acceptable levels.

Property Values? Even if we wanted to sell, who’s going to buy our homes with this smell?

How could this company and Berkeley County NOT know that this plant and its process was going to produce an odor, not to mention, an intolerable, horrendous and indescribable odor that no one can bare? This company “Gen Earth – Bio Technologies of Berkeley” publically stated “we did not know this process was going to have odor issues”. They haul sewage sludge (**WASTE**) and other materials and place it in a humungous tank, heat it up to produce gas for operating a generator. ***How could anyone involved not know this was going to have an odor?***

Why, was this facility placed where it is? Why was it placed here, in a residential community? Why was it not placed on Daniel Island, Pimlico, Hanahan, Pinopolis, or in the town of Moncks Corner? Did they not place it in these communities because people live in those communities? Me and my community are “people” too and this is where we live and we are FED UP !

The Department of Health and Environmental Control are going by E-mails, letters, phone calls and whatever the **Gen Earth** officials tell them about how they are” addressing the problem” and they have “decreased” the PPM and amount of odors released to the air. DHEC, Governmental officials, Senators, congress and everyone else who is involved or aware of the odor issues should come to our community, drive by the plant, come to my house and see for yourself that these complaints are based on our human bodies senses our noses.

DHEC says they are in compliance with their permit because they have an “odor abatement plan” and they are “Working on the problem” . It’s been over 18 months. Please see attached copy of permit. Reference page 20 “Odor Control Requirements.

Thank you and please feel free to contact me.

Mr. Daniel A. Barb

Mrs. Tiffany G. Barb

Me Her and The Boys Rental Properties LLC

342 Kurios Lane

Moncks Corner SC 29461

(843)709-7450 Cell

(843)761-2204 Home