

November 18, 2015

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Greenwood South Carolina 29646

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864-833-1500

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<p>1. Article Addressed to:</p> <p><i>Upstate EQC Greenwood 1736 S. Main St. Greenwood SC 29646</i></p>  <p>9590 9403 0353 5163 4913 02</p>	<p>B. Received by (Printed Name) <i>Darline Morton</i></p> <p>C. Date of Delivery <i>11-20-15</i></p> <p>D. Is delivery address different from Item 1? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No if YES, enter delivery address below:</p> <p><i>687E 868 E-98 0680-868</i></p>
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South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control

Environmental Quality Control
Incident Report
Incident No.: 201504495

County: Laurens District: Greenwood EQC Office District Log No.:

Incident Type: Land & Waste Management Sub Type: Illegal Dumping Incident Status: Closed

Created: 10/02/2015 by Samuel I Madden Updated: 04/14/2016 by Samuel I Madden

Caller: Charles Gann
11 Horseshoe Dr
Clinton SC 29325
Callback: 864-833-1500

Description of incident: Caller stated that bails of insulation that came out of the old Joanna Mill had been buried behind a trailer in the Smallwood neighborhood across from the new Clinton High School. The caller stated that someone else who knew of the burial because of a wrecker extraction said there were as many as 100 bales of insulation buried. The caller stated that a local pawn shop owner also owns the property where the burial took place. I understood the owner to have a last name of McSwain. The caller also quoted a former local DNR officer who knew of the insulation and said that none of the landfills around would take the insulation.

Documents attached:

Potential Responsible Party: Kenneth G Mcswain
101 N Sloan St
Clinton SC 29325
Phone: 864-872-9787

Observed:

Occurred:

DHEC Notified: 10/02/2015 11:39:30 via Phone Samuel I Madden

Assigned to: Samuel I Madden

48 Hour Goal Met? Y 5 day goal met? N CBEP? N

Closure comments: Property in question is at 146 Shamrock Ave Clinton SC. With the evidence and information we have been able to gather, and with consultation with the Compliance Section and the Site Assessment Section of the Bureau of Land and Waste Management, we don't see there being an environmental threat from the material that was buried at the site. The material is inert in nature and has been in the ground for 10+ years. Unless further evidence is discovered, we are not going to pursue any type of clean-up at this property. See notes

Signature: Samuel Madden

Date: 4-14-16

Notes

Date: 01/08/2016 Time: 11:25:31 Created by: Samuel I Madden

Original complaint came in on 9-17-15. I visited the site on 9-30-15 and did not see any evidence of exposed or buried insulation. From investigation into previous complaint inspections at this site and from talking to Mark Harvley of the Greenwood Office, I have been able to determine that sometime between 2005-2009 denim insulation was buried at this site. The insulation was reportedly manufactured by grinding up denim material and its use was as a blown-in type insulation. An unspecified amount of this material was put on the site and buried. I spoke with the current resident of the property on 1-6-16 at the property. I was not able to see any of this material, however the ground is uneven and appears to sinking/slumping in areas. The current resident has been living in the home for 4 years and the material was buried before he moved in. Some trees have died on the property, in the area of the burial. The current resident, who rents the property from Kenneth McSwain, said the former resident worked at the place that made the insulation and allowed some of the material to be brought onto the property. The owner of the property is Kenneth McSwain. In a conversation on 2-3-16, Mr. McSwain admitted to putting the insulation there to even out the property. I contacted Jessica McClain with Solid Waste compliance on 2-3-16 about this issue. She said the Regional Office would make the call about any clean-up, but if we felt it was warranted, we could contact Site Assessment to see if they had any interest in investigating this issue.

Date: 02/03/2016 Time: 09:39:26 Created by: Samuel I Madden

I spoke with the complainant again on 2-3-16 and the complainant believes that it was not the denim insulation but something toxic that was buried there.

Date: 03/16/2016 Time: 13:12:51 Created by: Uwe W Klauck

2/25/2016: Chris McCluskey (Upstate EQC Anderson/Greenwood Area Director) received an e-mail from David Scaturo (EQC's BLWM- Central Office) stating the following (Note- complainant's name was removed and replaced with "complainant"):

From: "Scaturo, David M." <scaturdm@dhec.sc.gov>
 Date: February 25, 2016 at 2:56:40 PM EST
 To: "McCluskey, Christopher" <MCCLUSCD@dhec.sc.gov>
 Subject: Complaint in Clinton

Chris:

Complainant left me a voicemail complaining about "bales of blue jean material" that may have been burned, but are apparently in his neighborhood and turning moldy/mildewed. He is concerned about the neighborhood's air quality. He said he talked to someone from the Greenwood office who knew about it. Then he called someone in Columbia around Feb 1st but they have done nothing. His number is 864-833-1500. He said he would go to his senator or the governor next.

David Scaturo, Director
 Division of Waste Management
 Bureau of Land & Waste Management
 2600 Bull Street
 Columbia, SC 29201
 (803) 898-0290
 ScaturDM@dhec.sc.gov"

Date: 03/16/2016 Time: 13:22:16 Created by: Uwe W Klauck

2/26/2015: Samuel Madden (Upstate EQC Greenwood office) contacted Jessica McLain (Solid Waste Compliance- Central Office) regarding this issue and received the following e-mail reply:

From: McLain, Jessica
 Sent: Friday, February 26, 2016 11:18 AM

To: Madden, Samuel
Subject: Complaint - Denim

Samuel,

If your office feels like it is warranted, you can fill out a site discovery form and send it to the Federal and State Site Assessment Section. Jonathan McInnis is the Manager. They will do a site assessment of the property to determine if there are any environmental issues. That is the only method we have of investigating this sort of issue.

Let me know what else I can help with.

Jessica P. McLain
Solid Waste Compliance
SCDHEC
2600 Bull Street
Columbia, SC 29201
(803) 898-0461

Date: 03/16/2016 Time: 13:25:58 Created by: Uwe W Klauck
2/29/2016 @ approx. 1300 hrs.; Samuel Madden, Uwe Klauck: The investigators met with the property owner, Kenneth McSwain, at his place of business. Mr. McSwain offered, for our viewing and copying, several pictures of the property on which the denim was buried. The investigators took pictures of the photos he provided. Mr. McSwain also provided the following information:

- 1) The denim material that was brought on to the site was used as a core for a retaining wall behind the mobile home; the denim was covered with soil to complete the wall. The denim was not used to fill a gully.)
- 2) Estimated that 40 bails of denim was used in constructing the wall.
- 3) The wall was constructed in May of 2005.
- 4) The man that delivered the bails worked at the Joanna Mill that generated the denim material. Did not know man's name but said that prior to working at Joanna Mills, he worked up north with a law enforcement agency doing undercover work.

1340 hrs.: The investigators went to the site in question (146 Shamrock Ave. Clinton, SC) and spoke with one of the residents. Permission was obtained to bore auger holes and take pictures on the property. The investigators bored 4 holes several feet deep. Two of the holes yielded trace amounts of what appeared to be fibrous material at a depth of approximately 2 feet; no fibrous type material was observed in the other two holes. All of the holes were located approx. 20 - 30 feet behind the mobile home.

1430 hrs.: The investigators spoke with the complainant at his home. The following information was exchanged during the conversation with the complainant:

- 1) It is not believed that the denim material reported to buried in the yard would pose an environmental threat.
- 2) Our findings would be relayed to our compliance and enforcement personnel in Columbia to determine fate of buried material. [Complainant stated he would like to hear what the Central Office determines would be the fate of the material.]
- 3) The complainant stated that he was concerned about the dead and dying trees near the creek (150 + feet from the mobile home).
- 4) Stated that the Greenwood office personnel were not getting back with him about his concerns and that he doesn't recall ever speaking with Samuel Madden.

Pictures were taken of the backyard and old burn pile (addressed in a previous complaint).

Date: 04/13/2016 Time: 11:06:23 Created by: Samuel I Madden
The following is taken from an email from Jonathan McInnis, Manager of DHEC's Federal and State Site Assessment group to Uwe Klauck, Greenwood EQC Office Manager:

From: McInnis, Jonathan
Sent: Monday, April 11, 2016 2:40 PM
To: Klauck, Uwe
Subject: Re: Denim material buried on lot in Clinton; EFIS Incident # 201504495

Uwe,

I've looked over the incident notes on EFIS and we've discussed this site. Based on the information we have to date, I don't see that there is any investigation we could offer at this time. The fact that the material was placed there by the property owner for a reason, and that the material is thought to be inert denim fabric shreddings, all lead me to our determination of no assessment.

If any of this information changes or there is new evidence or credible suspicion of anything hazardous being buried, let us know and we can re-evaluate. Thanks!

Jonathan

Jonathan McInnis, Manager
Federal & State Site Assessment
Bureau of Land & Waste Management
phone 803 898-0802
fax 803 898-1297
email mcinnijg@dhec.sc.gov

Date: 04/13/2016 Time: 11:31:42 Created by: Samuel I Madden

I spoke with the complainant on 3-31-16 and he told me that he thought we were going to get right back with him after our visit and requested that we mail him a copy of our report. I told him we were waiting to hear back from the site assessment group and that I would mail him the report as soon as we got it finalized.

Date: 04/13/2016 Time: 11:36:15 Created by: Samuel I Madden

I mailed a copy of this EFIS report to the complainant on 4-14-16.

Date: 04/14/2016 Time: 13:08:32 Created by: Samuel I Madden

Uwe Klauck and myself called the complainant on 4-12-16 to relay to him our decision. We told him that with the evidence we have and through consultation with Compliance and Site Assessment in Columbia, we didnt find any reason to pursue any clean-up at the property on Shamrock Ave. We told him we thought the material was inert and would not cause any environmental problems, and would degrade quickly. The complainant stated he wasn't happy with the way this has been handled and requested a written report.