

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Fremont County has applied to the Eastern Idaho Public Health Department for a temporary waiver from the daily cover requirements during the winter months at the Island Park Landfill. Daily cover, in this case, refers to covering the municipal waste materials with six inches of dirt at the end of the day. Idaho Code requires a 28-day comment period for the public to inspect the proposal and provide public comment. All comments should be sent to both the Eastern Idaho Public Health District, attention Kellye Eager, Environmental Health Director and to Fremont County, attention Abbie Mace, Fremont County Clerk. The public comment period will run from February 2, 2010 to March 2, 2010.

BACKGROUND

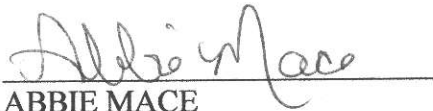
Daily cover is required at landfills by Federal Code 40 CFR 258.21(a) to control disease vectors, fires, odors, blowing litter and scavenging. 40 CFR 258.21(c) provides the State Director may grant a temporary waiver from the daily cover requirement if it can be demonstrated that extreme climatic conditions make meeting such requirements impractical. Fremont County believes such extreme climatic conditions exist at the Island Park Landfill and is requesting a waiver of the daily cover requirements between November 15 and March 15.

PROPOSAL

Fremont County proposes to apply cover on a less frequent basis than daily, depending on the waste stream received but not less frequent than once per week during the winter (November 15 to March 15). During this period, the temperature is almost always below freezing and often below 0° F. The extreme cold greatly reduces odors, blowing litter and disease vectors. Fires and scavenging have not been problems at the Island Park Landfill.

Based on operational experience, Fremont County believes the Island Park Landfill is a good candidate for a temporary waiver from the daily cover requirement during the winter months. The health of the community will not be adversely affected by the waiver and the lifespan of the landfill will be extended which provides a benefit to the community.

Citizens may call the Public Work's Office for Fremont County, at (208) 624-1539 or 624-7312, for questions or to review this application.



ABBIE MACE

Fremont County Clerk to the Board

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