



2020 Coffin Butte Landfill Community Member Concerns Annual Report

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Oregon state law 459.325 outlines the duties of Benton County's Disposal Site Advisory Committee, which includes the requirement that "the committee shall prepare an annual written report summarizing the local citizens' concerns and the manner in which the owner or operator is addressing those concerns", which will be considered by the Department of Environmental Quality as part of issuing and renewing a solid waste permit.

The following report summarizes community member concerns regarding Coffin Butte Landfill in 2020. Concerns listed in this report have been compiled using information from the Coffin Butte Landfill & Pacific Region Compost Annual Report 2020 (with supplemental details from the disposal site franchisee, Republic Services), complaints received by Benton County staff, and any concerns presented during Benton County Disposal Site Advisory Committee and Solid Waste Advisory Council meetings.

There were a total of ten community member concerns reported during 2020, detailed in Table 1, which include four reported odor notices, and exclude two duplicate concerns. The most prevalent topic among the landfill concerns aside from odor was roadside debris. Other reported concerns include accepted materials, cost, public tipping area, and "other". Table 1 provides an overview of responses to each concern.

Concerns about roadside debris are being addressed in multiple ways. Republic Services reported that they intend to continue to organize quarterly roadside debris clean-ups along the section of Highway 99 immediately adjacent to the landfill, as well as the nearby areas of Independence Highway. Benton County coordinates an adopt-a-road program, as well as additional organized clean-ups to facilitate the removal of roadside debris along county roads near the landfill, including Independence Highway. Beginning in January of 2021, rates at the landfill have also been adjusted to incentivize properly covered and secured loads, where haulers with properly covered and secured loads pay less of a disposal cost than those without covered and secured loads. The Covered and Secured Loads Initiative aims to reduce the amount of debris which are unintentionally deposited along the roadside by landfill customers due to improperly covered and secured loads. Republic Services worked with Benton County to develop and video to help educate the public on how to properly cover and secure loads.

Coffin Butte Landfill Concern Log 2020					
#	Date	Category	Details	Received By	Response
1	Feb. 2020	Odor	Odor	Coffin Butte Landfill	The landfill received, responded to, documented, and reported to DEQ.
2	Feb. 2020	Odor	Odor	Coffin Butte Landfill	The landfill received, responded to, documented, and reported to DEQ.
3	Apr. 2020	Odor	Odor	Coffin Butte Landfill	The landfill received, responded to, documented, and reported to DEQ.
4	Apr. 2020	Other	Poor stepping surface.	Coffin Butte Landfill	Improved stepping surface for customers.
5	Jul. 2020	Roadside Debris	Roadside Debris on Independence Highway.	Benton County	Benton County Public Works planned clean-up crew to respond to complaint area. Developed Covered and Secured Loads initiative with Republic Services.
6	Oct. 2020	Roadside Debris	Roadside Debris on Highway 99.	Benton County	Republic Services planned quarterly clean-up crews to respond to complaint area. Developed Covered and Secured Loads initiative with Republic Services.
7	Oct. 2020	Cost	Cost structure not incentivizing waste reduction.	Benton County	Cost structure is outlined in the new disposal site franchise agreement, resulting in further cost reduction for residential self-hauling on a per-vehicle basis. This does not incentivize waste reduction, but increases access residential self-haul services.
8	Oct. 2020	Accepted Materials	Fire debris not accepted	Benton County	Republic Services provided detailed guidance for fire material requirements and process.
9	Oct. 2020	Odor	Odor	Coffin Butte Landfill	The landfill received, responded to, documented, and reported to DEQ.
10	Oct. 2020	Public Tipping Area	Limited lighting in public tipping area.	Coffin Butte Landfill	Improved lighting in public tipping area.

Table 1: Coffin Butte Landfill Concern Log, summarizing concerns reported by both Coffin Butte Landfill and Benton County.