



Solid Waste Management Department
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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Interoffice Memo

To: Jim Liesenfelt, Interim County Manager

THRU: Tad Calkins, Assistant County Manager

FROM: Thomas J. Mulligan, Solid Waste Management Department Director *TM*

SUBJECT: Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation #2025030

CEER #2025030, titled Stop Polluting Our Air, was received by the County from Terry A. LaPlante.

Citizen Statement:

For the last year or two I have been assaulted with the smell of Febreeze or a similar non-organic air freshener. I thought it was my neighbor doing his laundry and that he was using a scent product in his dryer that was blowing out into my yard. Over and over I was driven back into my home in order to breath (sic). The day came to when he was away on vacation and I realized the smell wasn't coming from his house. My other neighbors did not appear to be home. I started asking around about the smell and was told that this fragrance was being released into the air to cover up the smell of the landfill on Sarno Road. I live off of Post Road. I was told that it was someone living near the landfill that had demanded something be done about the smell. I object to this practice. To me anyone who buys property near a land fill has reason to expect a smell and has no right to demand the air be polluted for the whole city. I urge you to stop this practice. These air fresheners have strong links to a number of health issues which I would be happy to provide you more information on. Thank you for taking this issue under consideration and hopefully bringing it up for public discussion if necessary.

Citizen Recommendation:

Stop the practice of using scents to cover up smells coming from the land fill. This will keep the people living in the affected area from experiencing a wide range of health issues. This will save the county money by not using this product. This will prevent further pollution of our land and water and eliminate the unattended (sic) consequences of taking such an action without the consent of the public. This puts the welfare of the people ahead of the interest of one or perhaps a few people.

Staff Analysis:

The Brevard County Solid Waste Management Department processes both Class I and Class III waste at the 3379 Sarno Road, Melbourne facility.

Class III waste collected from the south portion of Brevard County is disposed of in the Sarno Road Landfill. Class III waste includes non-hazardous material generally considered not to be water soluble, including, but not limited to steel, concrete, glass, brick, asphalt roofing material, or lumber. As such, Class III waste does not pose a risk of emitting noxious or offensive gas or odors to surrounding properties.

Class I waste collected from the south portion of Brevard County is tipped in the Sarno Road Transfer Station for transport and disposal at the Central Disposal Facility Class I landfill located at 2250 Adamson Road, Cocoa. Class I waste includes Class III waste plus animal, fruit, or vegetable matter that attends the manufacture, preparation, use, cooking and dealing in, or storage of edibles, and any other matter, of any nature whatsoever, which is subject to decay, putrefaction and the generation of noxious or offensive gasses or odors, or which, during or after decay, may serve as breeding or feeding material for flies or other germ-carrying vectors. Because of the propensity for Class I waste to generate noxious and offensive odors, control of objectionable odors at the transfer station is required by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Indoor Waste Processing Facility permit. The use of a misting odor control system is the industry standard for transfer stations across the United States. The odor-control misting system employed at the Sarno Road Transfer Station utilizes an odor neutralizing concentrate diluted in water that is then pumped into mister arrays along the ceiling of the transfer station tipping floor. The mist mixes with and neutralizes the odors from the Class I waste. The product utilized is Cherry-O Deodorant. According to the Safety Data Sheet it does not contain any substances considered hazardous to health.

Staff Recommended Action:

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners reject Citizens Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation CEER #2025030, as the use of odor-control equipment while operating the Sarno Road Transfer Station is required by the FDEP and failure to do so will result in permit violations and fines.

CC: Frank Abbate, County Manager

Horst, Rachel

From: CEER@brevardfl.gov
Sent: Saturday, January 18, 2025 7:33 PM
To: Horst, Rachel
Subject: A new CEER Recommendation has been submitted as ID #2025030

Recommendation # 2025030

Dear CEER Administrator,

Speak Up Brevard Recommendation ID #2025030 has been submitted. Please login to the CEER Application to start the recommendation evaluation workflow.

Contact Information:

Group/Organization

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Recommendation Information:

Recommendation ID	2025030
Recommendation Title	Stop polluting our air
Areas Affected	32935
Department Affected	SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT
Current problem	<p>For the last year or two I have been assaulted with the smell of Febreeze or a similar non-organic air freshener. I thought it was my neighbor doing his laundry and that he was using a scent product in his dryer that was blowing out into my yard. Over and over I was driven back into my home in order to breath. The day came to when he was away on vacation and I realized the smell wasn't coming from his house. My other neighbors did not appear to be home. I started asking around about the smell and was told that this fragrance was being released into the air to cover up the smell of the landfill on Sarno Road. I live off of Post Road. I was told that it was someone living near the landfill that had demanded something be done about the smell. I object to this practice. To me anyone who buys property near a land fill has reason to expect a smell and has no right to demand the air be polluted for the whole city. I urge you to stop this practice. These air fresheners have strong links to a number of health issues which I would be happy to provide you more information on. Thank you for taking this issue under consideration and hopefully bringing it up for public discussion if necessary.</p>

Recommendation

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Attachments

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