

## **Crow Lane Landfill Update — August 25, 2015**

This update is being provided by MassDEP concerning the closure activities that are currently underway at the Crow Lane Landfill.

In addition to this web page update posted on the MassDEP Northeast Region website at: <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/about/contacts/crow-lane-landfill-newburyport-monitoring-reports-data.html>, an email was sent to an interested persons list. Please send your questions, comments and suggestions to: [crowlane.information@massmail.state.ma.us](mailto:crowlane.information@massmail.state.ma.us).

### **Status — Flare — Complaint Line**

Yesterday, the Commonwealth reported to New Ventures' representatives that the Flare's programmable logic controller (PLC) had stopped sending communications regarding the flare's operational status and related data. Without the automated information being sent, MassDEP cannot tell if the flare is operating or not. MassDEP arranged to have its consultant, CBI/Shaw on-site this morning. CBI staff reported to us that, at 7:02 a.m. today, the flare was not operating. In turn, the Commonwealth notified New Ventures' representatives that the flare was not operating.

New Ventures' landfill gas consultant, Blue Granite, notified the sub-contractor, United Automation, about the malfunction. United Automation visited the Landfill yesterday and today. We received data late today that indicates that the flare attempted to automatically restart last night, but failed to do so successfully. Reportedly there was/is a problem with the cell unit, but the automated messages are once again being generated and sent, as of 3:43 p.m. today. We have been told that the flare is set to restart at 9:00 p.m. tonight.

In addition to recent odor complaints, DEP has received complaints from several residents that the Crow Lane Landfill Complaint Line (978-462-5240) has been disconnected. The Commonwealth promptly relayed those complaints to New Ventures' representatives yesterday. MassDEP staff called the Complaint line today, and also heard the recording that states that the number is no longer in service. As noted previously, real-time emails to the Crow Lane Information mailbox regarding any perceived odors or issues at or near the Landfill may allow us to deploy inspectors real-time, and are much appreciated.

MassDEP has been working with Mayor Holaday, Senator O'Connor-Ives and Representative Kelcourse concerning these recent Landfill issues.

### **MassDEP Oversight**

MassDEP and/or personnel from MassDEP's consultant (CBI/Shaw Environmental Inc.) continue to monitor the landfill on a regular basis. MassDEP and/or Shaw personnel are scheduled to be at the Landfill several times per week.

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