

VIOLATIONS

5. On the basis of direct observations of Brian Gift, Lauren Grumieaux, and Emma Gerkitz of the LaSalle County Department of Land Use, it has been determined that the Respondents have caused or allowed open dumping at the above-described facility in a manner which results in the following occurrences:

That on March 19, 2026, an on-site inspection of said facility disclosed the following:

- ~~XXX~~ Causing or allowing litter -- 415 ILCS 5/21 (p) (1), (formerly Ill. Rev. Stat. 1991, ch. 111 ½, par. 1021 (p) (1) [formerly par. 1021 (q) (1)]).
- ~~XXX~~ Causing or allowing scavenging operations -- 415 ILCS 5/21 (p) (2), (formerly Ill. Rev. Stat. 1991, ch. 111 ½, par. 102 (p) (2) [formerly par. 1021 (q) (2)]).
- Causing or allowing open burning -- 415 ILCS 5/21 (p) (3), (formerly Ill. Rev. Stat. 1991, ch. 111 ½, par. 1021(p) (3) [formerly par. 1021 (q) (3)]).
- Causing or allowing the deposition of waste in standing or flowing waters -- 415 ILCS 5/21 (p) (4), (formerly Ill. Rev. Stat. 1991, ch. 111 ½, par. 1021 (p) (4) [formerly par. 1021 (q) (4)]).
- Causing or allowing proliferation of disease vectors -- 415 ILCS 5/21 (p) (5), (formerly Ill. Rev. Stat. 1991, ch. 111 ½, par. 1021(p) (5) [formerly par. 1021 (q) (5)]).
- Causing or allowing the generation of standing or flowing liquid discharge from the open dump site -- 415 ILCS 5/21 (p) (6), (formerly Ill. Rev. Stat. 1991, ch. 111 ½, par. 1021(p) (6) [formerly par. 1021 (q) (6)]).
- Causing or allowing the deposition of general construction or demolition debris, or clean construction or demolition debris in violation of 415 ILCS 5/21(p)(7).

CIVIL PENALTY

6. Pursuant to 415 ILCS 5/42 (b) (4), formerly Ill. Rev. Stat. 1991, ch. 111 ½, par. 1042 (b) (4), Respondent herein is subject to a civil penalty of Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1500.00) for each violation specified above in Paragraph 5(b) for a total of three Thousand Dollars (\$3000.00). Additionally, should the Respondent elect to petition the Illinois Pollution Control Board under the review process described herein below, and if there is a finding of the violation alleged herein, after an adjudicatory hearing, Respondent shall be assessed the associated hearing costs incurred by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and the Illinois Pollution Control Board, in addition to the Fifteen Hundred Dollar (\$1500.00) statutory penalty for each finding of violation.
7. If you acknowledge the violations cited herein above, the civil penalty specified above shall be due and payable no later than thirty-five (35) days from the date of service hereof. If you do not petition the Illinois Pollution Control Board of review of this Administrative Citation within thirty-five (35) days of service hereof or if you elect to contest this Administrative Citation, any judgment rendered against you shall specify the due date of the statutory civil penalty and any costs assessed against you.

8. When payment is made, one certified check or money order for (\$1,500.00) shall be made payable to the **LaSalle County Treasurer** and mailed to:

**LaSalle County Land Use Department
119 West Madison Street
Room 107a
Ottawa, Illinois 61350**

And one certified check or money order for (\$1,500.00) shall be made payable to the **Illinois Environmental Protection Trust** and mailed to:

**Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Attn.: Fiscal Services Division
2520 W Iles Ave, P.O. Box 19276**

P.O. Box 19276
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276

Also, please complete and return the enclosed Remittance Form, along with your payment, to assure proper documentation of payment.

9. If any civil penalty imposed by the Illinois Pollution Control Board is not paid within the time prescribed in the order, interest from such penalty will be assessed for the period from the date payment is due until the date payment is received. If any civil penalty, by reason of acknowledgment, default or finding after the adjudicatory hearing is not paid when due, the LaSalle County State's Attorney may initiate proceedings in Circuit Court to collect said civil penalty. In addition to the previously assessed civil penalty, interest and hearing costs of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, if any, the State's Attorney's Office will seek to recover their costs of litigation.

**PROCEDURE FOR CONTESTING THIS
ADMINISTRATIVE CITATION**

10. You have the right to contest this Administrative Citation. See: 415 ILCS 5/31.1, formerly Ill. Rev. Stat. 1991, Ch. 111 ½, par. 1031.1. If you elect to contest this Administrative Citation, you must file a Petition for Review with the Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board. Copies of the Petition for Review should also be filed with:

Jeremiah Adams
LaSalle County Assistant State's Attorney
707 Etna Road
Ottawa, Illinois 61350

LaSalle County Department of Land Use
119 West Madison Street
Room 107
Ottawa, Illinois 61350

Such Petition for Review must be filed within thirty-five (35) days of the date of service of this Administrative Citation, or a default judgment shall be entered by the Pollution Control Board. Petition for Review may be filed with the:

Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board
60 E. Van Buren St., Ste. 630
Chicago, IL 60605

Dated:

4/29/26

Joseph Navarro
LaSalle County State's Attorney

By: _____

Jeremiah Adams
Assistant State's Attorney

**BEFORE THE
ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD**

COUNTY OF LASALLE)

Complainant)

v.)

JUDITH SCHUSTER TRUSTEE)

Respondent(s))

AC NO. _____

REMITTANCE FORM

FACILITY:

Judith Schuster
3992 E. 3rd Rd
Mendota, IL 61342

Site Code: 0998325007
County: LaSalle
Township: Troy Grove

CIVIL PENALTY:

\$1500.0 for each violation

Number of Violation(s):

Two (2)

Total Remittance:

\$1,500.00 (50% of \$3,000.00 penalty to IEPA)

Date of Inspection:

March 19, 2026

DATE REMITTED:

SS/FEIN NUMBER

SIGNATURES

NOTE

Please enter the date of your remittance, your social security number (SS) if an individual, or Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) if a corporation, and sign this Remittance Form. Be sure your certified check or money order is enclosed, and mail, along with Remittance Form to:

**LaSalle County Department of Land Use
119 West Madison Street, Room 107a
Ottawa, IL 61350**

**BEFORE THE
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 Complainant)
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 v.)
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 JUDITH SCHUSTER TRUSTEE)
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INFORMATIONAL NOTICE !!!

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU READ THE ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS

NOTE: This Administrative Citation Refers to One State Agency and Two County Entities

The One State Agency Is:

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
60 E VAN BUREN ST, STE 630
CHICAGO, IL 60605

The Two County Entities Are:

LASALLE COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY OFFICE
ATTENTION: JEREMIAH ADAMS
707 ETNA ROAD
OTTAWA, ILLINOIS 61350

LASALLE COUNTY LAND USE DEPARTMENT
119 WEST MADISON STREET
ROOM 107A
OTTAWA, ILLINOIS 61350

If you elect to contest the enclosed ADMINISTRATIVE CITATION, you must file a PETITION FOR REVIEW within thirty-five (35) days of the date the ADMINISTRATIVE CITATION was served upon you. Any such PETITION FOR REVIEW must be filed with the CLERK OF THE ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD by either hand-delivering or mailing the PETITION FOR REVIEW to the **CLERK OF THE ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD** at the address given above. A copy of the PETITION FOR REVIEW should be either hand-delivered or mailed to the LASALLE COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, ATTENTION: JEREMIAH ADAMS at the address given above. Also, a copy of the PETITION FOR REVIEW should be either hand-delivered or mailed to the LASALLE COUNTY LAND USE DEPARTMENT at the address given above.

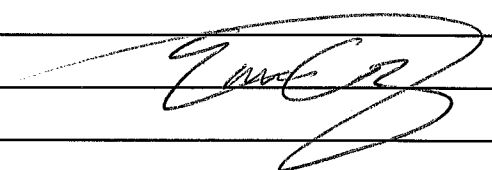
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Open Dump Inspection Checklist

County: LaSalle BOL #: 0998325007 Region: 1 - Rockford
 Site Name: Judith Schuster Property
 Site Address: 3992 E. 3rd Rd. City: Mendota
 Inspector: L. Grumieaux, E. Gerkitz, B. Gift Interviewed: _____
 Date: 03/19/2026 Current Est. 50 yds³
 Complaint #: 25LSLC-00009 Waste Amt. _____

Responsible Party: Judith Schuster
 Mailing Address(es) and Phone Number(s): 3998 E. 3rd Rd.
Mendota, IL 61342

Section	Description	Status
Illinois Environmental Protection Act Requirements		
9(a)	Cause, threaten, or allow air pollution in Illinois	
9(c)	Cause or allow open burning	
12(a)	Cause, threaten, or allow water pollution in Illinois	
12(d)	Create a water pollution hazard	
21(a)	Cause or allow open dumping	V
21(d)	Conduct any waste-storage, waste-treatment, or waste- disposal operation:	
(1)	Without a permit	V
(2)	In violation of any regulations or standards adopted by the Board	
21(e)	Dispose, treat, store, or abandon waste, or transport waste into Illinois for such activities, except at a site meeting Act and regulatory requirements	V
21(p)	Cause or allow the open dumping of any waste in a manner which results in any of the following occurrences at the dump site:	
(1)	Litter	V
(2)	Scavenging	
(3)	Open Burning	
(4)	Deposition of waste in standing or flowing waters	
(5)	Proliferation of disease vectors	
(6)	Standing or flowing liquid discharge from the dump site	
(7)	Deposition of general construction or demolition debris as defined at §3.160(a) or clean construction or demolition debris as defined at §3.160(b)	V
55(a)	No person shall	
(1)	Cause or allow open dumping of any used or waste tire	V
(2)	Cause or allow open burning of any used or waste tire	

55(k)	No person shall	
(1)	Cause or allow water to accumulate in used or waste tires	V
(4)	Transport used or waste tires in violation of the registration and placarding requirements	
Consumer Electronic Recycling Act (415 ILCS 151) Requirements		
83(c)	No person may knowingly cause or allow the mixing of a CED or other listed device with waste that is intended for disposal by burning or incineration	
83(d)	No person may knowingly cause or allow the burning or incineration of a CED or other listed device	
35 Illinois Administrative Code Subtitle G Requirements		
722.111	Hazardous waste determination	
808.121	Special waste determination	
809.302(a)	Acceptance of special waste from a waste transporter without a waste hauling permit and manifest	
812.101(a)	Application submitted for permit to develop and operate landfill	
Other Requirements		
Apparent violation of: <input type="checkbox"/> PCB order <input type="checkbox"/> Circuit Court order		NA
Case Number _____ ; Order entered on _____		
Other		

- Notes
1. Key to Status: V=Violated; C=Continuing violation from previous evaluation; V/C=Newly violated and continuing from previous evaluation; V/R=Violated and resolved during same inspection; R=Resolved violation; NA=Not applicable at the time of the inspection; NE=Not evaluated at the time of the inspection
 2. The provisions of §§21(o)–(p) and §55(k) of the Environmental Protection Act are enforceable either by administrative citation under §31.1 or by complaint under §31. Violations of the Consumer Electronic Recycling Act are enforceable by administrative citation under §1-55(a) or referral to the Attorney General pursuant to §1-50(b).
 3. This inspection was conducted in accordance with §§4(c)–(d) of the Environmental Protection Act (415 ILCS 5/4(c) and (d)).

0998325007-LaSalle County
Troy Grove/ Judith Schuster Property

NARRATIVE INSPECTION REPORT DOCUMENT

GENERAL REMARKS

On March 19, 2026, an open dumping re-inspection was conducted at 3992 E. 3rd Rd., Mendota by Mr. Brian Gift, Ms. Lauren Grumieaux, and Ms. Emma Gerkitz representing the LaSalle County Land Use Department, under the delegation authority of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. The property is owned by Judith Schuster.

On March 19, 2026, the weather was sunny and 53 degrees F. Winds were S at 7 mph.

Mr. Gift, Ms. Grumieaux, and I arrived on site at 11:10 AM and began the inspection.

Before inspecting the open dump site, we attempted to make contact with Mrs. Judith Schuster, the property owner of the residence. Mrs. Schuster was not home at the time of the inspection. Continuing, we began the inspection from the northern driveway in the backyard. I observed all previously recorded piles of assorted debris, materials, and waste remaining on-site. Since the previous inspection, all pods and silos remain on-site and have not been removed, in contrast to prior discussions.

At the northern portion of the parcel, I documented that household items, scrap materials, wooden pallets, and tires remain. (Photo #1) Further north, scrap materials were observed surrounding the storage structures on the property. Snow-covered household items and scrap items were also documented along the southern side of the northern silo pod. (Photo #2)

Continuing south, we viewed the area surrounding the southern garage. (Photo #3) Additional household items, landscaping materials, and various waste items remain placed along the eastern portion of the garage.

We then observed the back eastern portion of the property adjacent to the farm land. (Photo #4) No changes were observed, and all waste remained in the area. Bicycles, wood pallets, household items, an inoperable vehicle, demolition debris, and various scrap items remain in a substantial pile. Facing north, white goods were placed in a row. (Photo #5) I noted that the open dumping remains primarily located in the southwest portion of the parcel. Efforts to clean the property were not observed, and the continuous addition of miscellaneous waste items continues to occur.

After documenting our findings, we concluded the inspection at 11:18 AM.

Apparent violations noted:

Illinois Environmental Protection Act:

21 (a), 21(d) 1, 21(e), 21(p) 1, 7, 55 (a) 1, and 55 (k) 1.

END OF NARRATIVE BY EMMA GERKITZ

STATE OF ILLINOIS
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

SITE SKETCH

Date of Inspection: 3.19.26 Inspector (s): B. Gift, L. Grumiaux, E. Gevkitz
Site Code: 0998325007 County: LASALLE
Site Name: Judith Schuster Property Time: 11:10 - 11:18





DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHS

Judith Schuster Property 0998325007



Date: 3/19/2026
Time: 11:17 AM
Direction: North
Photo by:
L. Grumieaux
Exposure #: 1
Comments:
Household items,
scrap materials, tires,
construction debris.



Date: 3/19/2026
Time: 11:17 AM
Direction: Northeast
Photo by:
L. Grumieaux
Exposure #: 2
Comments:
Household items,
scrap materials.



DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHS

Judith Schuster Property 0998325007



Date: 3/19/2026
Time: 11:17 AM
Direction: South
Photo by:
L. Grumieaux
Exposure #: 3
Comments:
Household items,
scrap/waste items,
landscaping
materials.



Date: 3/19/2026
Time: 11:18 AM
Direction: East
Photo by:
L. Grumieaux
Exposure #: 4
Comments:
Household items,
scrap materials,
bicycles, inoperable
vehicle, demolition
debris.



DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHS

Judith Schuster Property 0998325007



Date: 3/19/2026
Time: 11:18 AM
Direction: North
Photo by:
L. Grumieaux
Exposure #: 5
Comments: White
goods, scrap
materials.

COUNTY OF LASALLE)

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Respondent(s))

AC NO. _____

AFFIDAVIT

Affiants, Brian Gift, Lauren Grumieaux, and Emma Gerkitz being first duly sworn, voluntarily deposes and states as follows:

1. Affiants are employed by the County of LaSalle and have been so employed at all times pertinent hereto.
2. On March 19, 2026, between 11:10 a.m. and 11:18 a.m., Affiants conducted inspections of a disposal/storage site operated without an Agency permit, located in LaSalle County, Illinois, and known as the Judith Schuster Property by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. Said site has been assigned site code number 0998325007 by the Agency.
3. Affiants inspected the said Troy Grove Township / Judith Schuster Property open dump site by an on-site inspection, which included conducting a visual inspection and photographing the site.
4. As a result of the material actions referred to in paragraph 3 above, Affiants completed the Inspection Report Forms attached hereto and made a part hereof, which, to the best of Affiant's knowledge and belief, is an accurate representation of Affiant's observations and factual conclusions with respect to said Troy Grove Township / Judith Schuster Property open dump.

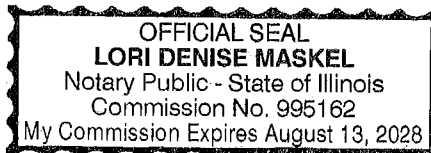
Brian Gift, LaSalle County

Lauren Grumieaux, LaSalle County

Emma Gerkitz, LaSalle County

Subscribed and Sworn to Before Me
this 29th day of April, A.D. 2026.

Lori Denise Maskel
Notary Public



BEFORE THE

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Complainant)

v.)

JUDITH SCHUSTER TRUSTEE)

Respondent(s))

AC NO. _____

PROOF OF SERVICE

The undersigned, after being first duly placed on oath, voluntarily deposes and states that he personally served the attached LaSalle County Administrative Citation, Informational Notice, Remittance Form, together with correct copies of the attached Inspector's Affidavit, the Inspection Report Form with attachments upon the following named person(s):

Judith Schuester
3998 E. 3rd Rd.
Mendota, IL 61342

or upon an authorized agent of such person(s) for the purpose of service of process upon such person(s), by:

() personal service

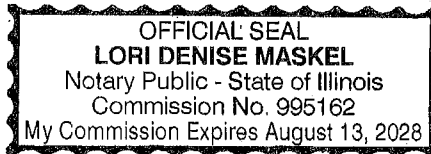
(X) Certified Mail, postage pre-paid and deposited in the United States Mail, plainly addressed to such person(s) at the above-described location.

on this, the 29th day of April, A.D. 2026.

R. J. [Signature]
Director of Land Use

Subscribed and Sworn to Before Me
this 29th day of April, A.D. 2026.

Lori Denise Maskel
Notary Public





May 2, 2026

Dear Lori Maskel:

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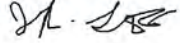
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Recipient Signature

Signature of Recipient:	 LORI MASKEL
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