

September 23, 2010

From: Karen L. Allen

To: Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Re Illinois Environmental Protection Agency V. Karen Allen
IEPA File No. 228-10- AC: 1998535008—Williamson County

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Attn: Michelle M. Ryan – Assistant Council

I, Karen Allen have not violated Sections 21(p)(1), (p)(3) and (p)(7) of the Act(415ILCS5/21(P)(1), (P) (7) (2008), by causing or allowing open dumping of waste in a manner resulting in litter, open burning, and the deposition of general or clean construction or demolition debris on my property. I have not given anyone permission to dump any waste material by implied consent, verbal consent, or written okay.

Walter Allen is recycling wood pallets, metal, and paper. The tree debris comes from the trees that were blown over and blocking the traffic on the entire length of Africa road in May of 2009. These downed trees are a result of the inland hurricane that occurred in May 2009. Walter did not burn these trees because he had wood pallets close to them. He has some of the pallets stored against our barn that are not in the photographs taken by the EPA.

The garbage containers have been stored at this location since 2007. These dumpsters have never been used with the exception of 4 or 5 dumpsters that were recovered when G. Allen and Wayne's Disposal split up. Originally, there were 44 dumpsters shipped by the manufacturer to this location. The larger dumpsters are being sold and the smaller dumpsters are being set for customers.

The boxes of paper on the pallets were placed there to dry out because the paper had been rained on while it was still in the pickup truck.

In 2008, Walter began to clean up site A. A relative, Jesse Thomas, was staying in an old office trailer at this time. Walter excavated and hauled some of the waste material (trailer, lien to, railroad ties, metal, concrete blocks) up to the west toward the pond. He was burning the wood and insulation and other debris from the trailer until Jesse asked him, if he could burn the debris some place, else because he had asthma and the smoke from the fire was bothering him. So, He hauled this material to another site on the property. (Site B see drawing) He was burning this debris, when he was stopped by a representative of the EPA. (Ms. Stevenson). She said that he was violating illegal transfer codes, open burning codes and some other EPA codes. He was told that he could not burn the debris, even though it was on my property because it contained insulation material, metal,

I respectfully ask the Pollution Board to consider that the burning was a one time occurrence that took place in 2008, and there has not been any burning since that time. I hope that the photographs taken at the site show underbrush and saplings growing in the site that will verify my claim.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Karen L. Allen

CC: James Therrialt, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Board

CC: Mr. Garrison, Marion IL. EPA

Drawings not to scale

- KK - Remnants of 2 Tractors
- * - one shed type structure
- X - Debris and previous burning 2008
- oo - R oaks
- oo - R oak
- A - Burn site
- B - Burn site

