

Complaint Information

4100 - EP SE Rgnl Off Norristown

Complaint Id: 371345

County: Bucks

Entered By: LISA MILLER

Source: Phone Call

Date Received: 04/12/2023

Abbreviated Description: Odors from composting slaughterhouse waste.

Long Description:

Related Complaint Id:

Municipality: Plumstead Township

After Hours (Y/N): N

ER Related (Y/N): N

Date Acknowledged:

Call Log

Seq # 1

Call Log Received	Source	Comment
04/12/2023 11:31 AM	Phone Call	Complaint regarding foul odors emanating from a slaughterhouse for the past few months including today. The odors began over the winter when a new owner took over. Caller said that leftover material from slaughtering cows is buried onsite, and the odors are evident in the neighborhood and attracting vultures. The business processes approximately 2 trailers of cattle per week.

Call Log

Seq # 2

Call Log Received	Source	Comment
04/12/2023 03:17 PM	Phone Call	Caller described "horrible" odors from the slaughterhouse today and last weekend. Odors were not as evident yesterday. They said this has been a concern for a few months.

Responsible Party Information

Name:

Company: Kingdom Provisions

Permit #:

County:

Address: 5960 DURHAM RD
PIPERSVILLE, PA 18947-1214

Home Phone:

Work Phone: 267-914-7430

Ext:

Mobile Phone:

Municipality:

Response Information

Priority: 3

of Documents: 0

Program: Waste Management

Complaint Type: Odor

Date Referred:

Date Response Assigned: 04/12/2023

Referred To:

Date Response Due: 05/24/2023

Date Resolved: 04/19/2023

Date First Response: 04/12/2023

Inspector: MOLLY GOODMAN

Supervisor: JONATHAN E BOWER

Investigation Information**Date Assigned:** 04/12/2023**Date Investigated:** 04/12/2023**Type:** Phone Call**Inspector:** MOLLY GOODMAN**Violation (Y/N):** N**eFACTS Inspection Id:****Investigation Id:** 423122

Investigation Description: On April 12, 2023, I, Molly Goodman – Solid Waste Specialist, initiated a complaint investigation regarding concerns of odors coming from a livestock composting facility, Kingdom Provisions, located at 5960 Durham Road, Pipersville PA 18947. The complainant was available to chat over a phone call with additional details about the situation. They elaborated that the odors had begun a few months ago after the property transferred owners. The facility had been accepting multiple large trucks containing cattle on a daily basis. They alleged that Kingdom Provisions has been burying the remains of the carcasses on the site and turkey vultures had been circling the area. Plumstead Township has been contacted, and the complainant stated that in response, Kingdom Provisions had accepted approximately forty (40) loads of soils, which had been applied on top of the area they had seen remains being buried. The complainant stated that the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture ("DOA") was also contacted.

Date Assigned: 04/12/2023**Date Investigated:** 04/18/2023**Type:** Site Visit**Inspector:** MOLLY GOODMAN**Violation (Y/N):** N**eFACTS Inspection Id:****Investigation Id:** 423375

Investigation Description: On April 18, 2023, an onsite investigation was conducted. Jesse Hill, Zoning Officer for Plumstead Township, and Melanie Bason, Environmental Protection Specialist for the Bucks County Department of Health, were additionally in attendance. Ephriam Stoltzfus, Owner of Kingdom Provisions, was available to provide access to the site and discuss concerns regarding the facility. Mr. Stoltzfus stated the facility is regulated by the USDA and that the property was currently being leased, with a plan to fully purchase the area in December 2023. Mr. Stoltzfus stated no dead animals are accepted and the slaughter operation follows strict guidelines in the presence USDA representative. The facility accepts and slaughters lambs, sheep and cattle and takes in approximately 200-250 animals per week in about 2 loads. The livestock mortality composting occurs in the back of the property, on a concrete pad to prevent leaching into groundwater supplies. Mr. Stoltzfus explained that the process involves a base layer of about 5-6" of a mixture of manure from the site and wood waste/shavings from Heacock Lumber. Livestock waste is placed on top of the mixture and an additional layer of the wood/manure mixture is used as cover. Mr. Stoltzfus stated that the vultures and odor had occurred during a period when the compost was not being regularly turned. Currently, the facility is turning compost on a regular basis, monitored for temperature, and Mr. Stoltzfus is requiring employees to provide photographic evidence that the piles are being covered at night. An odor was detected when standing at the location of the compost piles, but standing approximately 50 feet downwind, there was a faint odor that would be that of a typical operation.