


Department of Environmental Protection		GENERAL INSPECTION REPORT		Bureau of Land Recycling and Waste Management	
Type of Inspection	WM Identification Number	Entry Time/Date		Inspection ID	
Complaint Investigation	Site ID: 865337	6/6/2023		3569822	
Facility/Incident Name and Location				Municipality	
Kingdom Provisions 5960 Durham Road Pipersville, PA 18947				Plumstead	
Name, Address of Responsible Official				County	
Kerry Rush				Bucks	
Title				Interviewed	
Ephriam Stoltzfus Brent Pressley				Yes x <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Telephone					
215-767-8943					

On June 6, 2023, I, Molly Goodman – Solid Waste Specialist, conducted a complaint investigation regarding odors alleged to be coming from Kingdom Provisions, located at 5960 Durham Road Pipersville PA 18947. Paul Jardel, Water Quality Specialist, was additionally in attendance. Complaints received by the Department allege that odors smelling like sewage and rotting flesh have been affecting the nearby neighborhood and expressed concerns that run off from the site could be entering a nearby stream or potentially contaminating well water.

Following the initial investigation into this complaint on April 12, 2023 (CTS #371345), the Department has requested that Kingdom Provisions demonstrate how the composting of waste generated by their process follows best management practices (“BMP”). Kingdom Provisions has been provided the Food Processing Residual (“FPR”) manual, to assist in establishing their BMP. Kingdom Provisions has responded to the request by stating that Tri County Spreading has been contracted to develop a Nutrient Management Plan, Agricultural Erosion & Sedimentation Plan, and a Compost Operations Plan that includes an Odor Control Plan. Tri County Spreading is expected to complete this information for Kingdom Provisions before June 15, 2023.

At the time of this inspection, Kerry Rush, Owner/Operator, was at the site and was able to discuss the operation and current conditions of the property. A site walk was conducted. Behind the slaughterhouse, a hole approximately 6” in diameter was observed to be uncovered. Mr. Rush explained it was a drain for the sewage tank, and that when the operations were occurring, the hole becomes blocked as a result of the machinery moving and covering the drain. Mr. Rush stated that human waste deposited to the septic system is completely segregated from animal waste, which is used for composting. Kingdom Provisions should cover

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		Norristown, PA 19401	Telephone
			484-250-5766
Person Interviewed Name	Signature of Person Interviewed	Title	Telephone
Kerry Rush	Delivered electronically	Owner/Operator	215-767-8943

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and secure the lid to the sewage tank to reduce odors. A tank used to store waste blood from the slaughtering process was explained to be pumped out routinely for disposal. Mr. Rush was unable to provide receipts for the collection and disposal at the time of the inspection.


The compost pile (Image 1) was observed to be completely confined to the concrete pad. Mr. Rush stated that animal remains are layered with a mixture of animal waste and saw dust/wood that is received from Heacock Lumber. The majority of the pile was covered except for some exposed material recently placed onto the pile. Kingdom Provisions should provide cover upon the placement of any material. Based on a visual inspection, it appeared that no other materials have been mixed in or added to the compost.

No odors were detected along the road in front of the property. Mr. Rush stated that Kingdom Provisions is aware that odors were present at the time of the inspection and that odors from their business have been strong in the past few days. He attributed the odors to the weather conditions, being hot and humid. It was noted to Mr. Rush that it is early June 2023, and it is unacceptable to allow odors to persist, travel off site and cause a public nuisance.

Mr. Rush additionally suggested the odor is coming from a container located behind the slaughterhouse. Noticeably strong odors of decaying animal remains were detected within approximately 20' of the container. Mr. Rush stated that the container was used for waste bones and fat. Primarily cardboard and remains of slaughtered animals were observed in the container (Image 2) and debris, including parts of an animal carcass, was observed outside the container (Image 3). Upon closer inspection, the container was observed to harbor a large number of vectors (Image 4). **Kingdom Provisions failed to store putrescible waste in a container that is sealed, watertight, leak proof, insect-proof and rodent-proof contrary to 25 PA Code 299.121(c) and did not minimize and control conditions that create a public nuisance, contrary to 25 PA Code 299.115(a) and (b).** Mr. Rush stated that the waste will be removed from the site in a timely manner and documentation will be provided that will demonstrate the waste has been disposed of properly.

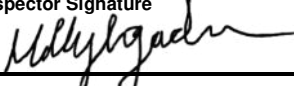
On June 8, 2023, Brent Pressley, Owner, contacted the Department and was able to clarify and provide updates on the current conditions at Kingdom Provisions. Mr. Pressley reiterated that the facility was planning on removing slaughterhouse waste biweekly and they had made arrangements with Darling to pick up the material to use for rendering. The compost pile will remain at the site until completely composted, and the plans prepared by Tri County will cover the operations for maintaining the material until finished.

Mr. Pressley stated that the container is regularly picked up on a weekly basis and was able to provide photographs (Image 5) of the empty container. The Department has not yet received waste receipts or other documentation to indicate the waste was received by a disposal facility. Mr. Pressley was reminded that the container must be maintained (by cleaning, covering, and emptying) on a regular basis to prevent any odor problems and no waste should be stored on the ground surrounding the container.

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Kingdom Provisions should respond within 10 days of receipt of this inspection report with documentation in the form of a disposal receipt demonstrating the proper disposal of the putrescible waste in the dumpster. Furthermore, Kingdom Provisions should provide a plan describing future waste handling from the slaughtering operation.

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Image 1: Compost Pile (left), Compost (right)
Taken by Molly Goodman on 6/6/2023

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Image 2: Container at Kingdom Provisions
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Image 3: Dumpster containing cardboard, animal remains, and surrounding debris
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Image 4: Vectors observed in the container
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Image 5: Photographs of container that appears emptied
Provided by Brent Pressley on 6/8/2023

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