

Landfill/Solid Waste Enforcement: Vermont Attorney General and Moretown, Vermont Landfill Operator Enter into Consent Order



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The State of Vermont (by and through the Vermont Attorney General) (“Vermont”) and Moretown Landfill, Inc. (“MLI”) entered into a Consent Order and Final Judgment Order (“Consent Order”) addressing alleged violations associated with the operation of a landfill.

MLI is stated to own and operate the Moretown Landfill (“Landfill”) in Moretown, Vermont.

Vermont, through the Attorney General’s Office, is stated to have filed a complaint against MLI in 2014 alleging violations of certain Vermont environmental laws, regulations, and permits at the landfill. The alleged violations are stated to have included:

- Failure to prevent nuisance odors from the landfill
- Failure to prevent and control windblown debris
- Failure to maintain a landfill gas collection and control system
- Failure to effectively capture landfill gas
- Failure to maintain intermediate cover for waste
- Failure to monitor leachate
- Stormwater construction permit violations
- Unpermitted discharges to waters of the state

The Attorney General in a news release states that MLI has been in the process of closing the landfill since September of 2013.

The Consent Order provides that MLI shall pay a civil penalty of \$180,000. In addition, \$20,000 will be expended to fund a Supplemental Environmental Project (“SEP”).

The SEP requires that MLI pay \$20,000 to the Vermont Solid Waste District Managers Association. Such funds are projected to be used to purchase residential compost bins, food scrap collection buckets, and kitchen counter-top compost containers. These items are stated to be slated to be sold to citizens of Vermont at a discount.

A copy of the [Consent Order](#) can be downloaded here.