

**Department of Environmental Management
Office of Waste Management**

FIELD INVESTIGATION REPORT

Facility Name: Portsmouth Town Dump
Date of Investigation: 3/8/2017
Facility Address: East Main Road, Portsmouth

Investigators: Mark M. Dennen, Dan Lawton

Findings:

We had received complaints recently about washout of material into the coastal marsh and excessive amounts of dirt on the road adjacent to the site.

We notified the owner yesterday that we were doing an inspection and arranged for someone to be there at 11:15 AM to let us in. Art Palmer met us at 11:20 AM and accompanied us on our inspection. We walked the perimeter of the site. The area that is still active has a berm and sedimentation control. In some areas, the silt fence had flattened, but there was no sedimentation crossing it. We did suggest that in 1 place, the berm could be made slightly higher, however, we saw no evidence of sedimentation into the marsh area west of the site. The northern boundary of the site was reasonably well vegetated and had intact waddles to prevent sedimentation. A small erosion rill was noted in the northeastern corner of the site, that although it had not breached the sedimentation control, would probably do so in the future if not repaired.

The eastern boundary of the site, including the boundary with the Cardoza property, had slopes that were well vegetated with no evidence of erosion issues. As shown in the attached photograph, a small amount of soil had recently been accepted and mostly spread out. This sandy soil did not appear to contain debris or other solid waste.

In the center of the site, west of the road, was a large area where a shallow puddle had formed. This appears to be the ponded area in the photograph accompanying the complaint. However, the ponding seemed to be a result of accumulation of rain water from the site and not water from the marsh overflowing the berm.

We observed three areas that still need to be capped, which roughly measured 25 yards by 33 yards, 25 yards by 30 yards, and 75 yards by 40 yards, which equals approximately 4575 square yards remaining to be capped.

We left the site at approximately 12:20 PM.

Mark M. Dennen

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