

RESOLUTION 2016-1

ESTABLISHING A HIGH WIND POLICY FOR THE RUSSELL COUNTY SOLID WASTE LANDFILL.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Russell County, Kansas have long operated County facilities and developed procedures that provide a maximum benefit to citizens; and

WHEREAS, all benefits are weighed by the cost to the citizen; and

WHEREAS, the cost benefit is measured by needed financial support, operational cost, ease and convenience of use, effect on the County, its citizens and the environment, in addition to other items.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Russell County, that, in respect to the Russell County Solid Waste Landfill, the County reserves the right to turn away all customers of municipal solid waste, construction/demolition material and any other potentially airborne solid wastes, when:

1. There is a sustained wind speed above 30 miles per hour;
2. There are wind gusts above 35 miles per hour;
3. The National Weather Service issues a "high wind" warning for this area.

FURTHER, when a decision to close operations to the public is made, the gate will be closed at the discretion of the Public Works Director. Customers currently weighed-in will be allowed to dump, but all others will be turned away and asked to leave the property; and

FURTHER, that notifications of closure will be made immediately to affected customers, those haulers using the Landfill on a regular basis and the media, by phone as soon as possible after the decision has been made; and

FURTHER, the Landfill staff will work diligently to cover the open disposal area as well as possible to keep trash and other debris from becoming airborne; and

FURTHER, re-openings will be scheduled when the high winds have ended; and

FURTHER, that operational decisions at the site shall be made by the Public Works Director and, in his or her absence, by Public Works staff in consultation with the County Administrator; and

FURTHER, that this policy shall be effective upon its publication in the official County newspaper.

ADOPTED this 18 day of January 2016.

ATTEST:



Mary K. Nuss
Mary K. Nuss, County Clerk

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