



**IMS North Pad Operation – Action Plan Update**  
January 5, 2010

**Dear Thorold Resident,**

As promised in our October 2009 update, I wanted to let you know we are recommencing our North Pad Clean-up Plan starting the first week of January. The weather has become colder and the compost material on the North Pad has had an opportunity to mature. The temperatures of the piles have lowered which suggests they are more stable.

**Actions**

1) In late summer we made the decision to stop processing, wait for colder temperatures and develop options to better manage the materials. In the meantime, a layer of finished compost or wood chips was placed over the piles to act as a biofilter and reduce the potential for odours to be released.

2) The North Pad materials will now be moved beginning with the most mature piles. The work will start the beginning of January and we expect the clean-up work to end in the spring. In order to efficiently manage the material a night shift is being added between 10pm and 5am, Sunday - Friday.

3) Weather conditions, wind direction and the potential for off-site odours will be monitored closely and we will adjust the clean-up work on the North Pad accordingly.

**We Value Your Input**

If you smell what you believe is compost odour, we appreciate you letting us know:

- the description of the odour
- the time you smelled the odour
- the duration of the odour and the intensity of the odour  
(less intense/about the same/more intense?)
- the wind direction

You can let us know by:

E-mail: [odours@walkerind.com](mailto:odours@walkerind.com)

or

Public Response Line at 1-866-699-9425



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**Our Goal Remains**

We will continue to update you on our progress with the North Pad Action Plan. Our long-term goal is to operate our compost facility in a manner that is acceptable to you and we believe we can do that.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Watt". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Mike Watt P.Eng  
Vice President, Walker Environmental Group