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Dear Department of Environmental Quality,

Nebraska Dept of Environmental Quality  
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My name is Valeria Rodriguez. I am a community member in Scottsbluff, NE. You may be aware that in our community we are dealing with an unpleasant odor that is causing some issues to our community members. In this envelope, you will find complaint forms of that odor. You can read for yourself what community members have got to say about the smell. They range from not being able to enjoy the outdoors to being sick. Additionally, you will also see a printed Facebook post. It has come to our attention that new community members are turning to Facebook to express their concern about the odor. We hope that something can be done about this issue so that our community members can fully enjoy a well quality of life. If you have any additional questions for myself you can contact me at [vrodiguez@neappleseed.org](mailto:vrodiguez@neappleseed.org) or (402) 480 5403. I would greatly appreciate a response to these complaints within the next 2 weeks. Thank you.

Best,

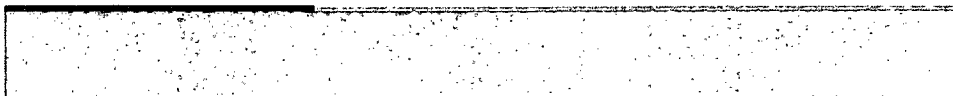
Valeria Rodriguez





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**Kandace Koehler Lentz**



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Maybe some one out there can answer my question for me, we moved here just about 2 years ago. Shortly after we moved here we noticed all around town it smelling like 🤢. It's hot out so we will open windows at night and randomly will smell the entire house. We live in the middle of Scottsbluff no where near the water treatment facility. Anyone else get annoyed by this? And why is it so awful?

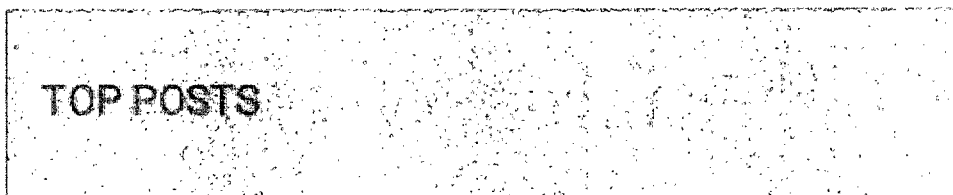


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**Steven Redecker**



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Name: Agustin Portillo

Phone number: 308 631 4688

Description of the problem:

It is a strong odor that is causing my family to have discomfort, such as nausea and stomach pain.

When the problem occurred, date(s) and time(s):

December 2012 - present

Location of the problem, an address or directions to the site:

1203 7th St, Scottsbluff, NE

69301

How are you aware or affected by the problem?: I am aware that

I am being affected by the strong odor.

Who or what caused the problem?: The smell from the Sugar Factory

Description of any obvious environmental damages to air, water, or land: the air

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Name: Elia Cano

Phone number: 308 672 4581

Description of the problem:

I Smells very badly. It is an unpleasable  
smell everyday in Scottsbluff, NE

When the problem occurred, date(s) and time(s):

2016-2017

Location of the problem, an address or directions to the site:

I do not know from where

it comes, but it is very bad.

How are you aware or affected by the problem?: It's a very bad smell

One cant even be outside because it smells

so badly.

Who or what caused the problem?: I do not know.

Description of any obvious environmental damages to air, water, or land: One cant go

outside for a walk or simply be outside  
due to the smell.

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Name: Gloria Kennedy

Phone number: 308-635-3126

Description of the problem:

Stench that permeates the air.

When the problem occurred, date(s) and time(s):

Days and times vary but usually lasts for hours @ a time.

Location of the problem, an address or directions to the site:

Scottsbluff

How are you aware or affected by the problem?: Unable to sit outdoors due

to the odor; sinus infections caused by particles in the air.

Who or what caused the problem?: Western Sugar Factory

Description of any obvious environmental damages to air, water, or land: black smoke

coming from stack and

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Name: Rachel Gonzales

Phone number: 308-641-4291

Description of the problem:

Strong odor: at times smells of rotten eggs, manure, and waste.

When the problem occurred, date(s) and time(s):

I have lived in Scottsbluff my entire life, and there has always been a horrid smell in S.E. Scottsbluff.

Location of the problem, an address or directions to the site:

Southeast Scottsbluff.

How are you aware or affected by the problem?:

At one time, I was employed by the local college and my office was located in S.E. Scottsbluff.

Who or what caused the problem?:

The answer I have yet to be aware of.

Description of any obvious environmental damages to air, water, or land:

Air quality - unbearable at times.

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Name: Ismael Rojas

Phone number: 308 672 9500

Description of the problem:

It smells.

When the problem occurred, date(s) and time(s):

every day.

Location of the problem, an address or directions to the site:

In Scottsbluff

How are you aware or affected by the problem?: Can't stand being outside for

very long do to the smell.

Who or what caused the problem?: Dont know.

Description of any obvious environmental damages to air, water, or land: The air doesn't smell

clean.

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Name: Jocorro Morales

Phone number: (308) 631-9972

Description of the problem:

It smells like if some one used the restroom outside.

When the problem occurred, date(s) and time(s):

2016 - 2017

Location of the problem, an address or directions to the site:

In Scottsbluff

How are you aware or affected by the problem?: Can't enjoy our time outside

because of the smell. When we open our windows  
the first thing that comes in is the smell.

Who or what caused the problem?: I don't know but it's a nasty  
smell that needs to go away.

Description of any obvious environmental damages to air, water, or land: The air is very  
poor because of the smell.



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Name: Dalia Cano

Phone number: 308-765-5783

Description of the problem:

Sour odor outside everyday

When the problem occurred, date(s) and time(s):

Every day 1-1-17 through 7-9-17

Location of the problem, an address or directions to the site:

Sugar factory

How are you aware or affected by the problem?: I can smell the odor

when I open my windows and when I go outside

Who or what caused the problem?: Sugar beets

Description of any obvious environmental damages to air, water, or land:

Not being able to enjoy being outside because of the bad smell. Do outside activities like grill, sit outside or go for a walk etc.

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Name: Orlando Neal

Phone number: (308) 631-4411

Description of the problem: The odor in the town  
of Scotts Bluff NE.

When the problem occurred, date(s) and time(s):  
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2016. 7. 9. 2017

Location of the problem, an address or directions to the site:  
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~~Sugar~~ Sugar factory

How are you aware or affected by the problem?: The smell is  
Horrible and over time is annoying  
Please do something to rid of odor!

Who or what caused the problem?: Sugar factory dumping  
Remains of sugar beets to close to town

Description of any obvious environmental damages to air, water, or land: Blat of  
smoke populates the air and make Breathing air  
intolerable