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Subject: RE: Birdston SEPA visit update
Attachments: top soil leaving site.jpg; Avoid expensive landfill sites.png; Birdston Management 1.jpg; cost effective solutions.png; daily soil treatment on site.png; product from Kirkintilloch football facility.png; Soil Recovery and treatment.png; Soil treatment recovery facility open.png; Soiltreatment facility.....jpg; Industrial Waste Birdston Coup (002).jpg; liquid containers.jpg; Shotkast bags.jpg; Exol Optifarm Utto (undyed).jpg; Diotect Q21VC-05.jpg; Encirc silica mortar 1.jpg; RE: Enquiry relating to disposal of your products.; RE: Safe Disposal of Lubricants

Good afternoon David,

Everyone involved with the objections to this situation finds your visit to site as exceptionally inept.

To be accurate here, you visited site;

1. Took no samples of soil or water.
2. Did you not even breath in the foul stench that is being produced by their actions.
3. We assume took no photographs either.
4. Discussed with the workforce on site what waste materials sitting on site were for and basically believed them. I can tell you exactly what the products are and if you bothered to take notes or photographs you could very quickly research them as I did. Would you like a copy of my research which I think I have already sent to you. I have attached two e-mails from suppliers of some of the products you think are ok to be on site.
5. Did you challenge them to provide delivery transfer tickets.
6. Did you ask how many tons of material has come on site. What is the allowance in their current exemption.
7. Did you ask why material leaves site.
8. Did you ask why the company advertises as a waste treatment facility.
9. Do you know why Birdston Management advertise on LinkedIn as a "Soil Treatment and Recovery Facility in Glasgow"
10. Did you ask why they have text and photographs on their LinkedIn site indicating receipt of product from the new Kirkintilloch football site which is being built on an old Nickle works and the SI and Remediation strategy clearly indicates that the whole site is heavily contaminated.
11. They are also taking product for a Euro Central site, is that waste clean?
12. The following is directly copied from their LinkedIn page.

Overview

Birdston Management is a Utilities, Waste and Environmental Company. We operate a soil recovery and treatment facility where we accept all types of soil. We operate topsoil screening where we separate the big particles into smooth topsoil ready for use. Birdston also operate a Soil Remediation and Soil Recovery process using digger machinery.

Company size

2-10 employees

Founded
2021

Specialties

Environmental Services, Utilities, Waste, Soil Recovery, Soil Treatment, Landfill, Waste Management, Transport, and Dumping

13. You could not see evidence of pits being dug, not surprising as when they are done they cover y them over and spread muck all around.

Not so long ago house builders in Lenzie allowed soil spillage to enter the Bothlin Burn, SEPA reported them to the Procurator Fiscal and they were found guilty in court of contaminating the water supply and fined yet you are happy to put on a pair of wellies have a stroll around, have a chat with the guys on site and then leave. We congratulate you on a job well done.

Last year, one of your colleagues pointed out to you that he spotted they were running a business on site, your response, call them and tell them they cant do that. Today they are still running a business on site not returning the land to agricultural use, that would have taken a maximum of a year to bring in fresh soil to cover the site and reseed with grass or make ready for planting.

All of the attached images are taken from the Birdston Management LinkedIn page and clearly show they are operating a waste recovery business.

We are now in the process of raising this issue with MP's and MSP's.

Have they even provided you with the delivery notices that should be provided when a vehicle comes in and dumps who knows what or are you still feeling sorry for the guy who apparently has personal issues and has already been given a grace period to get his story correct.

Given the recent resignation of the CEO we are not surprised at this level of input from SEPA but rest assured as soon as contamination is proven we will let the general public know who the uninterested parties were.

Kind Regards,

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From: Walker, David <david.walker@SEPA.org.uk>
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Hi,

I visited the site at Birdston on Tuesday. There wasn't any waste disposal noted that would lead to SEPA removing the exemptions. There was material on site, blaes and the glass/cement material that the operator claims is product, not waste. Information on this has been requested so I should get some clarity with the response. Only other waste that had been brought onto site was topsoil, subsoil and some off-spec compost, no C&D as per operator. I did not evidence any dug pits, buried waste or landfill capping breached but again the site was heavily waterlogged with some areas impossible to access.

Regards,
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