



Covanta Cited for Big Pile of Garbage

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection cited the Covanta incinerator in Pittsfield, Mass. in May 2008 for municipal garbage piled up outside the building.

The Department's notice stated that on May 9, 2008, "incoming municipal solid wastes (MSW) were piled approximately 30 feet outside the facility building, onto the pavement adjacent to the building. Covanta employees stated that the reason for the large stockpile of MSW outside the building was that one of the facility's boilers had been inoperable for several days. . . ."

In September 2008, the DEP cited the same Covanta facility for exceeding the allowable emission rate for dioxins and furans by nearly 350%, according to stack tests conducted at the facility in November and December 2007.

During the same month, the Department issued a notice of noncompliance for toxic air emissions at Covanta's Springfield facility in Agawam, Mass., citing excessive emissions of sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides during July 2008.

For more information concerning these events, please consider contacting Covanta at 973/882-7277 (phone) or 973/882-7276 (fax).

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