

# CP&L resumes using landfill for its non-hazardous wastes

By Terry Pope  
County Editor

Carolina Power and Light Co.'s Brunswick nuclear plant near Southport will begin dumping garbage in the county landfill again.

It has been ten years since the power plant stopped dumping waste at the Supply facility.

CP&L quit using the landfill in the mid-1980s when surveillance tests revealed waste was not being properly surveyed for radioactive material before it left the plant.

County officials say there is no chance of that happening again.

"It's strictly waste generated from offices and the cafeteria," said Brunswick County engineer Robert Tucker. "All of that waste will be screened for any hazardous materials."

County employees will screen the garbage again once it arrives at the landfill, said Tucker.

"We don't take any hazardous material at the site at all," he added. "They will be bringing us material from outside of the hot zone."

CP&L's Brunswick plant operates twin boiling water nuclear reactors to produce electricity.

Ten years ago, the landfill was surveyed and areas indicating radiation levels greater than that allowed for normal landfill conditions were

excavated and the material returned to CP&L for proper disposal. Residents were at first alarmed.

CP&L now has its own landfill licensed by the state at the Southport site to handle non-radioactive waste.

Tougher state and federal regulations and shrinking space make it difficult for companies to continue to operate private solid waste facilities.

The DuPont Co. in Leland also has a private, state-licensed landfill. Officials there have not asked about using the county landfill, said Tucker.

In a memo to interim county manager John Harvey, CP&L vice-president Roy Anderson says the plant developed a trash monitoring facility after the incident at the Supply landfill.

"All waste produced by the plant now receives a pre-disposal survey that is commensurate with the hazards located in the area where the waste originates," Anderson noted.

CP&L's landfill is limited in size and was only intended to serve for trash disposal until the plant "could assure that material released off site met the appropriate limits for unconditional release," he stated.

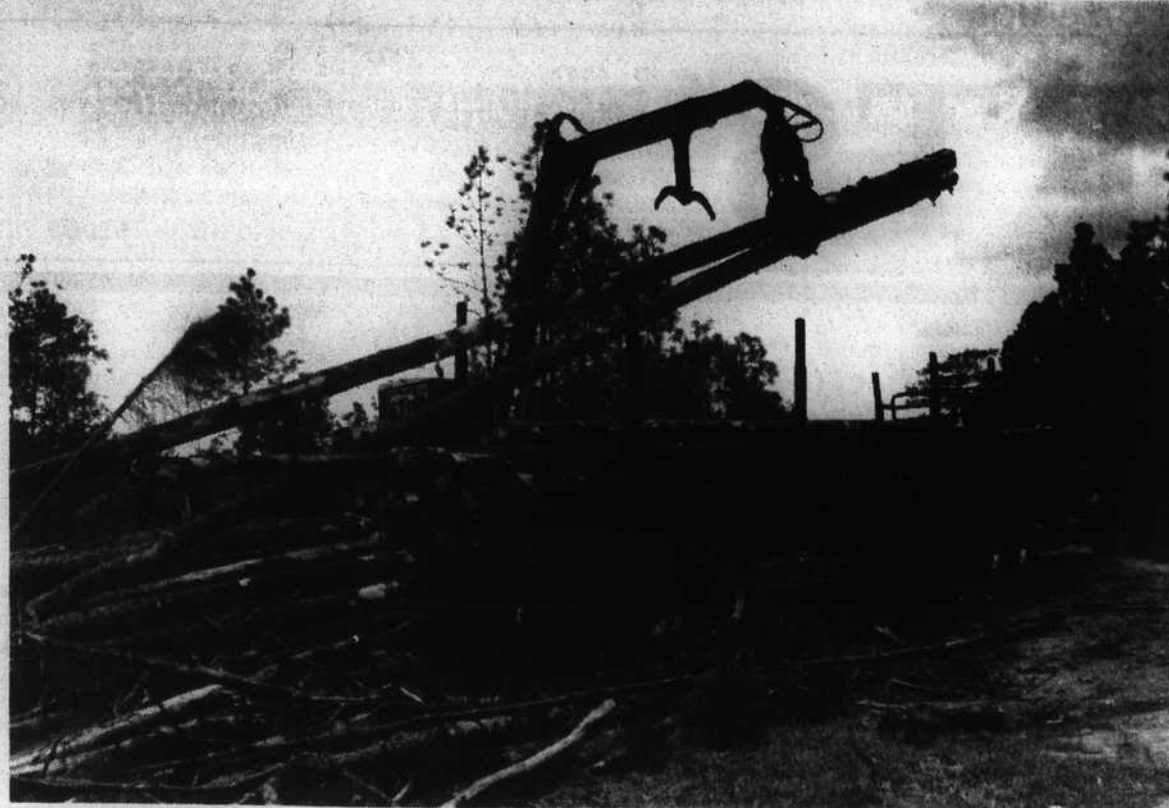
CP&L will haul its own garbage to the Supply landfill and should begin within the next 30 days. Company

officials will first screen the landfill for radiation levels to protect themselves, said Tucker, in case a claim is made against CP&L later.

Anderson said the plant's trash monitoring facility has operated for 12 years with improved monitoring and surveillance. CP&L is assured that "inadvertent release of controlled material can be prevented and has been achieved," he noted.

Tucker said the amount of garbage won't make a significant impact on the county's landfill operations. The company will probably haul to the site once a week.

"The main reason they wanted to talk to us first was to make sure they had covered all of the bases," said Tucker, "so nobody in the public will be alarmed in thinking that there is any danger involved."



Logging trucks hired by Reeves Telecom Associates are tearing up Boiling Spring Lakes roads, and city officials plan to ask the company to reimburse them for the cost of repairs when the project is completed in early July. About 280 acres is being partially cleared for residential development.

## Logging operation damaging Lakes roads; Reeves may pay

By Holly Edwards  
Municipal Editor

A logging operation sponsored by Reeves Telecom Associates is wreaking havoc in Boiling Spring Lakes.

City commissioners complain that log trucks exceed the safe speed limit and tear up city roads, and that logging company officials are cutting down large pine trees that are on city property.

Commissioner Warren Plowden suggested the board do whatever is required to have Reeves Telecom repay the town for costs of repairing the road damage, and said the company should be charged \$500 for every pine tree destroyed or removed from city property.

Cutting the trees is a violation of a city ordinance, he said, and is punishable by a fine of up to \$500.

Street superintendent Thurston Cumbee was directed by the board to develop a list of the damage and the estimated costs to repair it.

About 280 acres of land is being partially cleared, and Reeves Telecom manager Rudy Dixon said the company hopes to sell the property to residential developers or individual property owners. He also said city officials have not contacted him about the suggested repayment, but added the company would be willing to consider reimbursing the city for the road damage.

"Nobody's contacted me and nobody's complained to me," Dixon said. "If the town would do its regular maintenance on the road and regrade it, it would be the same as it was before. But if the town doesn't want to do it, maybe we will reimburse them."

Some road repair was planned during the clean-up phase of the logging project, Dixon added.



Boiling Spring Lakes police chief Jim Vaughn stands in one of the ditches created by logging trucks hired by Reeves Telecom Associates. City officials plan to ask the company to reimburse them for the costs of repairing the damaged roads when the logging project is completed in early July.

Southland Forest Management Company of Winnabow has been working on the project for about five weeks, he said, and is expected to finish in about five more weeks.

Cumbee indicated that the dirt roads near the project are currently impassable because of large ditches

caused by the log trucks. Only one asphalt road was damaged.

"Anytime you put heavy traffic and trucks on those roads, you'll have the problems we're having," Cumbee said. He added that some of the road damage may be due to the fact that not all of the underlying tree stumps were removed, and that in some cases poor road building material was used.

Dixon pointed out that there are few homes near the logging operation, and that none of them are affected by the road damage.

Reeves Telecom owns about 7,000 acres at Boiling Spring Lakes, and hopes to use about one-tenth of that property for residential development.

"It's not the city's intention to stop them from clearing their land," declared mayor Mark Stewart. "But they don't have the right to tear up other people's property at taxpayers' expense. I feel they need to repay us."

## Holden receives certificate

Norman R. Holden of Southport has received an advanced criminal justice certificate.

He was one of 82 officers honored by the N. C. Criminal Justice Education Standards Commission May 21 in Wilkesboro.

Holden, Southport's mayor, is a unit supervisor at the Brunswick County office of N. C. Adult Probation and Parole.

The certificate is the highest professional certificate awarded to law enforcement and criminal justice officers in the state. Applicants must complete a combination of professional training and education and meet minimum experience requirements.

## Vandals egg house outside Southport

Vandals tossed eggs at a house in the 900 block of East Leonard Street in Southport Sunday.

The property owner told deputy J. D. Davis of the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department that he wanted to file a complaint to document the vandalism.

However, he later asked that the investigation be closed.

Some children seen around the home Saturday were told by the owner not to come back onto the property, Davis stated.

No amount of damage was listed. In other reports on file at the sheriff's department:

• Someone rode off with a horse saddle taken from a storage building at a home near Maco Friday. A resident of Lehrschall Trail off Malmo Loop Road said someone pried off a lock on a door and entered the shed. A show saddle and breast collar valued at \$1,100 are missing along with a portable generator, weed eater and tools worth \$1,840, reported deputy Richard Long. The tools were marked with silver paint, and damage was listed at \$10.

• A car stereo valued at \$500 was stolen from a car left stranded along Cedar Hill Road north of Leland Sunday. The driver of the 1982 Nissan left to get help. The owner returned and found the passenger side door lock had been broken and a stereo and speakers missing, reported deputy Mark Snowden.

• Two bikes were stolen in the Leland area. A boy's ten-speed bike was taken from a yard on Green Hill Road on Sunday, Snowden reported. It had been left leaning against the home. Also, a 26-inch Earth Cruiser painted pink and black and worth around \$200 was stolen from a home on Sturgeon Drive Friday, reported Long. It had been left in the front yard.

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Persons desiring to inspect the application, to comment thereon or to appeal the local decision are directed to contact the local permit officer at the below address by June 4, 1993. Later comments will be accepted and considered up to the time of permit decision. Project modifications may occur based on further review and comments. Notice of the permit decision in this matter will be provided upon written request.

Sheila M. Bell  
Local Permit Officer for Receiving Minor Development Permits under CAMA  
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