

Asheville-Buncombe Air Quality Agency Facility Inspection Report

Facility Inspection Information					
Facility Name:	Morris Funeral Home				
Date of Inspection:	February 10, 2025		Last Inspected:	September 16, 2024	
Mailing Address:	P.O. Box 18252, Asheville, NC 28814		Physical Location:	304 Merrimon Avenue, Asheville, NC 28801	
Contact Name:	Ronnie Brockwell			Phone Number:	(828) 252-1821
Permit #:	11-755-17	Issued:	March 13, 2017	Expires:	March 31, 2025
Inspector(s):	Allison Glass, Alexander (Alex) Latta				
Results:	Appears in compliance		Inspection Time:	9:30 AM	

Introduction

On the above date, a comprehensive inspection was conducted at Morris Funeral Home. The purpose of this inspection was to determine compliance under the Asheville-Buncombe Air Quality Agency Air Quality Code (AB Air Quality Code). Morris Funeral Home, otherwise known as the facility, specializes in funeral and cremation services. Operation of this facility is granted under permit number 11-755-17 which was issued on March 13, 2017, and expires on March 31, 2025. The inspection was conducted by Allison Glass and Alex Latta. The facility was represented by Ronnie Brockwell. The following is a summary of the results:

Safety Equipment / Special Instructions

Hearing protection is recommended while touring the crematory.

Permitted Equipment

- ES-1: One (1) 1.9 MMBtu/hr natural gas-fired crematory incinerator

ES-1 was observed not in operation during the initial inspection. A visit was scheduled for the following day to watch the incinerator operate. On 2/11/25, Ms. Glass watched Mr. Brockwell load the incinerator and observed it heat up to temperature. The primary burner was operating at around 600°F while the secondary burner was operating at around 1260°F. The incinerator was still heating up while these numbers were noted. The secondary burner was set to 1675°F.

Permit Conditions:

The following does not represent all permitted conditions, only the permit conditions that are directly relevant to the inspection. For all the conditions, please review permit.

- **A.7 – This condition requires that the permittee maintain and operate the facility at all times so that the overall reduction in air pollutants, in accordance with applicable standards, is achieved.** *The facility has developed a maintenance schedule for equipment and is maintaining records of all maintenance. Additionally, the facility is maintaining an inventory of spare parts for equipment. The facility has established standard operating procedures for equipment and is training equipment operators on the procedures. According to records, the last maintenance on ES-1 was in January 2023.*
- **A.8 – This condition requires that the facility notify the Agency in the event of a malfunction.** *The facility has not experienced any malfunctions during the reporting period.*
- **A.11 – This condition requires that the facility pay their annual permit fee on a timely basis. The facility is up-to-date on fee payments.** *The facility last submitted their fee payment on June 12, 2024. They will be invoiced in March of 2025.*
- **A.12 – The facility is required to submit a permit renewal request no later than ninety (90) days prior to permit expiration.** *The permit renewal request was due on December 31, 2025. The facility submitted their permit renewal request on February 21, 2025. A Notice of Deficiency was issued on March 4, 2025 for the late permit renewal.*
- **A.14 – This condition requires the facility retain a copy of the permit on the premises.** *The facility had a copy of their current operating permit on-site.*
- **B.2 – This condition states the facility shall be operated to prevent odorous emissions from being emitted beyond the boundary of the facility.** *The facility did not produce any odorous emissions during the inspection.*
- **B.3 – This condition limits visible emissions from all sources to no more than 20 percent opacity when averaged over a six-minute period.** *The facility did not exhibit an opacity during the inspection. Only heat waves were observed.*

- **B.4 – This condition establishes that the sulfur dioxide (SO₂) emission limit for ES-1 is calculated at 4.37 pounds per hour. Per emission calculations, this source only has the potential to emit 0.027 pounds of sulfur dioxide per hour. Thus, the facility is in compliance with this regulation.**
- **B.5 – This condition establishes that the particulate matter (PM) emission limit for the ES-1 is 0.30 pounds per hour. Per emission calculations, this source only has the potential to emit 0.034 pounds of particulate matter per hour. Thus, the facility is in compliance with this regulation.**
- **B.6 – This condition states that the facility has triggered a toxics review and has accepted an annual limitation of 1490 cremations per year. For 2024, the facility conducted 207 cremations. For 2025, the facility has conducted approximately 29 cremations from January 1 through the date of the inspection.**
- **B.7 – This condition requires the facility to maintaining continuous temperature monitoring for both the primary and secondary burners in the incinerator. In Compliance.**
- **B.8 – This condition requires the facility to retain temperature charts on site for a period of at least two (2) years from the date of the inspection and were available for review. No issues were noted with the facility's temperature records.**
- **B.9 – This condition states that the facility is required to submit an annual report by February 15th. The most recent annual report was received on February 14, 2025, and contained all the required information. For 2024, the facility conducted 207 cremations and operated for 570 hours.**

Compliance History:

The facility received a notice of deficiency on June 12, 2024 for late submittal of their annual report, which was submitted to the Agency on April 22, 2024. The facility was issued a notice of deficiency on March 4, 2025 for a late permit renewal. The renewal was submitted on February 21, 2025.

Conclusion:

Based on the above information, Morris Funeral Home appears to be in compliance with applicable regulations of the AB Air Quality Code. It is recommended that the permit be renewed.

Signature: Allin Sla Date: 2/21/2025

Reviewer Signature: JCN Date: 2/28/25

Director Signature: ASD Date: 3/4/2025