

ATTORNEY GENERAL MIGHT LOOK AT BURN ON HAMMAN FARM

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YORKVILLE — The Il-

linois attorney general's office might look at a complaint about open burning at the Hamman Farms

Land Application Facility on Route 71.

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

is forwarding complaints about the burn to the attorney general, according to city officials. A Yorkville resident made the complaint during the first week of April.

The farm is owned by Don Hamman and is permitted to have landscape waste spread over it.

But Yorkville city officials said if Hamman Farms burns landscape or any other kind of waste at

the facility, it needs to get a permit from the IEPA, as well as from the city.

"The IEPA said he did not have a permit," said Yorkville Mayor Valerie Burd. "And he has to get a permit from us, too."

Neither the IEPA nor Hamman Farms could be reached for comment Tuesday.

The Kendall County Health Department's Environmental Health Unit investigated the complaint,

as did the Bristol-Kendall Fire District.

The investigations of both the Health Department and the Fire Department said it appeared the burn was of crop residue, namely corn stubble, which would be "lawful," the Health Department report said.

But the report added, "... the amount and origin of litter being burned in the process was questionable."

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YORKVILLE — There were hundreds of pages of music, but it all came down to one note.

"I am sorry," said the hand-scrawled note, attached to a plain, brown paper bag.

Inside the bag were 327 pic-

es of sheet music — the entire collection in the Yorkville Public Library, which was stolen out of the building and thought to be gone forever.

The music recently was returned anonymously, in the brown bag dropped off at the Yorkville Police Department.

The music was kept in an area of the library not covered by security cameras, Library

Director Michelle Pfister told the Library Board this week.

It now is being kept with the library's genealogy materials, under lock and key. Library patrons must ask to see it, which means the library will know who is viewing the sheet music.

"We just cannot cover every inch of the library with cameras," Pfister said.