SOLID WASTE Advisory Board Meeting October 9, 2024 9:00 A.M.

AGENDA

Regulatory Updates

- EA has submitted the 65% drawings for the landfill gas collection system. The plans are currently under review by the County.
- On 8/14/24, MDE granted the County an extension on the start of PFAS testing until the Fall of 2025 for Central Site Landfill. The extension will allow us to include the additional cost to test for PFAS in the FY 26 budget. PFAS sampling at the closed landfills was conducted in August. EA is working on the semi-annual groundwater monitoring reports.
- Air Emissions Semi-Annual Report submitted to MDE on 7/30/24.
- The Environmental Monitoring Plan is finalized for the close landfills. EA is incorporating the well completion logs (1980's) into the plan.

Central Site

- Cell 5 expected life: based on current usage rates, Cell 5 is expected to reach its permitted height by December 2027. We will be requesting approval for an additional 8-foot lift which should get us to March 2028. Commissioners have been updated and the 8-foot lift extension letter will be submitted to MDE by 10/10/24.
- Cell 6 Site Evaluation MDE requiring a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan. In addition, Harvest Permit is needed to clear timber, along with several other permits including Sediment & Erosion Control. EA has been asked to prepare the permit application and prepare contract document that can be used to bid the project out.
- Tare weight program, Commissioner approved it becoming a permanent, voluntary program on 8/6/24.
- EA submitted draft SPCC on 8/29/24 and is now addressing a few minor comments after which the plans will be signed and sealed.
- Self serve kiosk: Received proposal for self-serve commercial hauler kiosk. Staff still working with County IT Department to determine how to run required power and data cable to the proposed site of the kiosk.
- Langmaid borrow pit tree clearing, waiting on a start date from the contractor.

Closed Landfills

- Berlin since the flares were restarted, methane levels have declined in all but one monitoring well. We are proposing to MDE to continue to monitor to determine if the existing flares are able to continue to reduce the methane levels.
- Snow Hill 7 of the 9 flares are working, the remaining 2 were broken below ground level and must be excavated to be repaired.

Central Site Inactive Cells

• Leachate force main & Cell 1 pump station: Awarded to Bearing Construction at Commissioner meeting 9/17/24 for \$1,750,576.93

Equipment

• New long stick excavator was received 9/30/24 and is being used at Langmaid Borrow Pit.

Recycling

- Citizen Scrap Tire Day took place 10/5/24. We had 53 vehicles and 372 tires come in.
- MDE has completed calculating Worcester County's recycling rate for calendar year 2023. The 2023 rate is 30.95%, which is down from 38.33% in 2022. The State goal for Countywide recycling is 20% so Worcester is still above the minimum percentage. The decrease is due to Millville Lumber declining to report the company's recycling tonnage of woodchips and sawdust, which they have provided in past years.
- Berlin site We are continuing to have discussions with the Ocean Landings II developer to potentially secure a permanent site for the existing bins.

HOCC

- Berlin site rehab survey work and geotech work complete. EA to submit design schedule by 10/10/24.
- Pocomoke concrete pad complete, site stabilized, and bins are back in place.

Comments from the Board...