

**SOLID WASTE  
Advisory Board Meeting  
February 25, 2025  
9:00 A.M.**

**AGENDA**

Regulatory Updates

- The Air Emissions Semi-Annual Report was submitted to MDE on 1/30/25.
- The Semi Annual Closed Landfill Groundwater Monitoring Reports were submitted to MDE on 12/30/24. The reports included the first round of PFAS sampling as mandated by MDE. Results showed 5 monitoring wells at the Berlin closed landfill had concentrations above the Maximum Contamination Limit (MCL), 3 monitoring wells at Snow Hill closed landfill exceeded the MCL. Sampling did not detect any PFAS in the Pocomoke monitoring wells. It is unknown at this time what action, if any, MDE will require in response to these results. More information will be provided as it becomes available.
- Central Site Lane and Pocomoke semi-annual gas monitoring reports were submitted to MDE on 12/31/24
- The Solid Waste Management Plan progress report was accepted by MDE on 1/28/25. The draft 2027-2036 plan is due to MDE by 6/1/26, and the adopted plan due to MDE 12/31/26. We need the 2024 waste generation report from MDE to begin drafting plan (per MDE's instructions). MDE expects to have the waste generation report to the County in October/November 2025.
- The Central Site Lane Sixmon semi-annual report submitted to MDE on 1/30/25. Sixmon report relates to the air emissions from the various equipment onsite (grinder, compactor, bulldozers, etc.).
- The Environmental Monitoring for the closed landfills was submitted to MDE on 12/20/24.

Central Site

- Cell 5: Based on current usage rates, Cell 5 is expected to reach its permitted height by December 2027. A request for an additional 8-foot lift which should get us to March 2028 was submitted to MDE on 11/5/24. MDE has not said no, but has responded with several rounds of questions. We continue to provide responses and are awaiting formal approval.
- Cell 6 Preparation and Design – The County will be using in house forces to install the stream crossing from the Cell 5 area to the Cell 6 area. Once the crossing is in place we'll contract with a local company to get the timber cleared and the site prepped for future construction. MDE has indicated we will need to install new monitoring wells and collect data for a year prior to placing trash in Cell 6. The data collection can occur simultaneously

with the construction so we won't lose time. EA is preparing a proposal for the design of Cell 6 which will have to go before the Commissioners for approval.

- Langmaid borrow pit tree clearing, waiting on a start date from the contractor. Likely will be timed up with the removal of trees on Cell 6.
- The State mandated landfill gas collection system design was submitted to MDE on 12/11/24. MDE has not yet returned comments.
- MDE has extended the monitoring period for the Cell 5 wetland project for an additional year due to the presence of invasive species with a monitoring report due 12/31/25. MDE must be provided an adaptive management plan to address the removal of silt along the west side of the mitigation site by February 28, 2025. Including proposals for treating the invasive species in 2025 and details on the road stabilization effort.
- The Commissioners approved expanded hours of operation for the landfill, which now opens at 7:30am (previously 8am). The request came from several commercial haulers. It will not impact operational costs since staff already starts at 7:30am.

#### 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. All wells now show reduction in methane levels, one remains above the allowed limit but it continues to decline. We've asked MDE to continue monthly monitoring through May 2025. If it is not below the limit we'll need to install another monitoring probe to document the limits of the methane plume. If the levels drop below the limit, we'll request to transition to quarterly monitoring.
- Snow Hill – 7 of the 9 flares are working, the remaining 2 will need to be completely replaced (\$11,000).

#### Central Site Inactive Cells

- Due to the presence of PFAS, the leachate force main project is being recommended to be canceled. The County is negotiating with Bearing Construction to determine how much this will reduce the current contract. The change will need to go before the Commissioners for approval. The Cell 1 lift station work will still be moved forward.

#### Recycling

- 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 – EA is working on the 90% submittal

## FY 26 Budget Review

- See attachment

## Comments from the Board...