

**Solid Waste Advisory Board Meeting
Agenda for October 15, 2025; 9:00 A.M.**

Regulatory Updates

- EA submitted letter 7/23 to MDE for Snow Hill LFG monitoring reduced from monthly to quarterly. MDE provided approval on 9/18.
- Quarterly landfill gas monitoring for the Central Landfill Facility was completed on 8/7. Three groundwater monitoring probes had methane exceedance but the associated temporary probes (located away from the landfill but on County property) had no detection of methane. MDE continues to be ok with the temporary probe readings until permanent probes can be installed.
- Quarterly landfill gas monitoring for the Snow Hill, Pocomoke, and Berlin closed landfills was completed on 8/7. Pocomoke showed no methane concentration exceedances. Berlin showed methane exceedances in two landfill gas probes but the recently installed associated temporary landfill gas probes showed no methane detection. Snow Hill showed methane exceedances but at landfill gas probes adjacent to the property line and of concern to MDE.
- The semi-annual landfill gas monitoring report for the closed Snow Hill and Berlin landfills was submitted to MDE on 10/7/25.
- The groundwater sampling was completed for the Central Landfill Facility was completed during the week of 9/8. EA has recently received the laboratory results and is currently tabulating and evaluating the results. The semi-annual groundwater monitoring report is due 12/31/25.
- The groundwater sampling was completed for the Pocomoke, Snow Hill, and Berlin closed landfill was completed during the week of 9/15. EA has recently received the laboratory results and is currently tabulating and evaluating the results. The semi-annual groundwater monitoring report is due 12/31/25.
- EA addressed MDE's comments on the Environmental Monitoring Plan (EMP) for the closed landfills. The revised EMP was submitted to MDE on 7/10/25. MDE acknowledged on 7/11 and no comments since.

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 approved the additional lift on July 23, 2025.
- Cell 6 Preparation and Design – The stream crossing from the Cell 5 area to the Cell 6 is complete. A proposed monitoring well plan was submitted to MDE on 6/6/25. MDE responded on 6/20/25 that additional wells, spaced 500 feet apart, will need to be added.

EA revised the proposed well layout and submitted to MDE.. The boundary survey work is complete and timber harvesting has begun in the areas where the monitoring wells have to be installed. EA submitted the proposal for the Cell 6 design, permitting, construction administration, and inspection on 10/11/25 in the amount of \$899,404. Public Works submitted the proposal to the Commissioners for consideration of approval at the 10/21/25 meeting.

- Langmaid borrow pit tree clearing, contractor will be going to Langmaid after Cell 6 well areas are cleared.
- The State mandated landfill gas collection system design was submitted to MDE on 12/11/24. MDE provided comments on 9/26/25. Comments primarily focused on requesting supporting calculations for the landfill gas collection system.
- Cell 5 wetland mitigation area – In September EA completed the site assessment of MDE required 1-year extension for the continued monitoring of invasive species.
- Credit card kiosk has been installed and will go live 10/15/25.
- Household Hazardous Waste Day is scheduled for Saturday, November 1, 2025, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Central Landfill.
- The Commissioners approved the following fine / suspension schedule at their 10/7/25 meeting. Notifications will be sent to all commercial haulers.
 - 1st Offense: \$500 fine
 - 2nd Offense: \$1,000 fine + 1-week suspension
 - 3rd Offense: \$1,000 fine + 1-month suspension
 - 4th Offense: 1-year suspension

Closed Landfills

- Berlin –All probes but one continue to show methane levels below permit limits. We are continuing monthly monitoring and reporting results to MDE. The methane level at the single probe continues to drop but is above limits. We will be installing 3 new temporary probes 50-75 feet adjacent to the permanent probes to determine how far the methane has migrated. Installation completed the installation of 7 temporary probes on 7/29th. EA notified MDE a installation summary report on 9/4th. Berlin is monthly monitoring
- Snow Hill – all 9 flares are working now.

Central Site Inactive Cells

- Cell 1 Pump Station Upgrades - EA is proceeding with the revising the initial design which included the leachate force main and Cell 1 Pump Station Upgrades. The revision includes the removal of the leachate forcemain components. EA is currently finalizing the bid package for County bid advertisement in November 2025.

Recycling

- Berlin site –The Ocean Landings II developer does not appear interested in leasing an out parcel to the County for a recycling center. We will continue to pursue other options.
- Design of the Whaleyville concrete pad is complete. The prebid meeting was held on 10/2/25, bids are due on 10/27/25. Fencing, lighting, and cameras will be installed after the pad has been built.
- Replacement of roll up doors on Recycling building is complete.
- Scrap Tire Day was held 10/4/25. 71 vehicles took advantage of this event, and 641 tires were collected. Last year's count was 53 vehicles and 372 tires collected.
- The County selected a camera vendor, Absolute Security. The contract is being administered by the County IT Department. Public Works has identified the Bishopville Recycling Center as our top priority for camera placement.

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- Berlin site rehab – during design and survey work, it was discovered part of the existing roadway around the site is on the neighboring owner's property. The plans were revised to shift the new layout away from the property line. EA is currently finalizing the 100% Design.

Comments from the Board...