



**York County Solid Waste Authority, New Waste Transfer Station Permit Application
Permit Application No. 400561**

Background

The York County Solid Waste Authority (YCSWA) has applied for a permit from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection to construct a new municipal waste transfer station. The proposed project location is 2651 Black Bridge Road Manchester Twp., PA 17402, York County. The proposed transfer station will be constructed and operated within the limits of the existing York County Resource Recovery Center.

What is a “Waste Transfer Station?”

A waste transfer station is a facility where trash collection trucks discharge their loads so trash can be compacted and then reloaded into larger vehicles for shipment to a final disposal site, typically a landfill or waste-to-energy facility.

What Will be Happening There?

If the project is approved, the YCSWA will be allowed to construct the 160 ft (L) x 140 ft (W) x 50 ft (H) transfer station. The proposed transfer station will only accept waste types currently permitted at the York County Resource Recovery Center and will operate within the facility’s currently permitted maximum daily volume (MDV). If the permit is denied, York County Solid Waste Authority will continue to operate under the conditions set forth in its existing Waste Management permit with DEP.

DEP Waste Management Staff will continually monitor the facility with regular and unannounced inspections and by reviewing York County Solid Waste Authority’s monitoring reports for daily intake (volume of waste) to ensure the facility is operating within the guidelines and conditions set forth in its Waste Management Permit and adhering to state regulations. The DEP will also monitor the transfer station to assist in minimizing any nuisances such as odor or fugitive dust by truck traffic.

What is the Review Process?

The PA DEP Waste Management Program officially received the permit application on August 20, 2024, and the application was deemed administratively complete on August 26, 2024. The Department will complete a technical review of the application to determine if the proposal fulfills all applicable federal and state regulations. York County Solid Waste Authority also published a notice of the application in the local newspaper as required by regulation.

If DEP approves (issues) the permit, York County Solid Waste Authority may begin constructing their proposed project. The issuance of the permit may be appealed by the public if anyone thinks that DEP erred in its decision. Anyone who provides comments on the permit application, whether in writing or orally at a public meeting, informal conference, or through an objection by mail or email, will have their comments and objections considered in the DEP’s review.

You can learn more about the permitting process by visiting DEP’s Waste Management webpage:
<http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/permitting/14092>

How Might This Affect You?

The facility’s operation would continue as it does today with no increase in trash hauling volume. An environmental assessment will be conducted, but it will be limited in scope, as the project is within an existing facility. The environmental assessment is designed to ensure that environmental harms from proposed facilities are mitigated to the fullest extent possible. If harms are not completely mitigated, the benefits of the project to the public must clearly outweigh the known and potential environmental harms.



What is an Environmental Justice Area?

The location of this proposed project is considered an Environmental Justice Area due to a variety of social and environmental factors. DEP is working to facilitate enhanced public participation to ensure that the public is informed and can be involved. More information on Environmental Justice can be found on DEP's website at:

<https://dep.pa.gov/environmentaljustice>.

Where can I Review the Application?

You may also review the permit application at the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Southcentral Regional Office located at 909 Elmerton Avenue, Harrisburg, PA 17110, by calling 717-705-4732. To obtain an electronic copy of the permit application **please contact – Sam Warmate, Environmental Engineer, Department of Environmental Protection, Southcentral Regional Office** nswarmate@pa.gov.

Will there be a Public Meeting and How can Public Comments be Submitted?

The public may submit a comment regarding the application and/or request an informal public meeting or public hearing by contacting the South-Central Regional Office.

There are two (2) ways to request a meeting/hearing and/or submit a comment:

1. Submit your comments in writing and mail them to:
**DEP South Central Regional Office C/O Sam Warmate PA DEP Waste Management Program
909 Elmerton Avenue
Harrisburg, PA 17110**
2. Submit them by email by sending them (with your name and email address) to nswarmate@pa.gov Please include "York County Solid Waste Authority Comments and [Your Name]" in the subject line.

Who can I Contact with Questions or Comments?

Sam Warmate, Environmental Engineer, Department of Environmental Protection, Southcentral Regional Office
nswarmate@pa.gov.

While the Department will accept comments for consideration at any point during the review, we would like to receive comments by October 25, 2024 to be able to incorporate them into the environmental assessment and technical review.