

**MUNICIPAL AND RESIDUAL WASTE COMPOSTING;  
GENERAL PERMIT NUMBER WMGR025;  
NOTICE OF ISSUANCE**

Under the regulatory authority of 25 Pa. Code § 287.611 (relating to authorization for general permit) of the residual waste regulations and the statutory authority of the Solid Waste Management Act (35 P. S. §§ 6018.101--6018.1003), the Department of Environmental Protection (Department) has re-issued General Permit WMGR025 for the composting and beneficial use of various categories of residual and municipal waste. General Permit WMGR025 was originally issued on April 26, 1996, and expired on April 26, 2006. This permit has been revised and is being re-issued at this time.

General Permit WMGR025 authorizes the composting and beneficial use of the following categories of source-separated organic municipal and residual wastes: agricultural waste other than mortalities, food processing waste, pre-consumer and post-consumer food residuals, yard waste, land clearing and grubbing material, untreated wood waste, gypsum wallboard, paper, cardboard, waxed cardboard, virgin paper mill sludge and spent mushroom substrate. The beneficial uses of the finished compost approved in this permit are for use, marketing or distribution as a soil conditioner, soil amendment, fertilizer, mulch or for erosion control. The finished compost is not considered a waste when it has satisfied the conditions of this general permit.

Notice requesting public comment on the draft general permit was published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* at 37 Pa.B. 474 (January 27, 2007). During the 60-day public comment period that concluded on March 28, 2007, the Department received comments from 14 commentators. The Department prepared a Comment and Response document, which summarizes the comments received and the changes that were made to the final general permit. The Comment and Response document is available from the Department in addition to the final general permit package.

Persons interested in obtaining more information or obtaining copies of the general permit may contact the Bureau of Waste Management, Division of Municipal and Residual Waste, General Permits/Beneficial Use Section, Rachel Carson State Office Building, P.O. Box 8472, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8472 or by phone at (717) 787-7381. TDD users may contact the Department through the Pennsylvania Relay Service at (800) 654-5984. The General Permit, including the Comment and Response Document, is also accessible on the Department's website at [www.depweb.state.pa.us](http://www.depweb.state.pa.us) (DEP Keywords: "Residual Waste"; then choose "General Permits"; then "List of Residual Waste Beneficial Use General Permits").

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