



April 16, 2020

Mr. Jeff Morris
Senior Manager Environmental Compliance
Wheelabrator Falls Inc.
1201 New Ford Mill Road
Morrisville, PA 19067

Re: Wheelabrator Falls, Inc.
Permit ID No. 400633
Falls Township, Bucks County

Dear Mr. Morris:

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (“DEP”) has reviewed the Temporarily Suspend Regulatory Requirements and/or Permit Conditions (TSR-45) request received on April 7, 2020, concerning Condition No. 26 of solid waste permit number 400633 issued to Wheelabrator Falls, Inc. (“WFI”), on May 29, 2012, for the Wheelabrator Falls Resource Recovery Facility, a commercial resource recovery incinerator located in Falls Township, Bucks County.

Condition No. 26 of WFI permit states that “The maximum volume and weight of nonferrous and ferrous materials stored at the facility shall not exceed 10,000 cubic feet (or 2,000 tons by weight) for the ferrous material and 810 cubic feet (or 24 tons by weight) for the nonferrous material”. Because of the shutdown of the metal recycler processing facility due to the COVID-19 restriction, WFI will not be able to comply with the maximum permitted storage capability of 810 cubic feet (or 24 tons by weight) for the nonferrous material listed in Condition No. 26 of its permit and is looking currently for other outlets for the recovered material. According to WFI, the tipping floor is in enclosed building and not exposed to the weather. This temporary storage of the nonferrous metal will be monitored by both the floor and crane operators.

Based upon DEP’s review, the temporary suspension request by WFI is approved with the following conditions:

- 1) The maximum storage capacity of 810 cubic feet (or 24 tons by weight) for the nonferrous material listed in Condition No. 26 of the solid waste permit number 400633 issued to WFI, on May 29, 2012, is hereby temporarily suspended.
- 2) No other terms or conditions of WFI’s solid waste permit are modified or suspended by this limited approval;

- 3) If WFI has not already done so, it should directly notify its host municipality of this approval so that the municipality is aware of the related increase in the storage capacity of the nonferrous metal;
- 4) The relief for increased storage capacity of the nonferrous metal at the facility is effective immediately through and including May 31, 2020;
- 5) All nonferrous metal shall be managed according to the DEP's rules and regulations;
- 6) WFI shall ensure that the increase in the maximum storage capacity of nonferrous metal does not create conditions that are harmful to the environment or public health, or which create safety hazards, odors, dust, noise, unsightliness and other public nuisances;
- 7) WFI will need to make a separate request should it believe that an extension beyond May 31, 2020, will be needed; and

Thank you, and please keep this office informed as to how operations are proceeding.

Sincerely,

Sachin Shankar

Sachin Shankar, P.E.
Assistant Regional Director

cc: Ms. Kostick, Bucks County Government Services Center
Mr. Gray, Falls Township
Dr. Mazid, P.E.
Mr. Bauer