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DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL and RESIDUAL WASTE

GENERAL PERMIT WMGM064

COUNTY RECYCLING CONVENIENCE CENTER
AND SATELLITE STATION

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A. Description.

1. This general permit authorizes the operation of County Recycling Convenience Centers (Center) and Satellite Stations for the collection, storage and transfer of municipal waste, recyclable material, and construction and demolition waste (C&D waste) from vehicles not regularly used to transport these materials. No additional processing other than the transfer of collected materials is authorized. Ownership of Centers and Satellite Stations is limited to county and local government. County and local government may utilize private or public-sector operators for the operation and management of these facilities.
2. For the purposes of this permit, the terms listed below are defined as follows:
 - a. "County Recycling Convenience Center" or "Center" – any site or location that meets the operating requirements set forth in this permit and may accept recyclable material from Satellite Stations for the purpose of consolidation.
 - b. "Satellite Station" - any site or location that meets the operating requirements set forth in this permit.
 - c. "Recyclable material" –
 - (1) Materials such as paper, glass, plastics, and metal food or beverage containers.
 - (2) Electronic waste, including "covered devices" as defined in the Covered Device Recycling Act (CDRA), 35 P.S. §§ 6031.101 - 6031.702 and "non-covered devices," including devices such as telephones, radios, servers, and small appliances.
 - (3) Waste Tires as defined by the Waste Tire Recycling Act, 35 P.S. §§ 6029.101 - 6029.116.
 - (4) White goods, including refrigerators, freezers, stoves, ovens, air conditioners, dishwashers, washing machines, dryers, or water heaters.

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B. Determination of Applicability Requirements.

A person that proposes to operate under the terms and conditions of this general permit after the date of permit issuance must obtain a Determination of Applicability (DOA) from the appropriate Department of Environmental Protection (Department) Regional Office (see attached list). The appropriate Department Regional Office will provide a checklist, either at a pre-application meeting or by mail or email, that indicates the forms needed for the application. The completed application must be submitted on forms provided by the Department. No activities shall commence unless approved, in writing, by the Department. When making a DOA the Department shall consider the County's population, population density and current availability of convenient waste and recycling services. The Department may waive certain requirements of this permit based on site specific conditions.

C. Operating Requirements.

1. The Center shall maintain a gate or other barrier at potential vehicular access points and a fence or other suitable barrier around the site to prevent unauthorized access when an attendant is not on duty.
2. The Center shall be open on days and times that are convenient to the public; however, no set times, days, or number of days per week are required under this permit.
3. The collection, storage and transfer of municipal waste shall be conducted as follows:
 - a. The maximum volume of municipal waste collected and stored cannot exceed two 40 cubic-yard containers per week.
 - b. Collected municipal waste must be transferred to a permitted municipal waste landfill or resource recovery facility at least once a week.
4. The Center shall comply with the provisions in 25 Pa. Code § 279.211 (relating to signs and markers).
5. The Center shall comply with the provisions in 25 Pa. Code § 279.221 (relating to litter).
6. The collection, storage and transfer of C&D waste shall be conducted as follows:
 - a. The maximum volume of C&D waste collected and stored cannot exceed one 40 cubic-yard container every two weeks.

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- b. Collected C&D waste must be transferred to a permitted municipal waste or C&D waste processing or disposal facility at least once every two weeks.
 - c. C&D waste must be collected and stored separately from recyclable materials and other types of solid waste.
7. The total volume or weight of recyclable material collected must exceed the total weight or volume of municipal waste collected. The Center shall, at a minimum, accept the following recyclable materials:
 - a. Paper, glass, plastics, and metal food or beverage containers.
 - b. Electronic waste.
 - c. Waste tires.
 - d. White goods.
8. The collection, storage and transfer of electronic waste shall be conducted as follows:
 - a. Electronic waste must be stored in an enclosed building or container.
 - b. Electronic waste may not be speculatively accumulated.
 - c. Electronic waste must be shipped to a permitted or certified recycler on a regular basis. No more than two tractor trailer loads or the equivalent may be stored on site at any given time.
 - d. Storage of cathode ray tubes (CRTs) is subject to the requirements of the Federal hazardous waste regulations at 40 CFR §§ 261.4(a)(22), 40 CFR §§ 261.39 – 261.41 and the Department's hazardous waste regulations at 25 Pa. Code § 261a.39.
9. Storage of municipal waste, recyclable materials and C&D waste shall be in a manner that complies with the requirements of 25 Pa. Code, Chapter 285 (relating to storage, collection, and transportation of municipal waste).
10. Paper, glass, plastics, and metal food or beverage containers must be stored in an enclosed building, container, or bin in such a way as to not degrade their value or marketability and separate from all waste.
11. Municipal waste managed under this permit, including C&D waste, and recyclable materials shall be collected and stored separately from each other, and shall not be mixed with other types of solid wastes.

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12. All transfers of municipal waste and recyclable material must be conducted in accordance with applicable Municipal Waste regulations, Title 25, Article VIII (relating to municipal waste).
13. A Center shall not be operated within the following isolation distances:
- a. In the 100-year floodplain of the waters of the Commonwealth, unless the Department approves, in the permit, a method of protecting the Center from a 100-year flood consistent with the Flood Plain Management Act (32 P.S. §§ 679.101-679.601) and the Dam Safety and Encroachments Act (32 P.S. §§ 693.1-693.27).
 - b. Within 300 feet of an exceptional value wetland as defined in 25 Pa. Code § 105.17 (relating to wetlands).
 - c. Within 100 feet of a wetland other than an exceptional value wetland, unless it is demonstrated that no adverse hydrological or water quality impacts will result.
 - d. Within 900 feet from any school building, park, or playground, unless the owner of the school, park, or playground has provided a written waiver consenting to the Center being closer than 900 feet.
 - e. Within 300 feet measured horizontally from an occupied dwelling, unless the owner of the dwelling has provided a written waiver consenting to the Center being closer than 300 feet.
 - f. Within 100 feet of an intermittent or perennial stream.
 - g. Within 50 feet of a property line unless the owner of the adjacent property has provided a written waiver consenting to the Center being closer than 50 feet.
14. The Center shall not be operated in an area that serves as a habitat for fauna or flora listed as “threatened” or “endangered” under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, 16 U.S.C.A. §§ 1531 et seq., the Wild Resource Conservation Act, 30 Pa. C.S.A. §§ 101 et seq. (relating to the Fish and Boat Code), or 34 Pa. C.S.A. §§ 101 et seq. (relating to the Game and Wildlife Code), unless compliance with applicable Federal and State requirements that would allow operations in such areas can be demonstrated.
15. A Preparedness, Prevention and Contingency (PPC) Plan must be created that is consistent with the Department’s most recent guidelines for the development and implementation of environmental emergency response plans. A copy of

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the plan must be retained onsite and made available to the Department upon request.

16. The permittee shall comply with the fugitive emissions regulations under 25 Pa. Code, Chapter 123 (relating to standards for contaminants) issued under the Air Pollution Control Act, 35 P.S. § 4005, and shall comply with all the applicable provisions of 25 Pa. Code §§ 123.1 and 123.2 (relating to prohibition of certain fugitive emissions and fugitive particulate matter).
17. This permit does not authorize and shall not be construed as an approval to discharge any waste, wastewater, or runoff from the site of processing to the land or waters of the Commonwealth.
18. Best management practices shall be implemented to divert storm water run-on from the storage area. Storm water runoff shall be managed in accordance with The Clean Streams Law, 35 P.S. §§ 691.1 et seq., and regulations promulgated thereunder. Prior to beginning operations at the Center, the operator must obtain all necessary storm water management permits.
19. The permittee shall maintain in force and affect a general liability insurance policy in accordance with 25 Pa. Code, Chapter 271, Subchapter D (relating to financial assurance requirements) to provide continuous coverage during operation of the facility and until the Department issues a final closure certification.
20. Equipment used for the storage of municipal waste, recyclable materials and C&D waste shall be maintained in good operating condition. Daily inspections of each storage area and surrounding environs shall be conducted to determine compliance with the terms and conditions of this general permit and for evidence of failure.
21. The activities authorized by this permit shall not cause or allow conditions that are harmful to the environment, public health or safety, including odors, noise, or other public nuisances. The permittee shall not cause or allow the attraction, harborage, or breeding of vectors.
22. As a condition of this general permit and of the permittee's authority to conduct the activities authorized by this general permit, the permittee hereby authorizes and consents to allow authorized employees or agents of the Department, without advance notice or search warrant, upon presentation of appropriate credentials and without delay, to have access to and inspect all areas on which solid waste management activities are being, will be, or have been conducted. This authorization and consent shall include consent to collect samples of waste, soils, water, or gases; take photographs; perform measurements, surveys, and other tests; inspect any equipment; inspect the methods of operation and inspect

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and/or copy documents, books, and papers required by the Department to be maintained. This permit condition is referenced in accordance with Sections 6018.608 and 6018.610(7) of the Solid Waste Management Act (SWMA), 35 P.S. §§ 6018.608 and 6018.610(7). This condition in no way limits any other powers granted under the SWMA.

23. All activities conducted under the authorization granted in this permit shall be conducted in accordance with the permittee's application. Except to the extent the permit states otherwise, the Center shall utilize materials as described in the permit application.
24. Nothing in this permit shall be construed to supersede, amend, or authorize a violation of any of the provisions of any valid and applicable local law, ordinance, or regulation, providing that said local law, ordinance, or regulation is not preempted by the SWMA, 35 P.S. §§ 6018.101 - 6018.1001, and the Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act, 53 P.S. §§ 4000.101, et seq.
25. Any independent contractors or agents retained by the permittee in the completion of activities authorized under this general permit shall be subject to a compliance history review by the Department prior to performance of any activities, as specified by the SWMA.
26. Failure of measures herein approved to perform as intended, or as designed, or in compliance with the applicable laws, rules, and regulations and terms and conditions of this permit, for any reason, shall be grounds for the revocation or suspension of the permittee's approval to operate under this permit.
27. The Department may modify, suspend, revoke, and reissue the authorization granted in this general permit if it deems necessary to prevent harm or the threat of harm to the public health, and the environment or if they cannot be adequately regulated under the conditions of this general permit.
28. The permittee shall comply with the terms and conditions of this general permit and with the environmental protection acts to the same extent as if the activities were covered by an individual permit. The Department may require that an individual permit be obtained if the permittee cannot comply with the conditions of this general permit or is conducting an activity that harms or presents a threat of harm to the health, safety, or welfare of the public or the environment of this Commonwealth.
29. Upon cessation of permitted operations at the facility, the permittee shall remove all wastes and provide for the processing, recycling, beneficial use, or disposal of wastes in accordance with the SWMA, the environmental protection acts and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

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D. Recordkeeping.

1. The following records shall be retained by the permittee and shall be made available to the Department upon request:
 - a. Records identifying volume and type of waste shipped from the Center.
 - b. The names and addresses to whom the waste was shipped.
 - c. Records identifying volume and type of recyclable material shipped from the Center.
 - d. The names and addresses to whom the recyclable material was shipped.
2. The permittee shall also maintain records of spills or releases that include, at a minimum, the following: the location, date, time, identification, and quantity of spilled or released material, and a description of how the spill or release was removed or remediated.
3. The permittee shall also maintain records of all reports submitted to the Department or to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

E. Reporting Requirements.

1. Any person that operates under the provisions of this permit shall immediately notify the Department via certified mail of any changes in: the company name, address, owners, operators, and/or responsible officials of the company, compliance status, and the status of any permit issued by the Department or federal government under the environmental protection acts.
2. The permittee shall immediately notify the Department's Emergency Hotline by telephone at 800-541-2050 and the waste management program in the appropriate DEP regional office (see attached list) of any accidental spills and shall take appropriate immediate action to protect the health and safety of the public and the environment.
3. Persons operating under the provision of this general permit shall submit to the appropriate Department Regional Office (see attached list), an annual report on the activities conducted under this permit by March 1 for the preceding calendar year. This report shall include a summary of the volumes and types of wastes shipped from the Center, including the names and addresses to whom the wastes were shipped; a summary of the volumes and types of recyclable materials shipped from the Center, and the names and addresses to whom the recyclable materials were shipped.

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F. Renewal.

Any person that plans to continue the operations authorized under this general permit, after the expiration date indicated on the approval for coverage page, shall file a complete application for permit renewal at least 180 days before the expiration date of this general permit unless permission has been granted by the Department for submission at a later date. The renewal applications shall be submitted to the appropriate DEP Regional Office (see attached list) and include, at a minimum, the following:

- (i) General Information Form (Authorization Application for a Residual or Municipal Waste General Permit Application),
- (ii) Form 20 (Application for a Municipal or Residual Waste General Permit),
- (iii) Form 27M (Acceptance of General Permit Conditions), and

A copy of the renewal application shall also be sent to the Department's Bureau of Waste Management, Division of Municipal and Residual Waste, Rachel Carson State Office Building, 400 Market Street, P.O. Box 69170, Harrisburg, PA 17106-9170.

In the event that a timely and complete application for renewal has been submitted and the Department is unable, through no fault of the permittee, to reissue the general permit or approval for coverage before its current coverage expiration date, the terms and conditions of the approved coverage will automatically continue and will remain fully effective and enforceable pending the issuance or denial of the renewal for permit coverage, provided the permittee is, and has been, operating in compliance with the terms and conditions of the general permit.

**Department of Environmental Protection
Regional Offices
(and Counties Served)**

- I. Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, Philadelphia.

Southeast Regional Office

2 East Main Street
Norristown, PA 19401
Phone: (484) 250-5960

- II. Carbon, Lackawanna, Lehigh, Luzerne, Monroe, Northampton, Pike, Schuylkill, Susquehanna, Wayne, Wyoming.

Northeast Regional Office

2 Public Square
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711-0790
Phone: (570) 826-2516

- III. Adams, Bedford, Berks, Blair, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Fulton, Huntingdon, Juniata, Lancaster, Lebanon, Mifflin, Perry, York.

Southcentral Regional Office

909 Elmerton Avenue
Harrisburg, PA 17110-8200
Phone: (717) 705-4706

- IV. Bradford, Cameron, Centre, Clearfield, Clinton, Columbia, Lycoming, Montour, Northumberland, Potter, Snyder, Sullivan, Tioga, Union.

Northcentral Regional Office

208 West 3rd Street - Suite 101
Williamsport, PA 17701
Phone: (570) 327-3653

- V. Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Cambria, Fayette, Greene, Indiana, Somerset, Washington, Westmoreland.

Southwest Regional Office

400 Waterfront Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15222-4745
Phone: (412) 442-4000

- VI. Butler, Clarion, Crawford, Elk, Erie, Forest, Jefferson, Lawrence, McKean, Mercer, Venango, Warren.

Northwest Regional Office

230 Chestnut Street
Meadville, PA 16335-3481
Phone: (814) 332-6848