



April 15, 2025

Ms. Michaela Gobel, Principal/CFO
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via email: Gobel@eq-cap.com

Re: Local Municipality Involvement Process (LMIP) Meeting
Municipal Waste Major Permit Modification Application
Liberty Soils Biosolids Management Facility
Application# 603455-A251
APS No. 1129302 Auth No. 1513091
Reilly Township, Schuylkill County

Dear Ms. Gobel and Local Government Officials:

Thank you for attending the March 27, 2025 LMIP meeting regarding Liberty Soils' application for a major permit modification for an increase in the facility's daily maximum tonnage at its biosolids management facility located at 500 Blackwood Road in Reilly Township, Schuylkill County.

We hope that you found the meeting helpful regarding the proposed modification and the DEP permitting process and that topics regarding truck traffic and storage capacities were adequately explained. Only municipalities and local government officials that attended the meeting are cc'd on this letter.

Attached is a Liberty Soils fact sheet about the application.

If you have any questions, please contact Dave Matcho dmatcho@pa.gov or at 570-830-3111.

Sincerely,

Roger Bellas

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Environmental Program Manager
Waste Management Program

Enclosures: Liberty Soils Fact Sheet

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Liberty Soils, LLC // Overview of the Permit Modification

Application SW 603455 Submitted to PA DEP Jan. 2025

Excerpt from Permit Application Docs:

The applicant, Liberty Soils, LLC, proposes the following modifications:

- 1. Accept a monthly average of 300 wet tons of biosolids per receiving day, with a daily maximum of 500 wet tons of biosolids. The current permit allows the facility to accept a daily maximum of 300 wet tons of biosolids. The requested modification allows a daily surge of up to 500 wet tons of biosolids and keeps the monthly average to 300 wet tons of biosolids per receiving day (Monday – Saturday). There will not be an increase in the total annual wet tons of biosolids received.*
- 2. Rename the “curing building” and “covered product storage area” to “Storage Buildings” and redefine the function of the Storage Buildings for product curing and storage.*

What does this mean?

Item #1 Explained:

- Liberty is currently permitted to receive a maximum of 300 wet tons of biosolids per day.
- Liberty is requesting a modification to the method for measuring the 300-ton daily maximum. Liberty is asking that the measurement be 300 wet tons per day, averaged over a month, but no more than 500 tons per day.
- The current permit’s language limits Liberty’s abilities to operate as intended, at 300 tons per day.
- Due to the nature of Liberty’s business and the current language of the permits, Liberty averages approximately 260-280 tons per day, 20-40 tons less than intended.
- With the requested permit modification, Liberty will be better equipped to handle the nature of a logistics business and reach its current 300 wet tons per day permitted capacity.
- The change will allow Liberty to absorb the ebbs and flows of the business that are outside of Liberty’s control (i.e., truck breakdowns, road closures, unsafe travel conditions). If a scheduled load is missed, it can be made up for the following day.
- The receiving days will remain the same (Monday – Saturday)
- The volume of finished product produced annually will remain the same.

Item #2 Explained:

- Liberty is changing the names on the site plan of two buildings to reflect their actual names.
- This is an administrative change. The permit change will not change the daily process. This is simply updating the permit documents to reflect current operations.