

February 19, 2026

Mr. William Rinaldi, President
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Re: Acceptance Letter
Municipal Waste Transfer Station Application
North East Waste Systems Transfer Facility
Application# 101743
APS ID# 1154224, AUTH ID# 1555564
City of Hazleton, Luzerne County

Dear Mr. Rinaldi:

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has reviewed the above referenced application for completeness. The completeness review is the first step in a series of reviews conducted by DEP.

The Department has determined that the application package contains sufficient detail to enable DEP to conduct the technical review and has been accepted for that purpose.

This is not a final action by DEP on this application. The completeness review is the first in a series of reviews conducted by DEP. The application will now move to the technical review stage of the permit review process. To follow your application through the review process, please visit *eFACTS on the Web* at: <http://www.ahs2.dep.state.pa.us/eFactsWeb/default.aspx>.

Pursuant to the Permit Review Process and the PAYback Policy, this application qualifies for PAYback. The Department's review timeframe for this particular application is 521 business days. If the Department's review time exceeds this review timeframe you may be entitled to a permit fee refund. The Department's review time does not include time for review by other agencies or time the applicant takes to address deficiencies and secure bonding, as applicable.

I trust that you find this information helpful in understanding the permit review process. If you have additional questions about your application, please contact Bradley Lester at bralester@pa.gov and refer to Application No. 101743, APS No. 1154224, Authorization No. 1555564.

Sincerely,

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