



July 7, 2026

William Rinaldi, President
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Via Email: bill@billrinaldi.com

Re: Technical Deficiency Letter
Municipal Waste Transfer Station Application
North East Waste Systems Transfer Facility
City of Hazleton, Luzerne County
Application No.: 101743-A
APS No.: 1154224, Auth No.: 1555564

Dear Mr. Rinaldi:

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has reviewed the above referenced Municipal Waste Transfer Station application that was accepted by the Department as administratively complete on February 19, 2026. The DEP has identified the following deficiencies. The deficiencies are based on applicable laws and regulations.

Deficiencies

- **Form D – Environmental Assessment**

- i. The response to Form D Section A Geologic, Item 2 states that a geotechnical review and site investigation will be completed by “IPCC” as part of the overall site development, including this transfer facility project, prior to construction. It appears this reference to IPCC is carried over from the prior North East Waste Systems application as that was the property owner/developer for the previously proposed location. According to the Form E, the owner for this location is U.S. ER1 Inc. and the developer is Livingston Group, LTD. The response to this section should be revised to remove reference to IPCC.
- ii. Responses to Form D Section J Traffic indicate the site does not have a Highway Occupancy Permit (HOP); however, statements the applicant has made during meetings indicate the site already has an HOP. Please clarify whether there is already an HOP for the site. If yes, please provide a copy of the permit including any conditions. Also provide documentation that the applicant has verified with Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PADOT) that no other requirements (i.e., traffic study) or updates to the HOP are needed for the transfer station. If an HOP has not already been obtained, the applicant should coordinate with PADOT to apply for an

HOP and to determine whether a traffic impact study will be necessary. Please update responses to Form Section J Traffic, Items 14 and 15 as appropriate.

- iii. The response to Form D Section K Zoning and Land Use, Item 3.b states U.S. ER1, Inc., the property landowner, has secured zoning approval including proposed waste receipt hours (5:00 am to 5:00 pm). However, the zoning hearing board decision provided in Attachment D-6 states the hours of operation will be Monday through Friday from 7:00 am. to 5:00 pm. Please explain this discrepancy and amend the application as necessary (Form D and possibly Form O).”
 - iv. “The response to Form D Section M Air Quality Impact, Items 1 and 3 do not address asbestos containing waste; however, asbestos waste is included in the Form G(A) as a waste type that will potentially be received and handled at the facility. If asbestos containing waste is being proposed as a waste type for the transfer station, Sections M.1 and 3 need to address the potential impacts and mitigation associated with asbestos.
- **Form HW-C – Compliance History**
 - i. Section D – There are two Notice of Violation actions that appear to be missing from the list in Attachment HWC-D Compliance History for United Sand & Gravel, Inc. (Client ID # 62578). Please provide the information for the two missing Notices of Violation dated October 16, 2018 and June 10, 2021.
 - **Bonding Worksheets**
 - i. Bonding Worksheet A - Decontamination
 - 1. Quote for disposal of liquids is from 2022, please provide an updated quote.
 - ii. Bonding Worksheet B – Surface Water
 - 1. Please provide quotes for sampling and analysis of NPDES outfalls.
 - iii. Bonding Worksheet E – Summary
 - 1. Re-evaluate this worksheet if necessary.
 - **Form I – Erosion and Sedimentation Control**
 - i. Pennsylvania Natural Diversity Inventory is included.
 - 1. USFWS requested further information, but it is unclear if it was provided by the Applicant. Please state whether a response was made to the USFWS request.
 - **Form X – Radiation Protection Action Plan**
 - i. Plans need to be reviewed annually per guidance. Please add this under revision requirements.

- **Form G(A) – Air Resources Protection Dust Emissions Estimate and Control Plan**
 - i. The application states that asbestos-containing wastes may be accepted, both friable and non-friable.
 - 1. Please complete a Form R – Waste Analysis and Classification Plan for this waste stream.

 - **Form L – Contingency Plan for Emergency Procedures and PPC Plan**
 - i. Contact telephone number for DEP is for Southeast Regional Office.
 - 1. Contact information should be:
PA DEP, Northeast Regional Office: 570-826-2511
 - ii. Contact telephone number for “Luzerne Dept. of Health” is for the Luzerne County Hazelton Annex, Dept. of Family, Children and Youth.
 - 1. Please revise this contact information.
 - iii. Contact telephone number for “PaDEP (24 Hr)” is for EPA Region 3.
 - 1. Contact information should be:
PA DEP 24 Hour Response: 800-541-2050
 - iv. Contact telephone number for “Pennsylvania Fish Commission” points to a private telephone number.
 - 1. Contact information should be:
Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission: 717-626-0228.
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You must submit a response fully addressing each of the significant technical deficiencies set forth above within 60 calendar days.

If you believe that any of the stated deficiencies is not significant, instead of submitting a response to the deficiency, you have the option of asking the DEP to decide based on the information regarding the subject matter of that deficiency that you have already made available. If you choose this option regarding any deficiency, you should explain and justify how your current submission satisfies that deficiency. Please keep in mind that if you fail to respond, your application may be denied.

Should you have any questions regarding the identified deficiencies, please contact Bradley Lester, E.I.T., at 570.820.4841 or bralester@pa.gov.

Sincerely,

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