# DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BUREAU OF WASTE MANAGEMENT DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL and RESIDUAL WASTE

### **GENERAL PERMIT WMGR151**

BENEFICIAL USE OF SCREENINGS FROM THE PROCESSING OF CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION WASTE FOR BENEFICIAL USE AND INDUSTRIAL WOOD BASE WASTE AS A BULKING AGENT

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#### A. Description:

This general permit authorizes the beneficial use of screenings from the processing of construction and demolition waste for beneficial use and industrial wood base waste for use as a waste bulking agent prior to disposal of the bulked waste by landfilling or incineration.

The facility producing the screenings must possess all needed permits from the Department or appropriate agency from the location of the facility for processing construction and demolition waste and industrial wood base waste.

#### B. Determination of Applicability Requirements:

A person or municipality 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 Regional Office (see attached list) prior to commencing authorized activities under this general permit. A completed (i) General Information Form (Authorization Application for a Residual or Municipal Waste General Permit Application), (ii) Form B (Professional Certification), (iii) Form 20 (Application for a Municipal or Residual Waste General Permit), (iv) Form 27R (Acceptance of General Permit Conditions), (v) Form HW-C (Compliance History), (vi) a copy of the permit authorizing processing construction and demolition waste and industrial wood base waste, and (v) a DOA application fee in the amount identified in Section A (General Information) of the Form 20 must be submitted to the appropriate Department Regional Office. A check shall be made payable to the "Commonwealth of Pennsylvania". No activities shall commence unless approved, in writing, by the Department.

#### C. Operating Conditions:

- 1. 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 permittee shall utilize the processed material as described in the permit application.
- 2. The permittee shall comply with the fugitive emissions regulations under Title 25 Pa. Code, Chapter 123 (Standards for Contaminants) issued under the Air Pollution Control Act, the Act of January 8, 1960, P.L. 2119, 35 P.S. §4005 and shall comply with all the applicable provisions of the Fugitive Emissions Sections 123.1 and 123.2.

- 3. 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 Pennsylvania Solid Waste Management Act, 35 P.S. §6018.101 et seq; and the Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act of 1988, 53 P.S. §4000.101 et seq.
- 4. 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 to 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; to perform measurements, surveys, and other tests; inspect any monitoring equipment; to inspect the methods of operation and to inspect and/or copy documents, books, and papers required by the Department to be maintained. This permit condition is referenced in accordance with §608 and §610(7) of the Solid Waste Management Act, 35 P.S. §6018.608 and §6018.610(7). This condition in no way limits any other powers granted under the Solid Waste Management Act.
- Any independent contractors or agents retained by the permittee in the completion of activities authorized under this general permit shall be subject to compliance history review by the Department prior to performance of any activities, as specified by the Pennsylvania Solid Waste Management Act of 1980.
- 6. Failure of the permittee to comply with the applicable laws, rules, and regulations and terms of this permit, for any reason, shall be grounds for the revocation or suspension of the permittee's approval to conditions of this permit, or of the measures herein approved to perform as intended or operate under this permit.
- 7. The activities authorized by this general permit shall not harm or present a threat of harm to the health, safety, or welfare of the people or environment of this Commonwealth. 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.
- 8. All screenings shall be stored and transported in accordance with 25 Pa. Code Chapter 299 (relating to storage and transportation) and the Waste Transportation Safety Act, 27 Pa. C.S. §§6201-6209.

- 9. 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 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.
- 10. 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.
- 11. Best Management Practices shall be implemented to divert storm water run-on from the facility. Storm water runoff shall be managed in accordance with The Clean Streams Law and regulations promulgated thereunder. Prior to beginning operations at the facility, the operator must obtain all necessary storm water management permits.
- 12. Prior to being used as a bulking agent, the screenings shall not be mixed with other types of solid wastes, including hazardous waste, municipal waste, special handling waste, or other residual waste.
- 13. The screenings shall not be provided for beneficial use unless:
  - a. The screenings are predominantly wood base materials.
  - b. The screenings will pass through a screen with 3/8 inch openings.
  - c. The end user provides information that indicates the screening will satisfy the acceptance criteria at the landfill or incinerator where the bulked waste will be disposed.

#### D. Recordkeeping:

The permittee shall maintain current records of wastes processed to produce the screenings including: processing date, proportions, and destination and contact information where the screenings will be beneficially used. These records shall be maintained on site at all times and made available to the Department upon request.

#### E. Reporting Requirements:

- 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. At least sixty (60) days prior to a permittee providing screenings for beneficial use from a facility operating at a new location, two (2) copies of the following must be supplied to the appropriate Department Regional Office, in writing:
  - a. Name, address, phone number, and contact person for the new facility;
  - b. A copy of the permit authorizing processing construction and demolition waste and industrial wood base waste.
- 3. The permittee shall immediately notify the Department's Emergency Hotline by at 800-541-2050 and the appropriate DEP regional office waste management program in the event of any accidental spills of the specialty oil or fluid and shall take appropriate immediate action to protect the health and safety of the public and the environment in accordance with the approved PPC plan.
- 4. The permittee shall submit an annual report to the appropriate Department Regional Office. The report shall contain a summary of all of the information required in Section D above. The report shall be submitted by the anniversary date on which the permittee was covered by this permit.

#### F. Renewal:

A person or municipality 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 application shall include a completed (i) General Information Form (Authorization Application for a Residual or Municipal Waste General Permit Application), (ii) Form B (Professional Certification), (iii) Form 20 (Application for a Municipal or Residual Waste General Permit), (iv) Form 27 (Acceptance of General Permit Conditions), and (v) bonding worksheets, and (vi) a DOA application fee in the amount identified in Section A (General Information) of the Form 20 must be submitted to the appropriate Department Regional Office. A check shall be made payable to the "Commonwealth of Pennsylvania." A copy of the renewal

application shall also be sent to the attention of 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**

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### **Southcentral Regional Office**

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

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#### **Southwest Regional Office**

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