

Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Information Sheet/Plain Language Summary

WASTE REDUCTION RECYCLING & TRANSFER PROJECT SUMMARY

Waste Reduction Recycling & Transfer Inc. (WRRT) has submitted an application to DEP for a major permit modification at the existing transfer station located at 2100 Sans Souci Parkway, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18706. The facility is planning an expansion of the permit area and construction of a new building. The project would increase the permit area from the current 3.8 acres to 10.6 acres. The new building will allow the transfer facility activities to be fully enclosed.

The application does not propose an increase in the currently permitted 500 tons/day of incoming waste.

The application was received on June 7, 2022. A Local Municipality Involvement Process Meeting [LMIP] meeting was held August 1, 2022. The application was considered administratively complete on August 9, 2022.

All of the required information and application forms from WRRT have been submitted to DEP. Notice of the application's administrative completeness was published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* on Saturday, August 20, 2022. The permit application is currently under review by DEP's Waste Management staff.

What is a "Major Permit Modification?"

A major permit modification is a request by a facility that holds a permit issued by DEP to alter the conditions of that existing permit. WRRT's expansion application is considered a "major permit modification" by DEP because it involves significant changes to the facility.

You can learn more about the permitting process by visiting DEP's Waste Management webpage:

 $\underline{http://www.dep.pa.gov/Business/Land/Waste/SolidWaste/MunicipalWaste/Pages/default.aspx\#.} Vo511fMo7oZ$

Where is this facility?

WRRT is located at 2100 Sans Souci Parkway, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18706. The site is situated in Hanover Township. See map:



What will be happening there?

If the application is approved, the permit area will increase and the new transfer station building will be constructed. If the application is denied, WRRT will continue to operate under the conditions set forth in its existing Waste Management permit with DEP.

DEP Waste Management staff will continually monitor the transfer station with regular and unannounced inspections and by reviewing records and reports to ensure the transfer station is operating within the guidelines and conditions set forth in its Waste Management Permit.

How will this affect me?

The transfer station operation would continue and all operations would be fully enclosed in the new building. There should be no increase in truck traffic, given the fact that the daily waste acceptance rate is not being increased. There are also no changes proposed to the existing truck access route and entrance to the transfer station.

What happens next?

The DEP is currently reviewing the expansion application and taking public comment.

The Department will accept written comments on the expansion application. Written comments on the Waste Management Major Permit Modification application may be sent to the attention of Roger Bellas at the Department's Wilkes-Barre Regional Office, 2 Public Square, Wilkes Barre, PA 18701.

Where can I review the application?

You can review WRRT's expansion application on DEP's website:

https://www.dep.pa.gov/About/Regional/Northeast-Regional-Office/Community%20Information/Pages/Waste-Reduction-Recycling-and-Transfer-Station.aspx

Who should I call if I have questions about this application or the permitting process?

Contact Colleen Connolly at (570)-826-2511 or email: coconnolly@pa.gov or write to the Department at the Wilkes-Barre address given above.

What is the time frame for the DEP to make a final decision on this application?

DEP's target review timeframe for the application is 186 business days.