

Covanta Delaware Valley, LP (Covanta Del Val)

What is this about?

Located in the City of Chester, Delaware County, Covanta Del Val is a permitted waste-to-energy facility. The company is seeking to renew its five-year Title V/State Operating Permit. The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is currently reviewing this renewal request and is expected to render a decision after completing a thorough technical review and receiving comments from the public.

How will this affect me?

There are no changes to operation of the facility through the renewal process. The permit renewal doesn't increase the permitted limits for the facility. The permit renewal will require the facility to meet current and any updated regulatory standards and laws as expressed in the review memo.

What is a Title V/State Operating Permit?

A Title V/State Operating Permit is a permit required under the federal Clean Air Act and issued to all large or "major" sources. While this is a federal requirement, most of these permits are issued by state or local agencies; in this case, the Pennsylvania DEP. The permit term lasts for five years and include emission limits, monitoring, record keeping, and reporting requirements.

What is the review process?

DEP is now sharing its draft decision with the public and seeking comments and input. Covanta Del Val submitted their application for renewal on December 22, 2020. DEP determined that the application was administratively complete, which it did in February 2021. DEP then began a technical review of the application to determine if the all the appropriate regulations would be met and that the facility is operating in compliance with its permit conditions. Upon finishing its technical review, **DEP believes that all relevant regulations are met, incorporated and/or updated, and therefore has produced a draft permit and is seeking public comment.** Had DEP not been satisfied with the application, it would have prepared a Notice of Intent to Deny.

What can I comment on?

Now that DEP has issued a draft permit, the public and interested stakeholders are invited to submit comments on the renewal application, DEP's technical review memo, and DEP's draft decision. While all comments are welcome, it is important to focus comments on the submitted materials, regulations, and special conditions DEP may be considering in a draft permit. It is important to understand that the permit process only allows us to address comments related to the permit renewal. As mentioned above, this permit covers emission limits, monitoring, record-keeping, and reporting requirements, so comments on these topics are most applicable. Other comments related generally to the facility will be included in the comment response document, but won't likely affect the final decision. Comments can be submitted in writing to RA-EPSEROAQPUBCOM@pa.gov or to DEP's Southeast Regional Office, Air Quality Program at 2 E. Main Street, Norristown, PA, 19401 until October 2, 2021.

Will there be a public hearing?

Yes. Because of the significant community interest in this project and also as the facility is located in an environmental justice community, DEP will be hosting a formal virtual public hearing on Wednesday, September 22, 2021, beginning at 6:30 PM. All comments provided during the public comment period are given equal weight, whether provided verbally at a hearing, sent electronically, or through the mail. Formal public hearings are an opportunity for DEP to listen to stakeholders; DEP staff will not be answering questions or presenting additional information during the event.

- If you wish to present comments at the hearing, please contact John Repetz at jrepetz@pa.gov or 717-705-4904 at least 24-hours prior to the start of the hearing. Contacting John will allow DEP to add to you to the list of speakers and be able to unmute you during the hearing to allow you time to provide comments.
- If you wish only to listen to the hearing but not present comments, the web address and additional information to access the hearing can be found by visiting www.dep.pa.gov > public participation > [virtual public hearings](#) or using the dial in information provided on that page closer to the hearing date.

How can I learn more?

Some general information about the project is included in the Pennsylvania Bulletin Issue [Volume 51, Issue 34](#). If you wish to review the complete application and draft permit, please contact Janine Tulloch-Reid, Facilities Permitting Chief, by phone at 484-250-5920 or via email at RA-EPSEROAQPUBCOM@pa.gov. This is the same email used to submit electronic written comments.