

Appendix A

Definitions and Acronyms

Definitions

The definition of terms used in this Plan are consistent with definitions contained in Chapter 48 of the Montgomery County Code and COMAR.

Ash -- the solid byproducts of combustion, which are collected from grates or hearths in a furnace where combustion takes place and from filters or separators that process combustion gasses.

Biosolids -- the primarily organic solid or semi-solid by-product of wastewater treatment processes; synonymous with "sludge" as used in COMAR.

Bypass Waste -- waste received by the County which is processible at the RRF, but is not processed at the RRF and instead sent by the County to its out-of-County landfill.

Collection Contractor -- a private company under contract with the County to provide solid waste collection services for dwelling units with less than 7 units within the Solid Waste Collection Districts (See County Code Chapter 48).

Collector -- any person who contracts to collect and provide services for collection and/or transporting the solid waste of others to its disposal site (See County Code Chapter 48).

Compost -- the humus-like by-product of composting.

Composting -- the biological decomposition of organic material by microorganisms under controlled conditions to yield a humus-like product.

Construction and Demolition (C&D) Debris -- Solid waste from construction, demolition and renovation projects that produce debris including wood, wood products such as fiberboard and particleboard, cardboard, sheetrock and other drywall, plaster, fiberglass, plastic and other polymers, composite materials, glass, stone, steel and other metals, rubber, geotextile, asphalt, concrete, brick and mortar, rock, dirt, rubble, tree stumps, logs and large tree limbs. C&D Debris does not include 1) asbestos, 2) hazardous waste, 3) municipal solid waste such as garbage, household goods and refuse, 4) sludge, 5) dredged material (silt and other water pollutants), 6) medical/pathological waste, 7) ash and other residue from combustion, 8) industrial waste, 9) agricultural waste, 10) oil, antifreeze, fuel and other fluids for machinery, 11) liquid waste, 12) dead animals, 13) yard trim, 14) sawdust and slash from sawmill operations, 15) vehicles, machinery and electronics (including separated components), 16) containers, 17) tires, 18) appliances and other "white goods", 19) furniture, 20) recreation equipment, and may exclude additional items not listed.

Controlled Hazardous Substance -- a hazardous waste as defined in COMAR 26.13.01, or a special medical waste as defined in COMAR 26.13.11. Generally, a controlled hazardous substance is a solid waste that requires separate handling from MSW because it may pose a substantial hazard to human health or the environment.

County -- Montgomery County, Maryland.

County Solid Waste Facilities -- all sanitary landfills, refuse transfer facilities, materials recovery facilities, compost production facilities, resource recovery facilities and related facilities wholly operated by, or on behalf, of the County.

Department -- the Department of Environmental Protection.

Director -- the Director of the Department of Environmental Protection, or the Director's designee (See County Code Chapter 48).

Disposal refuse -- all solid waste that is acceptable for disposal, as designated in executive regulations and delivered to a County solid waste acceptance facility (See County Code Chapter 48).

Dwelling unit -- a building or part thereof arranged or designed for occupancy by not more than one family for living purposes and having cooking facilities (See County Code Chapter 48).

Garbage -- all organic waste materials resulting from the preparation, cooking, handling or storage of food (See County Code Chapter 48).

Generator -- the owner or occupant of any dwelling unit where solid waste is generated, and the owner or occupant of any other business, entity or institution at, from, or by which solid waste is generated (See County Code Chapter 48).

Hauler -- any person operating a commercial business or engaged in any enterprise regularly generating solid waste which requires collecting and hauling to an approved point of disposal, when such collecting and hauling is done by the person generating such material in his own vehicles or in vehicles leased for the purpose, in lieu of having a licensed collector perform this service (See County Code Chapter 48).

Hazardous Waste -- as defined in COMAR 26.13.01. Includes listed wastes, and characterized wastes that have one of the following properties: ignitability, corrosivity, reactivity, or toxicity.

Integrated Solid Waste Management System -- the County's system of managing solid waste as that system is revised from time to time in the County's Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan. The system may include all aspects of solid waste management and handling, including any waste reduction program, recycling program or facility, disposal program or facility, and any other program related to the collection, management and disposal of solid waste (See County Code Chapter 48).

Land Clearing Debris -- Materials from land clearing operations including: earthen materials such as clays, sands, gravels, and silts; topsoil; tree stumps; root mats; brush and limbs; logs; vegetations; and rock (COMAR 26.04.07.11(B)).

Landfill -- an engineered facility for disposing of solid wastes on land by spreading, compacting and covering the wastes.

Leachate -- liquid that has percolated through a landfill.

Materials Recovery Facility -- a facility for separating recyclables from mixed waste or for separating commingled recyclables.

Municipal Solid Waste -- solid waste generated at residences, commercial establishments and institutions; excludes land clearing, construction and demolition debris.

Non-Processible Waste -- a waste material which cannot be processed at the County's Resource Recovery Facility because of its size, bulkiness, composition or regulatory restrictions as further defined in the Service Agreement between the Northeast Maryland Waste Disposal Authority and Covanta Montgomery, Inc., f/k/a Ogden Martin Systems of Montgomery, Inc.

Recyclables -- materials that can be readily separated from a waste stream and reused in their present form or can be converted into raw materials from which new products can be made.

Regulated Asbestos-Containing Material -- material for which Federal or State regulations require specialized handling and disposal to prevent creation of asbestos dust.

Resource Recovery Facility -- a facility at which solid waste is processed for the purpose of recovering valuable resources (both materials and energy) from solid wastes and utilizing such resources in a beneficial manner.

Septage -- untreated sewage that accumulates in septic and holding tanks, including associated liquids, solids and semi-solids; the product of septic tank cleaning.

Solid Waste -- all waste materials and debris, including any garbage, sludge, medical/pathological waste, debris from building construction, ashes, junk, industrial waste, dead animal, salvable waste, dead or felled tree, uprooted tree stump, slash, tree limb, bush, plant, leaves, grass, garden trimmings, street refuse, abandoned vehicle, machinery, bottle, can, waste paper, cardboard, sawdust and slash from sawmill operations, and any other waste materials. Solid waste also includes any automobile, truck, box, container, tire, appliance, furniture, or recreational equipment that is in a state of disrepair or dysfunction, unless the item is awaiting removal or being repaired or renovated for the personal use of the owner or occupant and the repair, renovation or removal is completed within 30 days. Solid waste also includes any recyclable solid waste (See County Code Chapter 48).

Solid Waste Acceptance Facility -- any state-approved sanitary landfill, central processing facility, transfer station, medical/pathological waste incinerator or any other type of plant the primary purpose of which is for the disposal, treatment or processing of solid waste (See County Code Chapter 48).

Solid Waste Collection Districts -- special service districts established from time to time, consisting of certain areas of the County as defined on maps in the office of the Director, in which solid waste is collected by the County or its contractor (See County Code Chapter 48).

Solid Waste Management -- the systematic administration of activities which provide for the collection, source separation, storage, transportation, transfer, processing, treatment, recycling and disposal of solid waste.

Solid waste management district -- a special service district consisting of all of Montgomery County (See County Code Chapter 48).

Special Medical Waste -- as defined in COMAR 26.13.11. Includes utensils, bandages, containers and other medical or laboratory materials that may harbor pathogens.

Systems Benefit Charge -- an annual service charge reflecting all or a portion of the cost to the County of providing base and incremental solid waste management services (See County Code Chapter 48).

Transfer Station -- a facility designed to reduce collection and/or transportation costs by the consolidation of solid wastes before transport to a site for final disposal.

Yard Trim -- vegetative materials generated through the normal maintenance of yards, lawns, gardens or other landscaped areas including grass, leaves and brush; excludes soils, tree stumps, logs, large tree limbs, rock and other land clearing debris.

Acronyms

APC	air pollution control
BWMF	Brunswick Waste Management Facility
C&D	construction and demolition
CAA	Clean Air Act
CBD	Central Business District
CEM	continuous emission monitoring
CFC	chlorofluorocarbon
CFL	compact fluorescent light
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CHS	controlled hazardous substance
CIP	capital improvement program
COG	Council of Governments
COMAR	Code of Maryland Regulations
CY	calendar year
DAFIG	Dickerson Area Facilities Implementation Group
DC Water	District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority
DEP	Department of Environmental Protection
DEPC	Division of Environmental Policy and Compliance
DHCA	Department of Housing and Community Affairs
DNR	Maryland Department of Natural Resources
DOT	Department of Transportation
DSWS	Division of Solid Waste Services
EMS	Environmental Management System
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
FRS	Fire and Rescue Services
FY	fiscal year
GHG	greenhouse gas
HHW	household hazardous waste
ICLEI	International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives
IMA	Inter Municipal Agreement
MAEM	Mirant Americas Energy Marketing
MES	Maryland Environmental Service
MCDOT	Montgomery County Department of Transportation
MCPS	Montgomery County Public Schools
MCRCF	Montgomery County Regional Compost Facility (Site II)
MDA	Maryland Department of Agriculture
MDE	Maryland Department of the Environment
MGD	million gallons per day
M-NCPPC	Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission
MRA	Maryland Recycling Act
MRF	Materials Recovery Facility
MSW	municipal solid waste

NEPT	National Environmental Performance Track
NMWDA	Northeast Maryland Waste Disposal Authority
NOx	nitrogen oxides
NPDES	National Pollution Discharge Elimination System
OCA	Office of the County Attorney
OPS	Office Paper Systems
RACM	regulated asbestos containing material
RMP	residential mixed paper
PCB	polychlorinated biphenyl
RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
RDT	Rural Density Transfer
RRF	Resource Recovery Facility
SORRT	Smart Organizations Reduce and Recycle Tons
SSA	sole source aquifer
SWAC	Solid Waste Advisory Committee
TCLP	toxic characteristics leaching procedure
TDR	Transfer of Development Rights
TPY	Tons per year
TRAAC	Think Reduce and Recycle at Apartments and Condominiums
TSD	Treatment, Storage and Disposal
USEPA	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
VOC	volatile organic compound
WSSC	Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission
WWTP	Waste Water Treatment Plant