

DICKERSON AREA FACILITIES IMPLEMENTATION GROUP
(DAFIG)

June 9, 2020 DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Date: June 9, 2020
 Time: 7:00 PM
 Location: Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

1. ATTENDEES

Name	Present	Title	Status	Affiliation
Eric Cronquist	No		voting member	Resident, Affected Community
Lauren Greenberger	Yes	SCA President	voting member	Sugarloaf Citizen’s Association (SCA)
Richard Hill	Yes		voting member	For A Rural Maryland (FARM)
Jane Hunter	Yes		voting member	Resident, Affected Community
Paula Jenson	Yes		voting member	Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)
Mark Maier	Yes	DAFIG Chair	voting member	Resident, Affected Community
Steven Mendelsohn	No		voting member	Resident, Affected Community
Kathy Mihm	Yes		voting member	Town of Poolesville
Seth Schwartz	Yes		voting member	Sugarloaf Citizen’s Association (SCA)
Stephen Poss	Yes		voting member	Resident, Affected Community
Kraig Walsleben	Yes		voting member	Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board (UCAB)
VACANT			voting member	Resident, Affected Community
Aaron Hill	No		non-voting member	
Tom DeMaio	Yes		non-voting member	Covanta
Katherine Nelson	No		non-voting member	Montgomery County Planning Board
Lonnie Heflin	Yes	Section Chief	non-voting member	DEP-RRM Div. - Material Mgmt. Section
Dave Rosenbaum	Yes	Program Manager	non-voting member	DEP-RRM Div. - Material Mgmt. Section
Peter Heimlicher	Yes	Compliance Specialist	non-voting member	GenOn
Willie Wainer	No	Division Chief	non-member	DEP - Recycling & Resource Mgmt Div.
Joe LaDana	No	Senior Engineer	non-member	DEP-RRM Div. - Material Mgmt. Section
Ray Liou	No	Senior Engineer	non-member	DEP-RRM Div. - Material Mgmt. Section
Steve Martin	Yes	Env. Compliance Supv.	non-member	Montgomery County DEP
Charlie Bradford	Yes	Sr. Operations Mgr.	non-member	MES
Nick D’Amato	Yes	Project Manager	non-member	MES
Tim Brownell	Yes	Division Chief – Operations	non-member	MES
Steve Tomczewski	No	Env. Ops. Managing Dir.	non-member	MES
Mark Abrams	No	President	non-member	Technical Environmental Services, LLC
Jim Evans	No		Guest	Resident, Affected Community

2. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Maier called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

3. INTRODUCTIONS

Voting and non-voting members of DAFIG were introduced.

Virtual Meeting procedures reviewed.

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4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

- A. Chairman Maier made a motion to accept and adopt the agenda as presented for this meeting. Motion was seconded and passed with no objections.
- B. Chairman Maier asked for any updates or changes for the December 10, 2019 DAFIG Meeting Minutes.
- C. Chairman Maier asked about:
 - a. Creating a contact list of DAFIG members including phone numbers and emails. Dickerson Facilities Notification Protocol was recently submitted for update and signature. Mr. Rosenbaum to draft a complete Member List and email to group.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- A. DAFIG Website.
 - a. Website updated and organized to make it easier to navigate. Comments welcome.
- B. BCC Training.
 - a. Chairman Maier reminded members of this requirement.
 - b. Mr. Heflin reminded DAFIG the training is required for DAFIG membership and participation. Will ask BCC if there are any options.
 - c. Mr. Hill: In the past, only the Chair and Vice-Chair were required to take all of the trainings. Very cumbersome for a member to have to take both. Mr. Heflin said he would also ask BCC if training is required for just “officers” or all members. Chairman Maier reminded members if the BCC rejects DAFIG request for revised meeting and ethics training, members will have to take the training in order to participate.
- C. Vice Chair Opening
 - a. Chairman Maier: Reminder of Vice-Chair opening. Also, DAFIG voting member vacancy remains for a resident of the “Affected Community”
- D. RRF Best-In-Class status update:
 - a. Chairman Maier: Asked if posted reports are updated? Confirmed that Mr. DeMaio had submitted the most recent reports for Covanta.
 - b. Chairman Maier:
 - c. Mr. DeMaio: Best in Class Update
 - i. Superheaters working well. Mr. DeMaio to confirm and review if replacement needed.
 - ii. Confirm current final version of reports have been posted.

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Schedules and Activities Update

Dickerson Area Environmental Study Schedule			
Study	Current Report/ Data	Next Study/ Update	Note
County Solid Waste Master Plan	2015	2021	On-going
DAFIG Master Plan	2013		Plan was reviewed by DAFIG.
Health Risk Assessment	2013- 2014	2023	Previous studies: 1989, 2006, 2013.
Air and SO2 Monitoring	2013- 2016	2023	Funds were used for AERMOD Validation Study that is on-going. Previous studies: 1994, 1996, 2002, 2008, 2013.
Non-Air Monitoring	2014- 2015	2023	Funds were used for AERMOD Validation Study that is on-going. Previous studies: 1994-95, 1996-98, 2001, 2004, 2007-08, 2014.
Streams and Ponds Monitoring	2016	Late 2020 or early 2021	Water quality tests for streams and ponds are performed periodically. Study report using biological indicators (2016)
Ground Water Monitoring	2017	Late 2020 or early 2021	Water for wells around composting site are sampled and analyzed semi-annually.
MDE Updates	2019	2023	The update is required 2 years after 10-Year Plan is approved.

a. Chairman Maier: **DAFIG budget**. Mr. Heflin sent FY19 Budget in February. Will send FY21 Budget, **how late** and post to website. **FY July 1 to June 30**.

b. Ms. Greenberger:

- i. HDR finished -Task 9 report, grouped recommendations.
- ii. Zero Waste Task Force Recommendations.
 - Get Organics out of waste stream.
 - a. County using Food Scraps truck for Commercial collections.
 - b. Pilot for Residential Food Scraps.
 - Pay-As-You-Throw Program.
 - C&D Recycling.
 - Combine Subdistricts A and B.
- iii. Mr. Heflin: County Executive and County Council to choose a course of Action. All “Aiming for Zero Waste” documents are available on website. [Sr. DEP management is working closely with the CE and his staff to review the various options the AZW plan presents.](#)
 - [Aiming for Zero Waste:](#) <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/SWS/master-plan.html>

E. RRF Fire Root Cause Analysis and Corrective Action Plan

a. Chairman Maier: **How much did the fire cost? Not who is paying for it**

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- b. Mr. Heflin: Requested from County Risk Management. Business interruption insurance is the major hurdle. County required to continually submit additional data, information, and reports in response to the insurance companies' forensic accountants.
 - c. On-going discussion of who has coverage and who has claims against who. DAFIG wants to know what the cost of the fire was.
 - d. Chairman Maier: What has been done to prevent the next fire?
 - e. Posted- link to the County/Covanta Corrective Action Plan as a result of the fire.
 - f. Chairman Maier: To close the fire off DAFIG's list, DAFIG wants to know the cost.
- F. Approval of Minutes from December10, 2019 Meeting
- a. Chairman Maier: Requested a motion to approve the minutes, motion was made, and seconded. The December10, 2019 Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously.
- G. Environmental Monitoring.
- a. SO₂ Monitoring Study Status
 - i. Chairman Maier: Requested update on status of report.
 - ii. Mr. Heflin: Contractors report did not follow the scope of work. Explained contractor was using SO₂ as a pollutant instead as a tracer gas. County has refused to pay, directing MES to select another vendor.
 - iii. Mr. Heflin: It is MES' contractor. MES has the option to compel vendor or select another vendor. Final notice drafted to MES, the report does not meet specifications, and the County is not going to pay for it. Subject to procurement requirements, County has requested MES to move on to the next vendor. Another Contractor was selected.
 - iv. Mr. Maier: Can we expect to get the report results by the March DAFIG meeting?
 - v. Mr. Heflin: Yes.
- H. DEP Compliance Report
- a. Mr. Martin: No complaints were received for the period.
 - b. Chairman Maier reviewed a complaint forwarded by Steve Mendelsohn regarding limits to materials taken at the Transfer Station. The question was why is there a 5 gal limit for Paint and Oil? Dave Rosenbaum discussed the history behind the limits, that it is to discourage Commercial/Contractors from bringing in materials and disposing of them as if from residents. Chairman Maier asked that we provide an explanation of the policy and review its merits. Also, Contractors are required to use the Ecowise Program to dispose of materials.
 - c. Ms. Greenberger: There have been long lines to drop off material at the Transfer Station, specifically Yard Waste.
 - i. Transfer Station just eased several COVID restrictions, should be easier to access facility.
- I. Facility Updates
- a. RRF

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- i. Mr. DeMaio: Reviewed:
 - Corrective Action Plan (posted to website)
 - Tons Received. Processed, and Bypassed.
 - a. Incoming Tonnage down significantly. Due to COVID?
 - Availability Report.

b. Compost Facility

- i. Mr. D’Amato: Reviewed:
 - Incoming material, tons by mode, Bulk Products and Bagged Products.
 - NPDES Report.

c. GenOn

Mr. Heimlicher: -Reviewed Plant Closure.

—Dickerson Generating Station will shut down coal units 1-3 by mid-August 2020. Combustion turbines (natural gas / oil) will continue to operate.

ii.i. Ash Hauling: Reviewed Totals to-date.

Ash Removal Totals 2020				
Month	Truck Trips	WSTLD tons	Plant Tons	Total Tons
Jan	145	3,082	(128.00)	2,954
Feb	745	17,256	(288.00)	16,968
March	957	23,184	(1584.00)	21,600
April	1,052	24,610	0	24,610
May	865	19,539	0	19,539
June				
July				
Aug				
Sept				
Oct				
Nov				
Dec				
Total 2020	3,764	87,670	-2,000	85,670
Total 2019	1,927	45,027	-1,724	43,194
Totals for Project	5,691	132,697	-3,724	128,864

- One complaint, may not have been an Ash Truck.

K.J. Unfinished Business

- a. Chairman Maier: Reviewed the due dates for minutes, updates to reports and SO₂ Study.
- b. Schedule Facility Tours for group as soon as available.

L.K. NEXT MEETING DATE AND ADJOURN

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 7:00 PM. The meeting may be virtual given the current meeting restrictions due to COVID. There was a motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting, voted on and passed.

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