

**DICKERSON AREA FACILITIES IMPLEMENTATION GROUP (DAFIG)**

**September 14, 2021 MEETING MINUTES, Final**

Date: September 14, 2021  
Time: 7:00 PM – 9:06 PM  
Location: Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

**1. ATTENDEES**

| <b>Name</b>                            | <b>Present</b> | <b>Title</b>            | <b>Status</b>     | <b>Affiliation</b>  |
|--|----------------|-------------------------|-------------------|---|
| Eric Cronquist                         | No             |                         | voting member     | Resident, Affected Community  |
| Lauren Greenberger                     | Yes            | SCA Vice President      | voting member     | Resident, Affected Community, Sugarloaf Citizen’s Association (SCA) |
| Richard Hill                           | Yes            |                         | voting member     | For A Rural Maryland (FARM)   |
| Jane Hunter                            | Yes            |                         | voting member     | Resident, Affected Community  |
| <del>Paula Jensen</del> Candy Shimming | Yes            |                         | voting member     | Solid Waste Advisory Comm (SWAC)                                    |
| Mark Maier                             | Yes            | DAFIG Chair             | voting member     | Resident, Affected Community  |
| <del>Steven Mendelsohn</del>           | No             | Resigned                | voting member     | Resident, Affected Community  |
| Kathy Mihm                             | Yes            |                         | voting member     | Town of Poolesville   |
| Seth Schwartz                          | No             |                         | voting member     | Sugarloaf Citizen’s Association (SCA)                               |
| Stephen Poss                           | Yes            |                         | voting member     | Resident, Affected Community  |
| Kraig Walsleben                        | Yes            |                         | voting member     | Upcounty Citizens Advisory Bd (UCAB)                                |
| VACANT                                 |                |                         | voting member     | Resident, Affected Community  |
|  |                |                         |                   |   |
| Aaron Hill                             | No             |                         | non-voting member |   |
| Tom DeMaio                             | Yes            | RRF Ops                 | non-voting mem    | Covanta   |
| Katherine Nelson                       | No             |                         | non-voting member | Montgomery County Planning Board                                    |
| Lonnie Heflin                          | No             | Section Chief           | non-voting mem    | DEP-RRM Div. - Material Mgmt. Sec                                   |
| Dave Rosenbaum                         | Yes            | Program Manager         | non-voting member | DEP-RRM Div. - Material Mgmt. Sec                                   |
| Mike Bennett                           | Yes            | Plant Manager           | non-voting mem    | GenOn   |
|  |                |                         |                   |   |
| Willie Wainer                          | No             | Division Chief          | non-member        | DEP - Recycling & Resource Mgmt Div.                                |
| Joe LaDana                             | Yes            | Senior Engineer         | non-member        | DEP-RRM Div. - Material Mgmt. Sec                                   |
| Ray Liou                               | No             | Senior Engineer         | non-member        | DEP-RRM Div. - Material Mgmt. Sec                                   |
| Steve Martin                           | Yes            | Env Complaints          | non-member        | Montgomery County DEP   |
| Charlie Bradford                       | No             | Sr. Operations Mgr.     | non-member        | MES   |
| Vacant                                 | No             | PM, Yard Trim Compost   | non-member        | MES   |
| Greg Africa                            | Yes            | Division Chief – Ops    | non-member        | MES   |
| Tim Ford                               | Yes            | Env. Ops. Managing Dir. | non-member        | MES   |
| Mark Abrams                            | No             | President               | non-member        | Technical Environmental Services, LLC                               |
|  |                |                         |                   |   |
| Dustin Priervo                         | No             | Founder/Owner           | non-member        | Mid-Atlantic Whitetail Solutions, LLC                               |
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**2. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Maier called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

**3. INTRODUCTIONS**

Voting and non-voting members of DAFIG were introduced.

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Virtual Meeting procedures reviewed.

**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 June 8, 2021 DAFIG Meeting Minutes. No changes. Passed unanimously. Email copy to Dick Hill for review.
- C. Chairman Maier asked why DAFIG webpage reports only go back a few years? Asked that we post back 10 years if available, especially Master Plans. Dave to update if available.
- D. Chairman Maier asked for Training status updates. Dave to provide.

**5. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

- A. Patty Bubar, Deputy Director of DEP, presented 3/9/21.
  - a. RRF Fire. DAFIG wants to know overall costs.
  - b. Jan 2021 County reached agreement with Insurance Co to settle claim.
    - i. Pumping and Transport of Water: \$170,811
    - ii. Waste hauling and bypass: \$816,211
    - iii. Ambient Air Monitoring: \$60,728
    - iv. Independent Review by HDR: \$109,976
    - v. DEP Personnel costs: \$72,163
    - vi. Total: \$1,229,889
    - vii. Lost revenue of Electricity sales: \$408,528
    - viii. **Total Costs: \$1,638,417**
  - c. Mark asked what amount was reimbursed by Insurance? Patty said she would ask.
  - d. Mark asked Covanta costs. Tom DeMaio checked and confirmed that Covanta did not pay the County any amounts for the costs to respond to the fire.
  - e. Mark asked and Patty agreed to support county claims for Covanta to pay County costs caused by Covanta.
  - f. Mark asked Patty to check if Covanta's contract includes a county early termination right, service levels or other performance terms.
  - g. Chairman Maier asked for updates.
- B. Vice Chair Opening
  - a. Chairman Maier: Reminder of Vice-Chair opening. Also, two (2) DAFIG voting member vacancies for a resident of the "Affected Community"
- C. Comprehensive Solid Waste 10 Year Plan Review.
  - a. Then back to full council for vote. Council has not approved yet.
  - b. Goal to close Incinerator by 2026 and update Master Plan accordingly.
  - c. Council has not approved yet.
  - d. Chairman Maier asked Lonnie for the next steps and timelines.
- D. DAFIG Activities and Study Schedule.
  - a. Lonnie Heflin provided updated table (last page of Minutes). Lonnie confirm and update last and next Ground Water Monitoring report.

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- b. Lonnie provided County OMB Budget Process (posted to webpage).
  - c. Chairman Maier asked about the next Health Risk Assessment (HRA) and status of funding for it.
    - i. Lonnie will check the FY23 Budget to see if funds available.
    - ii. Chairman Maier requested a spreadsheet of the DAFIG Budget, FY21, FY22, FY23. Lonnie will pull together for next meeting.
- E. DEP Compliance Report – Steve Martin
- a. Two “Unofficial” complaints from Jim Evans:
    - i. 8/14/21 or 8/21/21, reported smoke from stack. Steve unable to confirm from camera or continuous emissions monitoring. Could have been heat plume? DEP was unable to track down any specific cause. No facility upsets reported from RRF.
    - ii. 9/3/21, reported smoke from stack. Steve unable to confirm from camera or continuous emissions monitoring. DEP was unable to track down any specific cause. No facility upsets reported from RRF.
  - b. Chairman Maier asked that all complaints be categorized as “Official”. Repeat issues should be investigated.
- F. Facility Updates. Chairman Maier asked for consistency of Reports.
- a. RRF - Tom DeMaio
    - i. Reviewed Reports (same report as presented by Dave Blackmore in past):
      - DAFIG Tons Received/Processed Report Final 9/8/21.
        - a. Pit inventory seems high. Tom to confirm data presented, explain discrepancies.
      - DAFIG Availability updated 9/8/21.
      - Stack Testing in Sept.
        - a. Discussion on stack testing. Joe LaDana explained why Covanta has to test at full load and why during stack testing they run the units harder because it sets certain limits for following year. He also explained why cleaning and special attention to the units prior to stack testing is to have a level of comfort that the units can make it through the stack testing duration, not to “rig” the testing to periods when the plant is in its best shape.
    - Jane Hunter asked if Covanta would develop an ISO 14001 Environmental Management System, a Federal EPA program. Why the Compost Facility that has a certified ISO 14001 environmental management system is held to a higher standard
      - a. Joe LaDana said that Covanta has an internal EMS Program.
    - Jane brought up blasting during the meeting. She was concerned that Covanta is doing a lot of blasting and that equated to units breaking. Joe

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said that blasting is sometimes just about cleaning though and sometimes because it is done prior to going in to make repairs and both happened during the last quarter.

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b. Compost Facility – Tim Ford

i. Reports reviewed:

- DAFIG Quarterly Report presentation, added data table.
  - a. **Tim** update as requested, Dave to post to webpage.
- One spill, 8/24/21, 4 gal Hydraulic fluid from line failure, cleaned up without environmental impact.
- Leafgro Bags and Bulk sales.
- Screen Reject Material (SRM).
  - a. New Electric Screener removes more fines from Overs.
  - b. Onsite Horizontal Grinder, slow progress, though Mulch product looks good.
  - c. Long-term goal to purchase Hammer Mill and grind Overs as they come off the Screener conveyor.
    - i. Kraig Walsleben voiced his support and if requested may provide DAFIG and UCAB support.

ii. Dave Rosenbaum presented Environmental Management System (EMS) update.

- a. EMS basics Info available in link from DAFIG webpage.

c. GenOn – Mike Bennett

i. Presented Q3-21 DAFIG Report.

- **Coal Plant Decommissioning/Caretaking (Dickerson Infra-Development, LLC.)**
  - a. Coordinating retired generator electrical separation from Pepco.
  - b. Submitting notice to MDE to terminate NPDES permit.
  - c. Salvage operations will cease in September while Contractor moves to Chalk Point Facility.
  - d. Transitioning from decommissioning to caretaking mode.
  - e. Conducting Site tours for parties interested in development opportunities of the Infra property.
- **Combustion Turbine Site (Dickerson Power, LLC.)**
  - a. Strong commercial operation during the period with no issues to report
  - b. 147 MW x 2 units.
  - c. 18 MW smaller unit.
- **Westland Ash Landfill (Maryland Ash Management, LLC.)**
  - a. 111,162 tons of Fly Ash removed in 2021.
  - b. GenOn contracted Geosyntec to drill several additional monitoring wells, including offsite, per direction of the MDE.

ii. PJM Website lists potential 542 MW solar project.

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- iii. Briefly discussed First Energy/Dominion Doubs/Goose Creek Line/tower upgrade plan. Letter sent to residents.
- iv. **Seth Schwartz** volunteered to get info on GenOn. Add to next agenda.

G. Open Discussion

H. Unfinished Business

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

I. NEXT MEETING DATE AND ADJOURN

Chairman Maier adjourned the meeting at 9:06 PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 7:00 PM. Given the current COVID status, we may still be Virtual. We can attempt to provide a hybrid meeting (face-to-face + Teams) as we transition back to post COVID protocols. There was a motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:06PM, voted on and passed.

| <b>DAFIG Activities and Study Schedule</b> |   |   |                      |  |   |
|--|---|---|----------------------|--|---|
| <b>#</b>                                   | <b>Study</b>  | <b>Completion Date</b>                              | <b>Date Due</b>      | <b>Status</b>                            | <b>Note</b>   |
| 1  | Comprehensive Solid Waste Management 10-Year Plan 2012 - 2023               | 2015  | 2018                 | Submitted draft 2/20/2020                | State law   |
| 2  | Comprehensive Solid Waste Management 10-Year Plan 2020 - 2029               | Draft sent to MDE for technical review on 1/30/2020 |                      | Currently under review by County Council | Public Hearing scheduled for 3/20/2021  |
| 3  | Comprehensive Solid Waste Management 10-Year Plan: Progress Report          | 2019  | 2022                 |  | Every 2 years based on date MDE approves Comprehensive Solid Waste Management 10-Year Plan  |
| 4  | Aiming for Zero Waste – The County’s Solid Waste Master Plan                | 2020  | As determined by DEP | Complete                                 | County’s 1 <sup>st</sup> Solid Waste Master Plan  |
| 5  | Facilities Master Plan for the Solid Waste Operations in the Dickerson Area | 2013  |                      |  | Depends on whether the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management 10-Year Plan includes any new solid waste facilities in Dickerson area                  |
| 6  | Health Risk Assessment (HRA)  | Study Started in 2013, Completed in 2014            | 2018                 | Include in future budgets                | Previous studies: 1989, 2006, 2013. 2015 HRA rejected by DAFIG. 2018 HRA deferred to conduct AERMOD Validation Study.                               |
| 7  | Ambient Air Monitoring Program  | Start: 2013<br>Final: 2016                          | 2018                 | Include in FY 2023 Budget                | Previous studies: 1994,1996,2002, 2008,2013. 2016 Air Report rejected by DAFIG. 2018 Ambient Air Monitoring funds used for AERMOD Validation Study. |
| 8  | Non-Air Media Monitoring Program  | Start: 2014<br>Final: 2015                          | 2018                 | Include in FY 2023 Budget                | Previous studies: 1994-95, 1996-98, 2001, 2004, 2007-08, 2014. 2018 Non-Air Media Monitoring Program funds used for AERMOD Validation Study.        |

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| 9  | Streams and Ponds Monitoring | 2016    | Late 2020 or early 2021 | Presented to DAFIG on Mar 9, 2021      | Evaluate the surface water quality for the two streams at the compost facility. Study uses Benthic Macroinvertebrate Community as the indicator. |
| 10 | Ground Water Monitoring      | 2017    | Late 2020 or early 2021 | Presentation to DAFIG on Dec 14, 2021? | Water for wells around composting site are sampled and analyzed semi-annually.   |
|    | Deer Management              |         |                         |  | Monitor and comment on deer management contracts and results   |
|    | Tour of Facilities           |         |                         |  | Tours can be scheduled after COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.   |
|    | AERMOD Validation Study      | 2018-21 | Complete                | Presentation to DAFIG on Mar 9, 2021   | New AERMOD consistent with 12 months of SO2 concentration monitoring and meteorological data.  |

**Budget:** Lonnie to add dates: Develop WWW, Submit XXX, Finalize YYY, Approved ZZZ.

**Fiscal Year:** July 01 through June 30.