

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

**December 14, 2021 MEETING MINUTES, Final**

Date: December 14, 2021  
Time: 7:00 PM – 8:40 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	Yes		voting member	Resident, Affected Community
Lauren Greenberger	Yes	SCA Vice President	voting member	Resident, Affected Community, Sugarloaf Citizen's Association (SCA)
Richard Hill	Yes	Acting Chair	voting member	For A Rural Maryland (FARM)
Jane Hunter	Yes		voting member	Resident, Affected Community
Adam Diamond	Yes		voting member	Solid Waste Advisory Comm (SWAC)
<del>Mark Maier</del>	No	DAFIG Chair, resigned	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	Yes	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	No	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	Yes	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	No	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

**2. CALL TO ORDER**

Acting Chairman Hill called the meeting to order at 7:05 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. Acting Chairman Hill made a motion to accept and adopt the agenda as presented for this meeting. Motion was seconded and passed with no objections.
- B. Acting Chairman Hill asked for any updates or changes for the September 14, 2021 DAFIG Meeting Minutes. No changes. Passed unanimously.
- C. Acting Chairman Hill asked for an update on 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. Acting Chairman Hill asked for Training status updates. **Dave** to provide.

**5. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

- A. **Lonnie Heflin provided updated cost and insurance settlement numbers.** 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**
- B. Chair, Vice Chair Openings
  - a. Acting Chairman Hill: Reminder of Chair and 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. Goal to close Incinerator by 2026 and update Master Plan accordingly.
  - b. Council has not approved yet.
  - c. Lauren Greenberger provided update.
    - i. County Executive letter, plan to move to alternate system.
    - ii. Request for Information (RFI) due 1/28/22.
- D. DAFIG Activities and Study Schedule.
  - a. Lonnie Heflin provided updated table (last page of Minutes). **Lonnie** to confirm and update last and next Ground Water Monitoring report.
  - b. Lonnie provided County OMB Budget Process (posted to webpage).
  - c. Acting Chairman Hill asked about the next Health Risk Assessment (HRA) and status of funding for it.
    - i. Lonnie Heflin said that SO2 Monitoring was done, but no HRA.
    - ii. Lonnie Heflin said County Budget is flat, no funds available in FY23, that this will be requested for FY24 Budget.

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- iii. Mark Maier requested a spreadsheet of the DAFIG Budget, FY21, FY22, FY23. Lonnie will pull together for next meeting.
  - Lonnie stated that the rolling Budget FY20-27 is posted to the DAFIG webpage.
- E. DEP Compliance Report – Steve Martin
  - a. No complaints for this quarter.
- F. Facility Updates.
  - a. RRF - Tom DeMaio
    - i. Reviewed Reports:
      - DAFIG Report Covanta Q3,12-2021.
        - a. Both (2) Transfer Station Cranes were down for 2 days. Had to truck MSW to RRF, approx. 65 loads.
        - b. Tom to share/send Covanta Metal Recycling video.
      - 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. Tom DeMaio reiterated that Covanta has an internal EMS Program. Tom will ask to provide details for next meeting.
        - b. Acting Chair Dick Hill asked Covanta to share the EMS documentation.
  - b. Compost Facility – Greg Africa
    - i. Reports reviewed:
      - DAFIG Quarterly Report presentation.
        - a. Incoming Material
        - b. Leafgro Bags and Bulk sales.
      - Spill Report:
        - a. **Date: 8/24/21**
          - CAT loader broke hydraulic line.
          - Location: Under Pavilion
          - Amount: 4 Gallons
          - Type of oil: Hydraulic
        - b. **Date: 10/6/21**
          - Consolidated Trucking broke hydraulic line
          - Location: Area C-Side
          - Amount: ½ gallons
          - Type of oil: Hydraulic
        - c. **Date: 10/8/21**
          - Consolidated Trucking hydraulic pump failure
          - Location: Area C-Side
          - Amount: 1 gallon

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- Type of oil: Hydraulic
- d. **Date: 11/11/21**
  - Consolidated Trucking broke hydraulic line
  - Location: Area C-Lower
  - Amount: 1 gallon
  - Type of oil: Hydraulic
  - Consolidated Trucking was contacted and counseled to prevent future spills.
  - **All spills were cleaned by MES personal.**
  - **All oil was contained on the asphalt.**
  - **No ponds or streams were affected.**
- c. GenOn – Mike Bennett
  - i. Presented Q4-21 DAFIG Report.
    - **Coal Plant Decommissioning/Caretaking (Dickerson Infra-Development, LLC.)**
      - Pepco scheduled to start 230Kv bus tie project in the “D” Switchyard in December
      - NPDES permit remains in place as of this time. Plan submitted to MDE; awaiting feedback
      - No salvage operations currently at the Facility
      - Facility now in Caretaking mode
      - Met with Dominion Power on site Access needs for First Energy Transmission line project
      - Hosted Montgomery County Executive and MD State Delegates on a site tour
      - Marketing of Infra property with Real Estate broker (Cushman & Wakefield) underway
    - **Combustion Turbine Site (Dickerson Power, LLC.)**
      - Strong commercial operation during the period with no issues to report
      - Winter Readiness tasks completed
    - **Westland Ash Landfill (Maryland Ash Management, LLC.)**
      - No operational issues during the period despite several large storms
      - Ash mining activities were steady during the period
      - 154,644 tons of Fly Ash removed in 2021
      - 291,926 removed since project start
      - New Monitoring wells report is sent to MDE.

G. Open Discussion

- a. Dave Rosenbaum shared that the two Underground Storage Fuel Tanks are scheduled to be replaced with a single Above Ground Storage Fuel tank, by the County, in early 2022.

H. Unfinished Business

- a. **Schedule Facility Tours for group as soon as available.**

I. NEXT MEETING DATE AND ADJOURN

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 8, 2022 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

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transition back to post COVID protocols. There was a motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:40PM, voted on and passed. Acting Chairman Hill adjourned the meeting at 8:40 PM.

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<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 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 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.
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.