

DICKERSON AREA FACILITIES IMPLEMENTATION GROUP (DAFIG)

March 8, 2022 MEETING MINUTES, FINAL

Date: March 8, 2022
Time: 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM
Location: Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

1. ATTENDEES

Name	Present	Title	Status	Affiliation
Eric Cronquist <i>Trouble connecting?</i>	Yes? 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	Served as 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)
Kathy Mihm	Yes		voting member	Town of Poolesville
Seth Schwartz <i>Need status update</i>	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
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Tom DeMaio	No	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	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	No	Env Complaints	non-member	Montgomery County DEP
Charlie Bradford	Yes	Sr. Operations Mgr.	non-member	MES
Alison Ford	Yes	PM, Yard Trim Compost	non-member	MES
Greg Africa	Yes	Division Chief – Ops	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

No one volunteered to act as Chair for the meeting. Dick Hill agreed to do it for this meeting. 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 December 14, 2021 DAFIG Meeting Minutes. Minor changes requested. Passed unanimously.
- C. In Dec 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. In Dec Acting Chairman Hill asked for Training status updates. From Dave, training status updates are not available from County BCC. We will review requirements again for new members if needed.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- A. RRF Fire from 2016. DAFIG wants to know overall costs.
 - a. Patty Bubar, Deputy Director of DEP, presented 3/9/21.
 - i. Lonnie Heflin provided updated cost and insurance settlement numbers. Lonnie will request approval to post or email, will provide answer in one week.
- 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”. One (1) vacancy for a Representative from Barnesville. Dick said DAFIG has never been able to get a Rep from Barnesville and that should be removed from requirement.
- 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.
 - i. Council approved on 10/1/21, timeline will be provided.
 - c. Lauren Greenberger provided update in Dec 2021.
 - i. County Executive letter, plan to move to alternate system.
 - ii. Request for Information (RFI) due 1/28/22.
 - Dick asked Lonnie to ensure that DAFIG able to review and comment.
 - a. Lonnie stated that DEP has contracted with MES to review RFI responses. Lonnie to request, will respond in one week.
- D. DAFIG Activities and Study Schedule.
 - a. Lonnie to confirm and update last and next Ground Water Monitoring report.
 - i. Follow up info from Dave: 2020 Stream and Groundwater Report presented at Mar 21 meeting, members had questions on Well elevations. Ray Liou updated the report to include elevations, and the update was posted to the DAFIG webpage.
 - ii. Lonnie will ask Ray Liou to present update for next Meeting in Jun 22.

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- 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 DAFIG elected to conduct an SO2 Study instead of a HRA, thereby postponing the HRA.
 - ii. Lonnie Heflin said County Budget was held flat for FY23, no funds available in FY23. This will be requested for FY24 Budget, process to begin in a few months.
- E. DEP Compliance Report – Steve Martin not available
- a. No complaints reported for this quarter.
 - b. Jane mentioned that Jim Evans called Steve Martin today to complain of yellow smoke, Steve will investigate.
- F. Facility Updates.
- a. RRF - Tom DeMaio not available, Joe LaDana presented
 - i. Reviewed Reports:
 - DAFIG Report Covanta Q4,3-2022.
 - a. CSX derailment on 1/3/22.
 - i. Covanta had to truck some MSW from TS.
 - ii. TS also bypassed some MSW.
 - iii. Some confusion on dates and how long to notify SCA and DAFIG. The County confirmed in the chat that the incident took place on 1/3/22 and Lonnie sent a notification to DAFIG and SCA on 1/4/22.
 - b. New HCl Analyzers.
 - i. New Title V Permit coming, County and Covanta agreed to install Analyzers to meet new requirements.
 - 1. Jane asked who pays?
 - 2. Joe said Capital costs paid by County. Operational costs by Covanta.
 - c. Joe presented Rolling 12 Month report.
 - d. Issues/questions from Dec 21 meeting:
 - i. Both (2) Transfer Station Cranes were down for 2 days. Had to truck MSW to RRF, approx. 65 loads. Jane asked **date**?
 - ii. **Tom** to share/send Covanta Metal Recycling video.
 - iii. **Jane** Hunter asked if Covanta would develop an ISO 14001 Environmental Management System, a Federal EPA program, and why the Compost Facility that has a certified ISO 14001 environmental management system is held to a higher standard.
 - 1. Tom DeMaio reiterated that Covanta has an internal EMS Program. **Tom** will ask to provide details for next meeting.

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2. Acting Chair Dick Hill asked Covanta to share the EMS documentation. Joe will remind Tom of his promise above.

b. Compost Facility – Greg Africa

i. Reports reviewed:

- DAFIG Quarterly Report presentation.

a. Incoming Material

b. Leafgro Bags and Bulk sales.

c. Pond results.

- i. Pond #2 high BOD levels in Jan and Feb, high particulates and pumping for riser replacement contributed.

1. No discharges as per MDE Permit.

- Spill Report: None this quarter.

ii. Pond #2 Riser leak, to be repaired.

iii. Greg again 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.

c. GenOn – Mike Bennett

i. Presented Q1-22 DAFIG Report.

- **Coal Plant Decommissioning/Caretaking (Dickerson Infra-Development, LLC.)**

- **Combustion Turbine Site (Dickerson Power, LLC.)**

- **Westland Ash Landfill (Maryland Ash Management, LLC.)**

- Mike said a few parties were interested in the Dickerson Infra Property, but could not comment further.

- Lauren asked about new Cell Tower installation.

a. Mike said the County's emergency radio transmitters are mounted on the 700'+ tall GenOn stack. If stack comes down, County will have to build a tower.

G. Open Discussion

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, June 14, 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 transition back to post COVID protocols. There was a motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:30PM, voted on and passed. Acting Chairman Hill adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM.

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DAFIG Activities and Study Schedule					
#	Study	Completion Date	Date Due	Status	Note
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 st 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.