

DICKERSON AREA FACILITIES IMPLEMENTATION GROUP (DAFIG)

June 14, 2022 MEETING MINUTES, FINAL

Date: June 14, 2022
Time: 7:00 PM – 8:47 PM
Location: Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

1. ATTENDEES

Name	Present	Title	Status	Affiliation
Voting Members				Affected Community (6)
				Affiliated Group (6)
Eric Cronquist Trouble connecting?	Yes		voting member	Resident, Affected Community
Lauren Greenberger	Yes	SCA Vice President	voting member	(Resident, Affected Community, Sugarloaf Citizen’s Association (SCA))
Richard Hill	No		voting member	For A Rural Maryland (FARM)
Jane Hunter	Yes	Served as Acting Chair	voting member	Resident, Affected Community
Paula Jenson	Yes		voting member	Solid Waste Advisory Comm (SWAC)
Kathy Mihm	No		voting member	Town of Poolesville
Seth Schwartz Need status update	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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VACANT			voting member	Affiliated Group (Barnesville)
Non-Voting Members				Representatives of Facilities (6)
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
Greg Africa	No	Division Chief – Ops	non-member	MES
Tim Ford	Yes	Managing Dir-Env Ops	non-member	MES
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	Yes	Sr. Operations Mgr.	non-member	MES
Mark Abrams	No	President	non-member	Technical Environmental Services, LLC
Jeff Ferrel	Yes		non-member	Terra Innovations

2. CALL TO ORDER

Jane Hunter reluctantly agreed to be the Acting Chair for this meeting. Acting Chair Hunter called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. There was not a quorum present.

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3. INTRODUCTIONS

Voting and non-voting members of DAFIG were introduced.

Virtual Meeting procedures reviewed.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

- A. Acting Chair Hunter made a motion to accept and adopt the agenda as presented for this meeting. Motion was seconded and passed with no objections.
- B. Acting Chair Hunter asked for any updates or changes for the March 8, 2022 DAFIG Meeting Minutes. Minor changes requested. Could not pass, no quorum present.
- C. Acting Chair Hunter asked for Training status updates. From Dave, training status updates are not available from County BCC. We will review requirements again for new members when added.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

A. Chair, Vice Chair Openings

- a. Acting Chair Hunter: 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. Dave mentioned that DAFIG has never been able to get a Rep from Barnesville and that should be removed from requirement.
- b. DAFIG Vacancies.
 - a. Kraig and Stephen offered to serve Nominating Committee to interview candidates.
 - i. Dave to forward info and schedule.
 - b. Acting Chair Hunter suggested placing DAFIG description/Vacancy in Monocacy Monocle.
 - c. Joe suggested Social Media posting. Poolesville Facebook page?
 - d. Kraig will continue to mention to UCAB.

B. 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.
- c. Request for Information (RFI) due 1/28/22.
 - i. Acting Chair Hunter asked for any updates.

C. MES has finalized their response and having it printed for distribution the County Council and County Exec. Likely extended timeline to make major changes to Solid Waste system.

D. DAFIG Activities and Study Schedule.

- a. **Lonnie** to confirm and update last and next Ground Water Monitoring report.

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- i. Follow up info from Dave: Dave Jordahl may present updated Stream Monitoring data at next meeting if available.
 - b. Acting Chair Hunter 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 HRA funding will be requested for FY24 Budget. Last HRA cost \$228K, budgeting \$325K for FY24.

- E. DEP Compliance Report – Steve Martin
 - a. No complaints reported for this quarter.
 - b. In March, Jane mentioned that Jim Evans called Steve Martin today to complain of yellow smoke, Steve will investigate. Steve investigated camera and RRF emissions data, no anomalies found.

- F. Facility Updates.
 - a. RRF - Tom DeMaio
 - i. There was discussion on who owns the RRF.
 - Joe said the Authority owns the Facility but has a contractual relationship with the County. If needed, County could purchase for nominal fee (\$1), but the County would then have to establish contractual relationships with many vendors for operations and for the sale of electricity.
 - ii. Reviewed Reports:
 - DAFIG Report Covanta Q4,6-2022.
 - a. Tom/Joe presented Rolling 12 Month report.
 - b. Issues/questions from Dec 21 meeting:
 - i. 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 email document to the group.
 - b. Compost Facility – Tim Ford
 - i. Reports reviewed:
 - DAFIG Quarterly Report presentation.
 - a. Incoming Material
 - b. Leafgro Bags and Bulk sales.

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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: 3 minor spills this quarter.

c. GenOn – Mike Bennett

- i. Presented Q2-22 DAFIG Report.

- **Coal Plant Decommissioning/Caretaking (Dickerson Infra-Development, LLC.)**
- **Combustion Turbine Site (Dickerson Power, LLC.)**
- **Westland Ash Landfill (Maryland Ash Management, LLC.)**
- Jeff Ferrel-Terra Innovations, potential buyer for the Dickerson Afra property. Unable to disclose any details on property use until deal is finalized.
- Kraig Walsleben asked for details on the Potomac River draw/discharge changes due to Coal Plan shutdown. Positive impact?

G. Open Discussion - None

H. Unfinished Business - None

I. NEXT MEETING DATE AND ADJOURN

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 13, 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 8:47PM, voted on and passed. Acting Chair Hunter adjourned the meeting at 8:47 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: OMB Budget Process posted to DAFIG webpage.

Fiscal Year: July 01 through June 30.