

DICKERSON AREA FACILITIES IMPLEMENTATION GROUP (DAFIG)

Mar 14, 2023 MEETING MINUTES, Approved 12/12/23

Date: Mar 14, 2023
Time: 7:00 PM – 9:02 PM
Location: Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

1. ATTENDEES

Name	Present	Title	Status	Affiliation
Voting Members				Affected Community (6)
				Affiliated Group (6)
Eric Cronquist	Yes		voting member	Resident, Affected Community
Lauren Greenberger	Yes	SCA Vice President	voting member	Resident, Affected Community
Richard Hill	Yes	Served as Acting Chair	voting member	For A Rural Maryland (FARM)
Jane Hunter	Yes		voting member	Resident, Affected Community
Amy Maron	Yes		voting member	Solid Waste Advisory Comm (SWAC)
Kathy Mihm	Yes		voting member	Town of Poolesville
Stephen Poss	Yes		voting member	Resident, Affected Community
Seth Schwartz	Yes		voting member	Sugarloaf Citizen’s Association (SCA)
Will Triplett	No		voting member	Resident, Affected Community
Kraig Walsleben	Yes		voting member	Upcounty Citizens Advisory Bd (UCAB)
VACANT			voting member	Resident, Affected Community
VACANT			voting member	Affiliated Group (Barnesville)
Non-Voting Members				Representatives of Facilities (6)
Tom DeMaio	Yes	RRF Ops	non-voting member	Covanta
Lonnie Heflin	Yes	Section Chief	non-voting member	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 member	GenOn
Jeff Ferrel	Yes	VP	non-voting member	Terra Innovations
Rich Mallory	No	General Council	non-voting member	Terra Innovations
Greg Africa	Yes	Division Chief – Ops	non-voting member	MES
Danielle Wilson	Yes	Senior Project Manager	non-voting 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	No	Env Complaints	non-member	Montgomery County DEP
Charlie Bradford	Yes	Sr. Operations Mgr.	non-member	MES
Sue Carr	Yes		non-member	Resident

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2. CALL TO ORDER

Dick Hill agreed to be the Acting Chair for this meeting. Acting Chair Hill called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Initially there was not a quorum, but several voting members joined and there was a quorum present.

3. INTRODUCTIONS

Voting and non-voting members of DAFIG were introduced.

Virtual Meeting procedures reviewed.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

- A. Acting Chair 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 Chair Hill asked for any updates or changes for the December 13, 2022 DAFIG Meeting Minutes. No changes requested. Passed unanimously.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

A. Chair, Vice Chair Openings

- a. Acting Chair Hill: Reminder of Chair and Vice-Chair opening.
- b. DAFIG Vacancies.
 - a. One (1) vacancy for a Representative from Barnesville. Lauren Greenberger has reached out to Barnesville Commissioners to aid in recruiting.
 - b. Two new voting members, Residents of Affected Community:
 - i. Lauren Greenberger.
 - ii. Dr William Triplett.
 - 1. Will was again not in attendance. Dave Rosenbaum will attempt to contact him.

B. DAFIG Activities and Study Schedule.

- a. Testing for PFAS?
 - i. Town of Poolesville recently closed 2 wells that tested with elevated levels of PFAS.
 - ii. Lonnie stated DEP is waiting for EPA and MDE requirements. Facilities are currently in compliance with all permits.

Kathy Mihm stated that PFAS testing could be added to current Well Sampling Program.

C. DEP Compliance Report – Steve Martin

- a. Steve stated that he received a request to post “No Dumping” signs.
 - i. He provided a picture and scale of the sign.
 - ii. Group agreed the large sign would be unsightly on the rustic road, and is not needed.

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- b. Several noise complaints for RRF Operations, and explosive cleaning was performed w/o the normal notification.
- c. GenOn Outfall sediment bag at Ash Landfill was split.
 - i. Bag was replaced as soon as possible.

D. Facility Updates.

a. RRF - Tom DeMaio

- i. Reviewed Reports:
 - DAFIG Report Covanta Q3,03-2023.
 - a. Tom presented Rolling 12 Month report.
 - b. Freezing temperatures over Christmas caused some pipes to burst.
 - i. Repairs were made.
 - ii. Performance penalty for not meeting capacity requirement during a call for maximum generation
 - c. 1/12/23: RRF water intake pump failed. Replaced with temporary pump pending pump repair/replacement.
 - d. Two boiler outages were completed
 - e. Bypassing waste to control pit levels

b. Compost Facility – Danielle Wilson

- i. Reports reviewed:
 - DAFIG Quarterly Report presentation.
 - a. Incoming Material
 - b. Leafgro Bags and Bulk sales.
 - c. Pond results.
 - Spill Report: 2 minor spills this quarter.

c. GenOn – Mike Bennett

- i. Presented Q1-23 DAFIG Report.
 - **Coal Plant Decommissioning/Caretaking (Dickerson Infra-Development, LLC.)** Last report by GenOn, will be Terra Innovations moving forward. Termination of NPDES permit.
 - **Combustion Turbine Site (Dickerson Power, LLC.)**
 - **Westland Ash Landfill (Maryland Ash Management, LLC.)**
 - a. **Hauled about 18,000 tons in Jan/Feb**
 - b. **Over 500,000 tons removed in total**

d. Terra Innovations/Terra Energy – Jeff Ferrel

- i. From Jeff:
 - Offered to provide DAFIG an in-person tour of the property when he is in town.
 - Has a team onsite daily to manage contractors and visitors.
 - Plans for low impact, limited traffic businesses.
 - Jeff will provide updates in June.

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- Jeff discussed Quantum Loophole project.
 - a. Fiber optic ring, installed mostly under Transmission lines.
- e. Site 2 Properties – Joe LaDana
 - i. 2 rental properties.
 - Vacant 5+ years With MES maintain the lawns and DGS maintaining the dwellings.
 - House and Barn on Martinsburg Road (Draper)
 - a. House is in disrepair. Currently reviewing a report from County Real Estate division on extent of needed repairs.
 - House on Washe Rd.
 - a. County Real Estate Division has not established a method for vetting tenants after their old method was disallowed.

E. Open Discussion

- a. Resident Sue Carr asked about Pepco tower near her property on corner of Route 28 and Martinsburg Rd.
 - i. Questioned whether radiation could be coming from tower?
 - ii. Asked for Pepco contact info.
 - Steve Martin/Mike Bennett provided Shirley Harmon, 202-603-3278.

F. Unfinished Business - None

G. NEXT MEETING DATE AND ADJOURN

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at 7:00 PM. 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 8:40 PM, voted on and passed. Acting Chair Hill adjourned the meeting at 8:40 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 SO ₂ concentration monitoring and meteorological data.

Budget: OMB Budget Process posted to DAFIG webpage.

Fiscal Year: July 01 through June 30.