

DICKERSON AREA FACILITIES IMPLEMENTATION GROUP (DAFIG)

Dec 12, 2023 MEETING MINUTES, Final, adopted 3/12/24

Date: Dec 12, 2023
 Time: 7:00 PM – 9 PM
 Location: Hybrid Meeting in person and Virtual via Microsoft Teams

1. ATTENDEES

Name	Present	Title	Status	Affiliation
Voting Members				Affected Community (6)
				Affiliated Group (6)
Eric Cronquist (Passed away?)	No		voting member	Resident, Affected Community
Lauren Greenberger	No	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
Seth Schwartz	Yes		voting member	Sugarloaf Citizen’s Association (SCA)
Kraig Walsleben	Yes		voting member	Upcounty Citizens Advisory Bd (UCAB)
Amy Maron	Yes		voting member	Solid Waste Advisory Comm (SWAC)
Linda Bergofsky	Yes		voting member	Town of Poolesville
Sue Carr	Yes		voting member	Resident, Affected Community
Katharine Blackman	Yes		voting member	Resident, Affected Community
Daniela Ochoa Gonzalez	No		voting member	Resident, Affected Community
Rita Beck	Yes		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/Lanyard/CAMS
Steve Frank	Yes		non-voting member	Maryland Ash Management /Westland
Jay Spence	Yes		non-voting member	Maryland Ash Management /Westland
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	Yes	Env Complaints	non-member	Montgomery County DEP
Charlie Bradford	Yes	Sr. Operations Mgr.	non-member	MES
Jim Evans	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 7:02 PM. **There was a quorum for this meeting.** 9 of 12 voting members were in attendance.

3. INTRODUCTIONS

Voting and non-voting members of DAFIG were introduced.

Virtual Meeting procedures reviewed.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

- A. The agenda was adopted.
- B. Acting Chair Hill asked for any updates or changes for the March 14, 2023 DAFIG Meeting Summary. No changes requested. Jane Hunter so moved, then unanimous approval of March 14, 2023 DAFIG Meeting Minutes.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- A. Chair, Vice Chair Openings
- B. DAFIG Activities and Study Schedule.
 - a. None this meeting. DEP Stream Sampling to be reported in March.
 - b. Dick Hill asked Lonnie about potential PFAS testing.
 - i. Lonnie/Ray Liou will research if any PFAS testing is available yet.
- C. DEP Compliance Report – Steve Martin
 - a. Multiple traffic and noise complaints this quarter.
- D. Facility Updates.
 - a. RRF - Tom DeMaio
 - i. Reviewed Reports:
 - DAFIG Report Covanta Q2,12-2023.
 - Tom presented Rolling 12 Month report.
 - Planned maintenance outages in Jan/Feb/Mar.
 - 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 spills this quarter.
 - c. GenOn – Mike Bennett
 - i. Presented Q4-23 DAFIG Report.

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- Combustion Turbine Site (Dickerson Power, LLC.)
- Westland Ash Landfill (Maryland Ash Management, LLC.)
- Jane Hunter asked for Ash dump trucks to slow down and stop at intersections.
 - a. Linda Bergofsky asked for a follow up of complaint.
 - i. Procedures? Inspections?

d. Terra Innovations/Terra Energy – Jeff Ferrell

i. From Jeff:

- Terra plans to submit Conditional Use applications soon.
 - a. Jeff Ferrel will give update next meeting.
 - i. Jeff offered tours to DAFIG if interested.
- There is currently a study underway to evaluate Data Center power use and effect.

E. Open Discussion –

- a. Jane Hunter asked for DAFIG to work on Dickerson Master Plan update.
 - i. Dick Hill asked Lonnie to find most recent version.
 - Post to DAFIG Webpage for group review and comment.
- b. Wed 12/13/23. DEP/Arcadis stakeholder meeting in Wheaton and virtual.

F. Unfinished Business –None.

G. NEXT MEETING DATE AND ADJOURN

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Mar 12, 2024 at 7:00 PM. We can attempt to provide a hybrid meeting (face-to-face + Teams) as we transition back to post COVID protocols. Sue Carr, Kraig Walsleben moved to adjourn. Acting Chair Hill adjourned the meeting at 9:01 PM.

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DAFIG Activities and Study Schedule					
#	Study	Completion Date	Date Due	Status	Note
	Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan: Progress Report Current 2020-2029 Next 2025-2035	2021, approved by MDE 2022	2025		Progress Report every 2 years, update every 3 years.
2	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
3	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
4	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.
5	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.
6	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.
7	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.
8	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.