

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

**December 10, 2024 MEETING MINUTES, Final, approved 3/11/25**

Date: December 10, 2024  
Time: 7:02 PM – 9:49 PM  
Location: Virtual via Microsoft Teams

**1. ATTENDEES**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>
<b>Voting Members</b>				<b>Affected Community (6) Affiliated Group (6)</b>
Rita Beck	Yes		voting member	Town of Barnesville
Linda Bergofsky	Yes	Vice Chair	voting member	Town of Poolesville
Erika Bucciantini	Yes		voting member	Resident, Affected Community
Sue Carr	Yes		voting member	Resident, Affected Community
Andrew Donaldson	Yes		voting member	Sugarloaf Citizen’s Association (SCA)
Lauren Greenberger	Yes	SCA Vice President	voting member	Resident, Affected Community
Richard Hill	Yes	Chair	voting member	For A Rural Maryland (FARM)
Jane Hunter	No		voting member	Resident, Affected Community
Amy Maron	Yes		voting member	Solid Waste Advisory Comm (SWAC)
Daniela Ochoa Gonzalez	Yes		voting member	Resident, Affected Community
Kraig Walsleben	Yes		voting member	Upcounty Citizens Advisory Bd (UCAB)
Vacant		(to replace Katharine Blackman)	voting member	Resident, Affected Community
<b>Non-Voting Members</b>				<b>Representatives of Facilities (6)</b>
Tom DeMaio	Yes	RRF Ops	non-voting member	Reworld
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	Lanyard Power, LLC
Steve Frank	Yes		non-voting member	GenOn Maryland Ash Management /Westland
Jay Spence	Yes	Superintendent	non-voting member	GenOn Maryland Ash Management /Westland
Jeff Ferrel	Yes	VP	non-voting member	Terra Innovations/Terra Energy
Jason Browne	Yes	Division Chief – Ops	non-voting member	MES
Danielle Wilson	Yes	Deputy Division Chief	non-voting member	MES
Terrence Reese	Yes	Sr. Lead Operations Mgr.	non-member	MES
Jeffrey Seltzer	Yes	Deputy Director	non-member	
Willie Wainer	Yes	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
Dale Tibbitts	Yes	County Executive’s Office	non-member	
Sofya Orlosky	Yes	CERB		
Jim Evans	Yes			Resident

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Don Street	Yes			Resident
Ruben Rosario	No	URSC-Director	non-member	

**2. CALL TO ORDER**

Co-Chair Bergofsky called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. **There was a quorum for this meeting.** 10 of 12 voting members were in attendance.

**3. INTRODUCTIONS**

Voting and non-voting members of DAFIG were introduced.

**4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND MINUTES**

- A. The agenda was adopted, moved by Erika Bucciantini, seconded by Sue Carr, unanimously approved.
- B. Co-Chair Bergofsky asked for any updates or changes for the September 10, 2024 DAFIG Meeting Minutes. No changes requested. Moved to accept by Sue Carr, seconded by Dick Hill, new member Erika Bucciantini abstained since she was not yet a member during the September meeting. Approved.

**5. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

- A. COMMITTEE EVALUATION AND REVIEW BOARD (CERB) Questionnaire Response discussion.
  - a. Sofya Orlosky of CERB was in attendance.
  - b. Moved by Dick Hill, seconded by Lauren Greenberger, unanimously approved.
- B. Discussion of County Resource Recovery Facility (RRF)/Transfer Station (TS) Contract extension.
  - a. DEP Deputy Director Jeffrey Seltzer provided a summary and answered questions.
  - b. DAFIG requested additional information on the Alternatives and Cost/Benefit analyses.
    - i. DAFIG to contact Council TE Committee to request a Public Hearing prior to end of 120 day comment period.
  - c. DEP plans to meet with SWAC, DAFIG, and Zero Waste Montgomery County to review.
- C. DAFIG Webpage improvements.
  - a. Erika Bucciantini, Sue Carr, and Daniela Ochoa Gonzalez offered to work with Dave Rosenbaum to review the current webpage and provide feedback for improvements.
- D. DAFIG Budget.
  - a. Health Risk Assessment (HRA)? Last 2015?
  - b. DAFIG to ask County Health Dept for information.
- E. DAFIG Activities and Study Schedule.
  - a. No activity this quarter.
- F. DEP Compliance Report – Steve Martin
  - a. No complaints this quarter.
- G. Facility Updates.

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- a. Vice Chair Linda Bergofsky asked if Facility Reports could be normalized? Some CY, some FY.
  - i. DAFIG requested that Reports would cover Fiscal Year (FY), not Calendar Year (CY) moving forward.
- b. RRF - Tom DeMaio (Covanta now Reworld)
  - i. DAFIG Report Reworld Q2 2024-25,241210, posted to DAFIG webpage.
  - ii. PFAS testing?
    - Reworld is currently reviewing. Unsure if there are PFAS Emissions testing protocols.
- c. Compost Facility – Danielle Wilson
  - i. Reports reviewed:
    - MES DAFIG Presentation, 241210, posted to DAFIG webpage.
    - Reviewed how much Screen Reject Material (SRM) had been shipped to the RRF.
    - Spill Report: No spills this quarter.
- d. Dickerson Power, LLC. (formerly GenOn) – Mike Bennett
  - i. Q4 2024 DA FIG Report for Dickerson Power, LLC,241210, posted to DAFIG webpage.
    - Combustion Turbine Site
- e. GenOn Md Ash Management, LLC – Jay Spence
  - i. Westland Ash Landfill (Maryland Ash Management, LLC.)
    - Q4 Westland Ash Landfill report 241210, posted to DAFIG webpage.
- f. Terra Innovations/Terra Energy – Jeff Ferrell
  - i. Jeff provided updates and answered questions.
  - ii. Terra Energy, LLC received approval for Conditional Use application on 11/20/24.
    - Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS).
    - Data Centers.
  - iii. Jeff will notify DAFIG of any upcoming Hearings.
- g. Site 2/Rental Properties
  - i. Dale Tibbitts provided an update on the status of the two vacant rental properties, County DGS planning to move forward to sell the properties. Department of General Services (DGS) responsible to maintain. Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) responsible for funding repairs.
    - Option 1: County to sell the properties.
    - Options 2: County to replace property roofs, estimated cost \$50k for each.
      - a. Draper Farm: 19815 Martinsburg Rd. May need to subdivide because the back of property is part of Site 2 Landfill.
      - b. Dunn House: 19420 Wasche Rd.
    - How much is Property/Land worth?
    - Lauren Greenberger will also review with Sugarloaf Citizen’s Association (SCA).

H. Open Discussion – None.

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I. Unfinished Business –None.

J. NEXT MEETING DATE AND ADJOURN

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at 7:00 PM. Co-Chair Bergofsky adjourned the meeting at 9:49 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 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 <sup>st</sup> 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.