

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

**Jun 13, 2023 MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY, Final**

Date: Jun 13, 2023  
Time: 7:00 PM – 9:05 PM  
Location: Hybrid Meeting in person and Virtual via Microsoft Teams

**1. ATTENDEES**

Name	Present	Title	Status	Affiliation
<a href="#">Voting Members</a>				<a href="#">Affected Community (6)</a>
				<a href="#">Affiliated Group (6)</a>
Eric Cronquist	No		voting member	Resident, Affected Community
Lauren Greenberger	Yes	SCA Vice President	voting member	Resident, Affected Community
Richard Hill	No		voting member	For A Rural Maryland (FARM)
Jane Hunter	Yes	Served as Acting Chair	voting member	Resident, Affected Community
Amy Maron	Yes		voting member	Solid Waste Advisory Comm (SWAC)
Kathy Mihm	No		voting member	Town of Poolesville
Stephen Poss	No		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)
<a href="#">Non-Voting Members</a>				<a href="#">Representatives of Facilities (6)</a>
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	No	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
Sue Carr	Yes		non-member	Resident
Andrew Donaldson	Yes		non-member	Resident
Jim Evans	Yes		non-member	Resident

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**2. CALL TO ORDER**

Jane Hunter agreed to be the Acting Chair for this meeting. Acting Chair Hunter called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM. **There was not a quorum for this meeting.** 5 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. Since there was not a quorum present the agenda was not adopted
- B. Acting Chair Hunter asked for any updates or changes for the March 14, 2023 DAFIG Meeting Minutes. No changes requested. Minutes will be brought up again in Sept for approval.

**5. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

A. Chair, Vice Chair Openings

- a. Acting Chair Hunter: Reminder of Chair and Vice-Chair opening.
- b. DAFIG Vacancies.
  - a. Two vacancies will post soon.

B. DAFIG Activities and Study Schedule.

- a. None this meeting.
  - i. DEP did perform Stream sampling, to be reported in Fall.

C. DEP Compliance Report – Steve Martin

- i. Steve reviewed May 8 complaint from Mark Maier about noise and odor from the RRF. Covanta stated the RRF was doing explosive cleaning on the boiler on 5/8/22.
- ii. Covanta agreed to provide ongoing courtesy advance notification of scheduled explosive cleaning. Notifications will include information on the reason for the explosive cleaning. Covanta will send notification to:
  - a. Jane Hunter.
  - b. Andrew Donaldson.
  - c. Steve Findlay.

D. Facility Updates.

a. RRF - Tom DeMaio

- i. Reviewed Reports:
  - DAFIG Report Covanta Q4,06-2023.
  - Tom presented Rolling 12 Month report.
- ii. Current contract expires 4/2026. Has not been extended.
  - Covanta is interested in continuing operations.
- iii. Jim Evans/Andrew Donaldson complained about burning trash smell this week.

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- Tom will check and email group. Lonnie will coordinate response.
  - 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.
      - Repeated social media to keep YW clean
  - c. GenOn – Mike Bennett
    - i. Presented Q2-23 DAFIG Report.
      - Combustion Turbine Site (Dickerson Power, LLC.)
        - a. provided information to Lauren that CT can burn both gas and oil but no oil used in 2023
      - Westland Ash Landfill (Maryland Ash Management, LLC.)
        - a. Hauled 72,320 tons of Fly Ash YTD through May
        - b. 576,757 tons removed since start of project
  - 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. Jane offered the Barn as a meeting place.
      - Has a team onsite daily to manage contractors and visitors.
      - Plans for low impact, limited traffic businesses.
      - Jeff provided some plan updates.
        - a. Expect to have Master Plan available in 3-4 weeks.
      - Jeff discussed Quantum Loophole project.
        - a. Terra granted them easement.
- E. Open Discussion –
- a. Jim Evans complained of excessive RRF blasting.
  - b. Intersection at Rt 28/Martinsburg Rd.
    - i. Discussion of heavy truck traffic.
    - ii. Asphalt is in poor shape.
    - iii. Trucks don't always stop.
      - GenOn and MES to remind haulers to slow down, stop at the Route 28 intersection, stay in lane, and not caravan through the area.
- F. Unfinished Business - None

**G. NEXT MEETING DATE AND ADJOURN**

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept 12, 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. Lauren

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Greenberger made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Seth Schwartz. Acting Chair Hunter adjourned the meeting at 9:05 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 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 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sub>2</sub> concentration monitoring and meteorological data.

**Budget:** OMB Budget Process posted to DAFIG webpage.

**Fiscal Year:** July 01 through June 30.