

Proposed General Permit for Municipal Transfer Stations and Recycling Centers Overview

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Presentation Outline

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Current Permitting Structure

- **Solid Waste Transfer Stations (TS):
Individual Permit to Construct and
Operate a Solid Waste Facility**
- **Recycling Facilities:
Registration for a General Permit
(GP) for Recycling**



Proposed GP for Municipal TS and Recycling Centers

- **Authorizes the construction and operation of municipal TS and recycling centers for a facility processing up to 120 tpd of solid waste**
- **May be approved for municipalities operating alone or in conjunction with others (regional TS)**
- **Provides the requirements of the operation and management for the TS**



Who will be Eligible to apply for the General Permit?

- **Municipalities**
- **Municipalities that use a private contractor to manage and operate their facility**
- **~ 100 municipal TS and 30 municipal recycling facilities**



Why Develop this Type of GP?

- **Simplify the application requirements and expedite the permitting process**
- **Streamline the Permitting Process**
- **Standardize Operating Conditions for Municipal TS**
- **Consistency with the State Solid Waste Management Plan**



Major Benefits: Municipalities

- **Authorization to manage any of the waste streams covered**
- **Consolidation of solid waste permits**
- **Simplified application requirements which expedite the application process**



Benefits, cont'd

- **Reduced costs with application:**
 - **Engineering - GP IS the Operation and Management Plan**
 - **No public notice requirements**
 - **Possible reduction in related legal costs**
 - **Eliminates need to apply for permit modifications under the individual permit**



Registration Information

- **GP is effective on the date it is issued by the Commissioner and expires five years from the date of issuance**
- **Fee - \$4,000**
- **Initial fee of \$800 is submitted with registration package**
- **Remainder of fee to be paid in equal annual installments**



Operation and Management of the Transfer Station

- TS can be used by residents of the municipality or other municipality(ies) under agreement with the permittee and municipal or commercial haulers approved by the permittee**
- TS must meet all applicable requirements of the local authorities**
- Operating requirements stated within GP**
- Daily operations may be conducted by a subcontractor**



List of the 22 Acceptable Materials

- **Municipal solid waste**
- **Construction and demolition waste**
- **Furniture, mattresses, rugs and carpets**
- **Metal including appliances containing freon**
- **Propane tanks with valves**
- **Used oil and waste anti-freeze**
- **Used oil filters**
- **Paper and cardboard**



List of the 22 Acceptable Materials

- Clean wood (brush, stumps, logs, pallets and woodchips)
- Treated wood (painted, creosote)
- Tires
- Food, beverage and plastic containers
- Leaves and grass clippings
- Food scraps
- Lead-acid and mixed batteries
- Used electronics
- Mercury-containing lamps



List of the 22 Acceptable Materials

- **Mercury-containing thermometers and thermostats**
- **Capacitors and fluorescent light ballasts**
- **Paints and stains**
- **Household items for reuse**
- **Textiles and shoes**



Informal Review and Comment

- **DEP sought informal comment May 2007 on the the draft**
- **Draft GP was posted on the DEP website**
- **Draft GP mailed directly to all municipal Chief Elected Officials, Directors of Public Works, CT Conference of Municipalities, Council of Small Towns, Connecticut Recycler's Coalition and Regional Resource Recovery Authorities.**
- **Informal review period ended on June 2007**
- **Received written and verbal comments**
- **DEP considered comments and redrafted as appropriate**



Proposed General Permit

- **General Permit consists of:**
 - **Commissioner's authorities**
 - **Authorization to operate**
 - **Registration requirements**
 - **GP requirements and conditions**
 - **Commissioner's powers and permit enforcement**
 - **Appendix – Operation and Management of the Facility**



Proposed Timeframe for Issuance

- **Publish a “Notice of Intent to Issue” the General Permit within the next several weeks**
- **30-day Formal Comment Period**
- **DEP evaluates comments received and makes revisions as appropriate**
- **DEP anticipates issuance of the General Permit in October**



For Additional Information

- **Copy of the General Permit is available on the website at www.ct.gov/dep/publicnotices**
- **Members of the SWAdvComm will be sent notice via Listserve**
- **Contact: Elaine Coelho, (860) 424-3304
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