

Vest, Lisa A. (DNREC)

From: ALAN EVANTASH <aevantash@mac.com>
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2019 4:44 PM
To: Vest, Lisa A. (DNREC)
Subject: Landfill Hearing

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- DRPI has experienced 10 permit violations in the past four years relating to improper handling of asbestos, inadequate containment of contaminants leaching from the landfill, not covering the landfill as required and other violations.
- Extending the useful life of the landfill will also prolong neighboring communities' exposure to emissions from truck traffic, dust and airborne contaminants.
- At 190 feet the landfill would be tallest land point in the area, and an eyesore for the Wilmington area. As the state is working hard to drive economic development in the area, such an eyesore would be a significant distraction to efforts to market New Castle County, and would create a negative first impression to travelers on I-495 and I-95.
- Continuing to add 279,000 tons of waste into the landfill is not a good long-term solution. We cannot improve air and water quality by continuing to do the same old things. DNREC and the State Legislature should instead seek a "Green" solution to handling Delaware's waste.
- As a small state with limited space, and more than 90% of our waterways polluted, Delaware should not be the dumping ground for waste from other states. The state should discontinue the practice of allowing Delaware to be used as a dumping ground for out of state waste for the profit of Waste Management, Inc.
- I urge DNREC to not approve this permit application. At a minimum, DNREC should further study the long-term environmental, community health, and economic growth implications, and seek to define approaches that improve those conditions rather than continuing to degrade them.

Alan Evantash MD

Sent from my iPad

Vest, Lisa A. (DNREC)

From: Moira Donoghue <mkd.donoghue@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2019 4:59 PM
To: Vest, Lisa A. (DNREC)
Subject: DRPI Landfill Permit Application

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I urge DNREC not to approve this permit application. At a minimum, DNREC should further study the application's long-term environmental, community health, and economic growth implications, and require approaches that mitigate or eliminate them rather than increase the degradation they cause.

::Moira K. Donoghue, Wilmington
::302 438 8371
::mkd.donoghue@gmail.com

Vest, Lisa A. (DNREC)

From: Lucy Comstock-Gay <lucy.comstockgay@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2019 5:01 PM
To: Vest, Lisa A. (DNREC)
Subject: Waste Management landfill permit

Dear DNREC, Mr. Garvin, and Ms. Vest - I am strongly opposed to Waste Management's request to increase the height of their DRPI Industrial Landfill. Please do not approve their permit application. At the very least, we need you to study the long-term environmental, community health, and economic growth implications and seek to define approaches that improve those conditions rather continuing to degrade them.

Thank you.
Lucy Comstock-Gay
2407 W. 17th St.
Wilmington, DE 19807

Sent from my iPhone

Vest, Lisa A. (DNREC)

From: Linnea Goddess <goddfam@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2019 5:01 PM
To: Vest, Lisa A. (DNREC)
Subject: Waste Management Incorporated

I am strongly opposed to Waste Management Incorporated request to increase the height of their DRPI Industrial Landfill. As a small state with limited space, and the majority of our waterways polluted, Delaware should not be the dumping ground for waste from other states. The tax benefits from this and similar businesses will evaporate if Delaware becomes the "Eyesore" of the Mid Atlantic.

Linnea Goddess
1417 Hamilton St.
Wilmington, DE

Sent from my iPad

Vest, Lisa A. (DNREC)

From: Sally Barclay <sallybar913@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2019 5:15 PM
To: Carney, John (MailBox Resources)
Cc: Vest, Lisa A. (DNREC); McDowell, Harris (LegHall); Brady, Gerald (LegHall)
Subject: Waste Landfill Permit

Dear Governor Carney,

I do not agree with the permit modification for an increase for the DRPI industrial waste landfill. Not only would this become the tallest land point in the area (such an eyesore!), but of more concern is the risk for air, soil and water contamination. Waste Management has had numerous violations at this site. Continued violations could put the safety of our environment and the health of citizens in jeopardy. That is a high price to pay! I do not think that is worth it for the profit from this modification.

Please consider denying this modification. We need to find a different solution for dealing with industrial waste.

Thank you,
Sally Barclay
2401 Kentmere Pkwy
Wilmington, DE 19806

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Vest, Lisa A. (DNREC)

From: Bruce dalleo <bdalleo@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2019 5:09 PM
To: Vest, Lisa A. (DNREC)
Subject: DRPI. Waste Landfill Permit

I oppose Waste Management 's request to increase the height of its industrial Landfill. Do not approve this permit application. Study ways to dispose of waste by more efficient means.

Bruce Dalleo
2020 Delaware Ave.
Wilmington, DE19806

Sent from my iPad

Vest, Lisa A. (DNREC)

From: Barry Townsend <barrytownsend@mac.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 7:20 AM
To: Carney, John (MailBox Resources); Brady, Gerald (LegHall); McBride, David (LegHall); Vest, Lisa A. (DNREC)
Subject: DRPI Industrial

Greetings: I am writing to voice my opposition to Waste Management Incorporated's request to increase the height of their DRPI industrial landfill. There are many, many environmental dangers by increasing the height of the landfill to 190 feet. One solution, would be to discontinue the practice of allowing neighboring states to dump their waste in Delaware for the profit of Waste Management. My god, you live and represent the state and people of Delaware. You're decision in this matter should reflect how much you value Delaware and it's citizens.

Barry Townsend

Sent from my iPad

Vest, Lisa A. (DNREC)

From: Judy and Alex <grandboos4@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 10:42 AM
To: Vest, Lisa A. (DNREC)
Subject: Marsh road landfill

Dear Lisa A. Vest

As a concerned citizen living near the Landfill area, I am writing to voice my opposition to Waste Management Inc's request to increase the height of their DRPI industrial landfill!

This request will affect us, the communities living in the vicinity of the landfill, in many different ways:

1. Increase long term exposure to sources of water, air and soil pollution by adding 8.4 million cubic yards to the land fill. Not A Good Long Term Solution To Our Quality Of Life! as bad as it is already.
2. At 190 Ft. the landfill will be the tallest land point in the area and an eyesore for the Wilmington area hindering potential economic development so desperately needed.
3. As a small state with limited space, and more than 90% of our waterways polluted, Delaware should NOT be the dumping ground for waste from other states and to satisfy the profit motive of Waste Management, Inc..

This is just a token from the list of reasons why this requested application SHOULD NOT BE APPROVED.

I ask that you engage in the permit review process and encourage DNREC to disapprove the application.

At a minimum, DNREC should further study the long-term environmental, community health, and economic development implications, and seek to define approaches that improve those conditions rather than degrade them.

Respectfully

Alexander Montag

Vest, Lisa A. (DNREC)

From: Frederick Longacre <f_longacre@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 17, 2019 1:06 PM
To: Vest, Lisa A. (DNREC)
Subject: Land Fill
Attachments: WILMINGTON'S NEWEST SKYSCRAPER.docx

Dear Lisa,

Please show Mr. Garvin the attached proposed letter to the editor from my wife Julia. It expresses our concern about the proposed expansion of the landfill. We will be at the May 29th meeting and hope that there is a way to defeat the proposal. Many thanks. Sincerely yours, Fred

WILMINGTON'S NEWEST EYESORE

Delaware Recyclable Products, Inc. (DRPI) wants to add 60 feet in height and 8.4 million cubic yards in volume to its current footprint (and eye print) for the mountain of waste that forms the distant backdrop to Wilmington for anyone entering by way of Lancaster Pike (more easily seen from I-495). And, to add insult to injury, it wants to allow four other states to join in the dumping. The waste we are talking about includes asbestos, lead, PCBs, mercury, refrigerants, old pesticides, among other goodies. This stuff is dangerous and unless special care is taken, can pollute the nearby water, soil and air. Did I mention that the mountain is an eye sore?

In an ideal world, the company that oversees the already existing dump, DRPI, would follow common sense and regulations, both state and federal, to make sure the chemicals it contains do not leach into the adjacent air or water. Unfortunately it does not always do so (it has been sited for various permit violations including the improper treatment of mercury). To entrust it with an even bigger pile seems troubling to say the least. So we must demand that our local oversight agency, The Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC), prevent the pile dimensions from being expanded and ask for stricter oversight for what is already there.

DNREC is holding a public hearing on this issue on Wednesday, May 29th, at the Minquadale Firehouse (129 Hazeldale Ave., New Castle) at 6 pm. Please come to express your views before it is too late.

Respectfully submitted by Julia Sperry
Hockessin, DE

Vest, Lisa A. (DNREC)

From: Melito, Michael (DNREC)
Sent: Friday, May 17, 2019 2:20 PM
To: Vest, Lisa A. (DNREC)
Subject: DRPI Comment Letter
Attachments: WHS Sharp Scanner_20190517_142908.pdf

Good afternoon Lisa,

Attached is a comment for the Public Hearing Period. Please let me know if you need the original.

Thanks,

Mike



4 Haggis Rd. Middletown, DE 19709
302-376-0204
www.kleen-tek.com

May 1, 2019

Mr. Jason Sunde

Environmental Program Manager, DNREC



Dear Mr. Sunde

This letter is in response to the application for expansion filed by Waste Management.

Many small businesses benefit directly from the operations and continued stewardship of Waste Management and their facilities in New Castle County, Delaware. It is our belief that their application for expansion be granted based on the needs of the community for landfill services, their goodwill and the collateral benefits that are received by many other small businesses in conjunction with their continued operations. We are thankful for the business relationships provided by Waste Management, the County of New Castle and the State of Delaware.

Sincerely,

Tammy Keresty, President

Kleen-Tek LLC

Vest, Lisa A. (DNREC)

From: NANCY HANNIGAN <njhannigan@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 20, 2019 11:35 AM
To: Vest, Lisa A. (DNREC)
Subject: Industrial Waste Permit Request

Dear Ms. Vest,

I am a resident of NewCastle County and wish to express my strong opposition to the request by Waste Management to increase the maximum height of the landfill to 190 feet.

If this height were allowed, it would be the highest point in our state! This tower of waste, so visible from the interstate, would have a huge negative impact on our attempts to bring new investment and new employers to Wilmington and surrounding areas. I am reminded of the very negative view I have of Philadelphia when I approach the city from the Passayunk Ave bridge and it's piles of garbage.

Please say no to this request for the larger public interest and our future jobs

Nancy Hannigan

Sent from my iPhone

Vest, Lisa A. (DNREC)

From: Mary Jane Elliott <mjwelliott@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 20, 2019 5:04 PM
To: Vest, Lisa A. (DNREC)
Subject: DRPI Industrial Waste Landfill Permit

Dear Ms. Vest,

I strongly object to increasing the landfill on Marsh Lane between I 495 and Rt. 13. Extending the life of the landfill will extend truck traffic and increase air pollution in the neighborhood. There have been numerous permit violations at the site. I really , strongly object to toxic materials being brought into Delaware from other states! We should not be a dumping ground for other states heavy metals and pollutants.

Thank you,

Mary Jane Elliott
Mjwelliott@gmail.com

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Vest, Lisa A. (DNREC)

From: Willie Scott <wscott8205@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2019 12:47 PM
To: Vest, Lisa A. (DNREC)
Subject: DRPI Request for Permit Modification

This letter is to express my opposition to Waste Management, Inc.'s permit modification request to increase the height of their industrial waste landfill. As a small state with more than 90% of our rivers, streams, bays and ponds polluted, and being ranked as having one of the highest cancer incident rates in the country the state must seek solutions that improve rather than continue to exacerbate these conditions.

I understand there are no state regulations limiting landfill height (although there should be), but I rely on DNREC to protect and improve air and water quality, and the resulting effects on the health of Delaware's citizens. DNREC has the authority to limit landfill size via its permitting process, and allowing the land filling of an additional 8.4 million cubic yards of waste over an additional 21 years is antithetical to DNREC's stated mission. Landfills are a temporary solution with lasting negative implications:

- Neighboring communities' exposure to emissions from truck traffic, dust and airborne contaminants.
- Long term risks to water, air and soil quality. While some additional leachate inspection steps may be taken, those steps only detect a breach once it has occurred and do not eliminate leaks that could cause contamination.
- DRPI was cited with 12 permit violations (2014-2018) with some related to improper handling of asbestos, inadequate containment of contaminants leaching from the landfill, and not covering the landfill as required. While those infractions may have been corrected, the fact that they occurred speak to DRPI's credibility as a compliant operator.
- At 190 feet the landfill would be tallest land point in the area, and an eyesore for the Wilmington area. As the state is working hard to drive economic development in the area, such an eyesore would be a significant distraction to efforts to market New Castle County, and would create a negative first impression to travelers on I-495 and I-95.

Continuing to add 279,000 tons of waste per year into the landfill is not a good long-term solution. We cannot improve air and water quality by continuing to do the same old things. DNREC and the State Legislature should instead seek a "Green" solution to handling Delaware's waste. Countries such as Germany and Singapore have developed integrated solutions to their waste problems, and could serve as models in identifying alternatives that would provide the state with better long-term solutions. A review and upgrade of the Statewide Solid Waste Management Plan (502) would be a better starting point than an arbitrary move to pile more waste onto the heap.

I ask that Secretary Garvin reject this permit modification request and instead seek a more sustainable solution to managing Delaware's waste.

Thank You,
Willie Scott

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Vest, Lisa A. (DNREC)

From: Jen Adkins <jenadkins1333@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 24, 2019 12:42 PM
To: Vest, Lisa A. (DNREC)
Subject: Public comment - Delaware Recyclable Products Inc. permit
Attachments: JAdkins_LandfillLetter_May2019.pdf

Dear Ms. Vest

Attached is a letter expressing my concerns and urging DNREC not to approve the request for a permit modification to increase the height of the landfill at 246 Marsh Lane in New Castle. Please include in this in the public comments to be considered by DNREC on this matter as I won't be able to attend the public hearing on May 29th. Thank you!

Jennifer Adkins
105 Christina Landing Dr APT 2203
Wilmington DE 19801

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

May 24, 2019

Lisa A. Vest, DNREC Public Hearing Officer
Lisa.Vest@delaware.gov

Dear Ms. Vest,

I am writing to express my deep concerns about the Industrial Waste Landfill permit modification requested by Delaware Recyclable Products, Inc., for the facility at 246 Marsh Lane, in New Castle.

I am concerned about the pollution likely to result from this expansion. Adding an additional 8.4 million cubic yards of waste on this site and 21 years of active landfilling will undoubtedly increase the pollution burden to the surrounding community and its water, soil and air.

I am concerned about the impact of that pollution on the Christina River, which flows through the City of Wilmington past my home and out to the Delaware River (which is directly impacted by another landfill). Tremendous investment has gone into cleaning up the Christina River, leading the Riverfront to become an important economic driver and recreational resource for the city and state. Any debris, runoff or leachate from the landfill that is not properly managed or controlled is likely to impact water quality in the river, and the natural habitat surrounding it, potentially compromising that investment.

I am concerned about the negative PR impacts to Delaware and particularly Wilmington. At 190 feet in height, the landfill would be the tallest land point in the area and an eyesore for the Wilmington area. It is located adjacent to the Christina River and Riverfront, the Jack A. Markell Trail, and highly visible to travelers on I-95 and I-495, giving visitors and residents alike a negative impression of the state and city. (See photo below.)

These concerns are exacerbated by knowing that the landfill has had 10 violations in the last four years, including ones related to water quality and not covering the landfill as required. And that violations will likely continue if not increase with additional waste and as landfill infrastructure ages and landfill height increases.

I am also concerned that in Delaware we continue to put the burden of waste on the same communities again and again and have not come up with more equitable or sustainable solutions. Between this landfill, the Cherry Island Landfill, and the closed Pigeon Point landfill, this part of the state has born more than its fair share of pollution from waste. Delaware cannot improve air and water quality by continuing to do the same old things and should be seeking new and greener alternatives. As a small state with limited space and more than 90% of our waterways polluted, we can't continue to pile waste along the Christina and Delaware Rivers indefinitely and shouldn't be the dumping ground for waste from other states.

In light of these concerns, I urge DNREC not to approve this permit application. At a minimum, DNREC should further study the long-term environmental, community health, and economic

implications and identify alternative approaches to improve those conditions rather than continuing to degrade them. And ensure that any future permits granted include measures to prevent mitigate the concerns raised here and require permit applicants to identify and invest in better alternatives for the future.

This landfill was permitted for a specific size and life and should be retired and closed as originally permitted and planned. This is my honest and sincere opinion as individual, a Delawarean, a resident of Wilmington, and a fan of DNREC and the important work it does; thank you for taking it into consideration.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Adkins
105 Christina Landing Dr. APT 2203
Wilmington, DE 19801

CC: DNREC Secretary Shawn M. Garvin, Shawn.Garvin@delaware.gov
Senator Darius J. Brown, Darius.Brown@delaware.gov
Representative Franklin D. Cooke, FranklinD.Cooke@delaware.gov

*Photo taken of the
landfill from the J. A.
Markell Trail
5/16/19*



Vest, Lisa A. (DNREC)

From: Jen Adkins <jenadkins1333@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 24, 2019 1:09 PM
To: Vest, Lisa A. (DNREC)
Cc: Garvin, Shawn M. (DNREC)
Subject: FW: Public comment - Delaware Recyclable Products Inc. permit
Attachments: JAdkins_LandfillLetter_May2019.pdf

Hi Ms. Vest,

I'm sorry for the duplication, but meant to copy the Secretary on this. So I'm just resending with him CC'd. (I sent it to my elected reps in a separate email, seeking their support and perspectives.) Thanks again! - JEN

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: [Jen Adkins](#)
Sent: Friday, May 24, 2019 12:42 PM
To: Lisa.Vest@delaware.gov
Subject: Public comment - Delaware Recyclable Products Inc. permit

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Jennifer Adkins
105 Christina Landing Dr APT 2203
Wilmington DE 19801

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Vest, Lisa A. (DNREC)

From: Blair Ferguson <bqferguson@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 27, 2019 4:35 PM
To: Vest, Lisa A. (DNREC)
Subject: DRPI Landfill

Please communicate to the decision makers at DNREC regarding this matter.

I am writing to voice my strong opposition to Waste Management Incorporated's request to increase the height of their DRPI industrial Landfill.

- The expansion would increase our long term exposure to a source of water, air and soil pollution by adding another 8.4 million cubic yards of waste to the landfill.
- DRPI has experienced 12 permit violations (2014-2018) including improper handling of asbestos, inadequate containment of contaminants leaching from the landfill, not covering the landfill as required and other violations.
- Extending the useful life of the landfill will also prolong neighboring communities' exposure to emissions from truck traffic, dust and airborne contaminants.
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- As Delaware has more than 90% of its rivers, streams, ponds and bays polluted, and one of the highest rates of cancer in the country, DNREC should focus on efforts to improve rather than potentially aggravate those conditions
- Continuing to add 279,000 tons of waste into the landfill is not a good long-term solution. We cannot improve air and water quality by continuing to do the same old things. DNREC and the State Legislature should instead seek a sustainable solution to handling Delaware's waste.
- As a small state with limited space Delaware should not be the dumping ground for waste from other states for the profit of Waste Management, Inc.
- I urge DNREC to not approve this permit application. At a minimum, DNREC should further study the long-term environmental, community health implications, and seek to define approaches that improve those conditions rather than continuing to degrade them.

Sincerely,

Blair Ferguson
2102 N Bancroft Pkwy
Wilmington, DE

Vest, Lisa A. (DNREC)

From: John L Williams <john@trustwilliams.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 1:28 PM
To: Vest, Lisa A. (DNREC)
Cc: Garvin, Shawn M. (DNREC); Carney, John (MailBox Resources)
Subject: DNREC Landfill Permit - public comment from Christina Conservancy, Inc.
Attachments: Christina Conservancy letter to Lisa Vest re Landfill Permit Public Comment May 28, 2019.pdf

Dear Ms. Vest,

Please see the attached correspondence from the Christina Conservancy, Inc. regarding the request to raise the permitted height of the New Castle, Delaware commercial refuse landfill.

Yours truly,

John L. Williams
President of the Christina Conservancy, Inc.

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May 28, 2019

Lisa A. Vest
DNREC Office of the Secretary
89 Kings Highway
Dover, DE 19901
VIA EMAIL: Lisa.Vest@delaware.gov

Re: Landfill Permit Public Comment

Dear Ms. Vest,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Christina Conservancy in response to the request for public comments to the Industrial Waste Landfill permit modification requested by Delaware Recyclable Products, Inc., for the facility at 246 Marsh Lane, in New Castle.

The Christina Conservancy is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the preservation, restoration, and appreciation of the historic and natural resources of the Christina River watershed. We seek to achieve this by providing financial support, advocacy support, communication, education, and leadership in cooperation with state and local agencies, other non-profit organizations, businesses, residents, landowners, and user groups to:

- Provide appropriate and responsible access to the river and associated natural areas;
- Reduce water pollution to the Christina and its tributaries;
- Protect and enhance important natural and heritage areas of the watershed; and
- Engage people in stewardship of the watershed.

In light of this mission, we are concerned about DRPI's proposal to continue accepting waste and to increase the final maximum landfill elevation from 130 feet mean sea level (MSL) to 190 feet MSL.

Our main concern is that adding another 8.4 million cubic yards of waste to the landfill could increase water, air and soil pollution to the surrounding area. The landfill's location adjacent to the Christina River means that any debris, runoff or leachate from the landfill that is not properly managed or controlled is likely to impact water quality in the river, and the natural habitat surrounding it.

Over the years, there have been a number of violations at the landfill, including ones related to water quality. Since the proposed expansion will significantly increase the life of the landfill (by 21 years) and the amount of waste permanently placed there (by 279,000 tons) it's reasonable to expect that such violations will continue if not increase, as landfill infrastructure ages. Surely managing erosion and associated runoff will become more challenging as the height of the landfill increases.

Another concern we have is about the impact of extending and expanding use of the landfill on the recreational use and enjoyment of the Christina River and associated Russell W. Peterson Urban Wildlife Refuge, DuPont Environmental Education Center, and Jack A. Markell Trail. Significant resources have gone into the development of these facilities for educational and recreational use by the public. They've become critical assets for providing responsible access to the river and engaging people in stewardship of the watershed. The landfill is visible from these facilities today mostly as an oddly high grassy mound across the river (although recently from the Markell Trail as a slope of exposed waste as shown in the photo below.) Closing the landfill at the permitted and expected height of 130 feet would not remove the existing visual impacts to visitors/users. Extending the height and life of the landfill as proposed will increase these impacts substantially. (It will have a similar impact on travelers on I-495 and I-95, sending a negative message about the State of Delaware and City of Wilmington.)

The Christina Conservancy, DNREC and many others have invested heavily in improvements to the Christina River, from the annual Christina River Cleanup to the remediation of contaminated sites along the lower Christina, and the protection and restoration of natural areas upstream. These activities are supported by public dollars because they provide public benefits, which should not be compromised for private profit. We urge DNREC to carefully consider (and further study, if needed) the long-term environmental, community health, and economic growth implications of this proposal. And to ensure that any permitted expansion requires actions to prevent and mitigate any impacts to water quality or other public benefits.

We also urge the State of Delaware to consider new approaches to waste management. As a small state with limited space, and more than 90% of our waterways polluted, we need a better, more sustainable strategy. We cannot continue to pile our waste along the Delaware and Christina Rivers around Wilmington indefinitely; and we cannot afford to be the dumping ground for waste from other states for profit by private companies.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposal.

Sincerely,



John Legaré Williams, Esq.
President

Cc: Gov. John Carney
Sec. Shawn Garvin

*Photo: View of landfill from J.A.M. Trail just south of the new Christina River Bridge,
May 16, 2019*



Vest, Lisa A. (DNREC)

From: Jill Williams <jillwluckybuffalo@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 29, 2019 1:00 PM
To: Vest, Lisa A. (DNREC); Cooke, Franklin D (LegHall); McBride, David (LegHall); Melito, Michael (DNREC); Brad Williams
Subject: DNREC Public Hearing May29, 2019

Jill and Bradford L. Williams
111 Lovelace Avenue
New Castle, DE 19720

Dear Ms. Vest and Sirs:

We are submitting a written comment about the Delaware Recyclable Products, Inc. (DRPI) permit modification request to continue to accept construction and demolition solid waste to increase the “final” maximum landfill elevation from 130 feet mean sea level to 190 feet mean sea level.

We want to point out the use of the word “final” is a misnomer. We have lived at the above address for over 30 years. The “final” maximum landfill elevation has been increased before. We want the current maximum landfill elevation to remain at 130 feet mean sea level.

The landfill is located too close to the surrounding communities and the Delaware Greenways trail. The landfill is a direct contradiction to the purpose of the Greenway. The landfill contributes dust, dirt, odors, reciprocal trash, and noise. Approval of the permit modification request to increase the “final” maximum elevation will worsen already existing problems.

We request that our written comment be read aloud at the public hearing being held at the Minquadale Fire Company hall. We request acknowledgement (via a reply email) of our written comment prior to the public hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Williams
Bradford L. Williams

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Vest, Lisa A. (DNREC)

From: Wilson, James <james@bikede.org>
Sent: Wednesday, May 29, 2019 1:25 PM
To: Vest, Lisa A. (DNREC)
Cc: Megan McGlinchey
Subject: Re: County and State officials oppose effort to increase height of suburban New Castle landfill

Good afternoon Ms. Vest,

Can you explain (or point us to the relevant part of state code or other resource) DNREC's statutory authority regarding industrial waste landfill permits (or permit modifications)?

Warm regards,
James Wilson
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"Everyone living or working within a 1/2 mile of a major trail in Delaware should be able to bike to it on a low stress route."

On Tue, May 28, 2019 at 10:40 AM Miller, Jason <Jason.Miller@newcastlede.gov> wrote:

Contact: Jason Miller, 302-545-1462

May 28, 2019



New Castle County
County Executive Matthew Meyer

County and State officials oppose effort to increase height of suburban New Castle landfill

Encourage residents to voice their concerns during Wednesday evening hearing in Minquadale

New Castle – New Castle County Councilman Jea Street, State Representative Frank Cooke and County Executive Matt Meyer today demanded that Waste Management not be permitted to raise the height limit of its landfill located adjacent to a residential neighborhood in Minquadale. They encouraged residents to attend a public hearing Wednesday evening on the company's request to do so.

The Waste Management DRPI Industrial Waste Landfill, in the shadow of the West Minquadale community and next to small-scale commercial establishments along Route 13, operates under an environmental permit that authorizes it to dump construction debris and other material up to a height of 130 feet. The company has asked state regulators to alter that permit and allow it to increase that height to 190 feet – a nearly 50% increase. Read Waste Management's application at <http://www.dnrec.delaware.gov/dwhs/SHWMB/Pages/SolidWasteFacilities.aspx>.

The landfill's application is currently pending before DNREC, which has scheduled a public hearing tomorrow, Wednesday, May 29 at 6 p.m. at the Minquadale Fire Company, 129 E. Hazeldell Avenue, New Castle. All members of the community are welcome to attend to learn more about the application and to voice their views.

“A landfill should never have been built in a neighborhood in the first place, and this latest attempt is totally unacceptable,” **County Councilman Jea Street said.** “I urge every resident to come out tomorrow night and join us in saying enough is enough!”

Councilman Street has introduced county legislation, which is supported by the Meyer Administration, that would bar any landfill capped at 140 feet or less in height from seeking increases above that limit. Ordinance 19-046 would also create regulations in County law that require the impact on community health, safety, traffic and the environment be considered when landfill permits are filed.

“Debris and dirt from this facility routinely blows into the community and onto the grounds of the County Public Safety building next door,” **State Representative Frank Cooke said.** “I am very concerned about the impact any expansion would have on the community, the nearby Christina River and Churchman's Marsh and the thousands of walkers and cyclists who use the Markell Trail that runs along the edge of this property.”

“This request would allow a Cherry Island-sized mountain of trash, filled mostly with out-of-state waste, to tower over the neighborhood like a 20-story skyscraper. That would forever alter the character of the area and harm the quality of life of residents,” **County Executive Matt Meyer said.** “I applaud DNREC for engaging with the public on this important issue for our community and I encourage residents to share their concerns at Wednesday’s hearing.”

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Jason Miller

Director of Communications

New Castle County | County Executive Matthew Meyer

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Vest, Lisa A. (DNREC)

From: Maren Bertelsen <maren_bertelsen@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 29, 2019 2:39 PM
To: Vest, Lisa A. (DNREC)
Subject: Comments on Landfill height increase at 246 Marsh Lane, New Castle DE

Lisa Vest
Hearing Officer
Office of the Secretary
DNREC

I was hoping to attend the public hearing being held tonight, but it appears that will not be possible for me. I wanted to send my comments to you in written form for the record. I would appreciate it if you would let me know the comments were received.

As a resident of New Castle County, I would like to voice my opinion that a landfill should not be the highest point in an area. I am against the application to raise the permitted height of the landfill.

That being said, I realize that it might be approved over my and other citizens' objections.

My specific comments with regard to the permit application is that I found it lacking in the area of dust control. I would ask that language be added to account for two additional requirements.

- 1) Add the requirement to use straw over areas that are being seeded to help stabilize the seeded areas.
- 2) If an area will not be utilized for 30 days or more, require the use of a dust suppression agent, such as lignin sulfonate.

Thanks,
Maren Bertelsen
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Middletown, DE 19709

Vest, Lisa A. (DNREC)

From: Megan McGlinchey <mmcglinchey@riverfrontwilm.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 29, 2019 5:06 PM
To: Vest, Lisa A. (DNREC)
Subject: Permit Modification

Ms. Vest,

I am writing to you to oppose the application of Delaware Recyclable Products to modify their permit at their landfill facility located at 246 Marsh Lane, New Castle, Delaware.

This landfill facility is located adjacent to the Jack A. Markell Trail, a key connection to the Russell W. Peterson Urban Wildlife Refuge, the DuPont Environmental Education Center, and the Wilmington Riverfront. Since the opening of the JAM Trail in September of 2018, the daily traffic from cyclists, walkers and joggers the number of visitors to the Refuge and the Riverfront has increased tremendously . The Trail is also a key commuter byway from Old New Castle to Downtown Wilmington. We have had many complaints about the current activity at the DRPI Landfill, and the negative image that it gives to the users of the trail. It would be awful to allow DRPI to increase activity at this site after a tremendous investment was made by the State Department of Transportation to bring this vital trail connection to fruition.

Thank you,
Megan McGlinchey

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Vest, Lisa A. (DNREC)

From: Alan Muller <alan@greendel.org>
Sent: Wednesday, May 29, 2019 5:51 PM
To: Vest, Lisa A. (DNREC)
Cc: McBride, David (LegHall); McDowell, Harris (LegHall); Cooke, Franklin D (LegHall); Kowalko, John (LegHall); Garvin, Shawn M. (DNREC); Sunde, Jason W. (DNREC)
Subject: Green Delaware comments in re Waste Management dump "vertical expansion"

Lisa Vest, Hearing Officer
DNREC

Dear Lisa:

Here are some thoughts from us. I would appreciate if these were read out at the hearing this evening.

This is a classic "Environmental Injustice" situation yet the DNREC, which has had a "community ombudsman" for around twenty years, has not factored environmental justice considerations into permitting decisions in a substantive way. Therefore it seems to me that the DNREC simply does not have in place the capability to make decisions regarding such an application and as such it should not be entertained. This is a fundamental deficiency in the Regulations.

Both of the nearby-community organizations which have provided written support for the project state that they are receiving free services and/or cash from the applicant. In other contexts this would be regarded as bribery. At the least, the opinions expressed by these organizations should be given little weight.

The history of this dump indicates that it was previously used as a sand and/or gravel pit. Thus we have unlined cells sitting in (very likely) hydraulic communication with aquifers used for water supply. This is a situation that has been common in Delaware and has predictable and ultimately harmful and expensive consequences. It is likely that the proposed addition of 60 feet of additional overburden would have the effect of pushing interstitial (pore) liquids into the underlying aquifers and further contaminating groundwater. This along would indicate rejection of the proposal.

"The DRPI Landfill property was previously operated as a sand and gravel pit from about 1954 until about 1982. During that period, sand and gravel of the underlying Columbia Formation were excavated to approximately the top of the Potomac Formation." (VIII-3)

In odd terminology, applicants describe membranes installed on top of existing deposits as "liners." This seems a terminological way of converting unlined cells into "lined" cells. The authors should know the difference between a cap and a liner.

"Cells 1, 2, and 3 were unlined but are currently being lined with overlay liner." (VIII-3)

"the construction of liner [sic] system over previously unlined waste materials will serve to minimize many potential long-term impacts to human health and the environment." (VIII-4)

At VIII-10, it is indicated that within 1/4 mile (of the property boundary?) *"A total of 140 wells were identified of which 88 are active, pending, or completed (i.e., 52 are abandoned, expired or voided)."* 88 active wells within 1/4 mile! All of these wells should be tested and their use determined.

At the very least, the Division of Public Health (Safe Drinking Water Act program) and the operators of production wells in the area should be asked to agree in writing that they are not concerned about negative impacts, and the applicant should be required to demonstrate financial responsibility for possible negative impacts.

The "compliance history" summary (only from January 1, 2014 to January 23, 2019) shows 12 citations but zero penalties. This does not suggest significant or adequate enforcement history.

The Environmental Impact Assessment, at page VIII-1, states:

"This EAR was prepared by Geosyntec Consultants in Columbia, Maryland in 2004, revised in 2005 as part of the Cell 6 Expansion. The current EAR (Version 3) is largely unchanged except as it relates to the vertical expansion and slightly revised disposal footprint near the entrance that provided more buffer to neighboring residents."

Thus it appears that the work is fifteen years old and may not reflect current conditions and current understanding of the hydrology of the area.

Again, from page VIII-2:

"To complete this evaluation, Geosyntec supplemented historical information with data collected during: (i) a site reconnaissance performed on 25 February 2004; (ii) interviews with persons knowledgeable about the DRPI Landfill and its operations; (iii) correspondence with federal, state, and local officials; and (iv) reviews of applicable site records provided by DRPI, permits, and published literature."

So it appears that the authors of the report, if not the entire application, have not visited the site in over fifteen years.

Wetlands on the site are waved off as *"isolated wet areas dominated mainly by Phragmites"*.

The literature on the health impacts of air pollution is expanding very rapidly. For example: <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/ng-interactive/2019/may/17/air-pollution-may-be-damaging-every-organ-and-cell-in-the-body-finds-global-review>

It is highly likely that the health of residents in the area of the Waste Management dump is impacted by regulated air pollutants. Available information indicates that cancer rates and cardiovascular illnesses in the area are elevated. A Health Impact Analysis pursuant to CDC guidelines should be performed, considering the alternatives of the proposed expansion vs allowing the dump to close when it reaches its presently permitted elevations (or before!). In doing this, fugitive emissions should be fully considered including traffic emissions.

OK, I could go on for a long time with concerns and objections, but I hope these are enough to make a point: That the request permit modification should be denied.

Respectfully submitted,

[signed]

Alan Muller
Executive Director, Green Delaware

Vest, Lisa A. (DNREC)

From: NANCY HANNIGAN <njhannigan@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, May 31, 2019 12:36 PM
To: Vest, Lisa A. (DNREC)
Subject: DRPI Permit Application

Dear Lisa,

I attended the May 28 permit hearing regarding DRPI's permit application, but did not speak that evening. I wish now, however, to submit this comment to the record.

I strongly oppose approval of this application. Based on the testimony of a geo-hydrologist from Artesian water, we learned that the landfill is atop the Potomac aquifer, a location that the hydrologist described as "couldn't pick a worse location". Thus adding more height and pressure to the current landfill would be a dangerous decision, putting at risk the water supply of the entire area.

Adding to this risk is that the landfill was formerly used in part for chemical landfill, and that there is no liner beneath this waste. More waste above it could introduce these chemicals into the aquifer.

Please vote no on this application

Regards,
Nancy Hannigan
Wilmington, DE

Vest, Lisa A. (DNREC)

From: Sunde, Jason W. (DNREC)
Sent: Friday, May 31, 2019 2:36 PM
To: Vest, Lisa A. (DNREC)
Cc: Melito, Michael (DNREC)
Subject: DRPI
Attachments: WHS Sharp Scanner_20190531_140357.pdf

This came in yesterday.

Jason W. Sunde
Environmental Program Administrator

DNREC Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Section
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Mr. Jason Sunde
Environmental Program Manager
Delaware Department of Natural Resource & Environmental Control
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Dear Mr. Sunde:

My name is Randolph Powell, and I am the Operations Manager for Reilly Sweeping Inc.'s Delaware branch office located in Newark Delaware.

We currently employ 18 full time employees. We provide street sweeping services in the tri-state area, and service Waste Management's DRPI landfill on a regular basis to help control dust and dirt from leaving the site.

This business is important to our Company, its employees, and their families by providing them a means to earn a living. When we purchase fuel, parts or simply pay utility bills, we are supporting the local economy.

This landfill also provides the local community, a cost-effective option for disposal of demo material. Therefore, keeping it out of the Cherry Island Landfill, thus increasing its life expectancy.

These are just a few of examples of how the DRPI has helped the many businesses and their families that either work directly for the landfill or support it in some capacity.

I urge you to approve DRPI's vertical expansion application.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Vest, Lisa A. (DNREC)

From: Teresa Griffin <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, June 04, 2019 9:39 AM
To: Vest, Lisa A. (DNREC)
Subject: Oppose The Landfill Expansion

Lisa Vest,

Dear Governor Carney and Lisa Vest,

Thank you for taking the time to read this email and taking it under consideration when determining whether or not to permit the expansion of the Waste Management Landfill on Rt 13.

I strongly oppose expanding the landfill and request that you do so as well.

I have read that this expansion stands a chance of driving toxins into our groundwater. We need to stop being shortsighted and selfish. Clean water is a resource we need to leave to the next generation. Please find solutions that will make the water situation better, not worse.

Thank you for your time.

Teresa Griffin
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the landfill as required and other violations. We should not be rewarding them by expanding their ability to create new infractions.

Please take every action possible in preventing the expansion of this landfill in NCC and develop meaningful and sustainable policies to help deal with our waste related issues moving forward.

Thank you for your time.

Kate Kent

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Vest, Lisa A. (DNREC)

From: Kate Kent <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, June 04, 2019 2:44 PM
To: Vest, Lisa A. (DNREC)
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At a time when so many in Delaware are already being subjected to unclean, unsafe drinking water, we simply cannot allow this project to spoil yet another aquifer. This could be a public health disaster, and you have the power to prevent it right now.

Furthermore, at 190 feet the landfill would be the tallest land point in the area, and an eyesore for the Wilmington area. As the state is working hard to drive economic development in the area, such an eyesore would be a significant distraction to efforts to market New Castle County and would create a negative first impression to travelers on I-495 and I-95.

Extending the useful life of the landfill will also prolong neighboring communities' exposure to emissions from truck traffic, dust, and airborne contaminants.

Already, DRPI has experienced 12 permit violations (2014-2018) including improper handling of asbestos, inadequate containment of contaminants leaching from the landfill, not covering

Vest, Lisa A. (DNREC)

From: Sally Barclay <sallybar913@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 04, 2019 3:16 PM
To: Vest, Lisa A. (DNREC)
Subject: Landfill DRPI permit request

I attended the hearing on May 28 regarding the permit to add 60 vertical feet to the landfill.

I feel the permit should be denied especially after hearing that it sits on top of the Potomac aquifer and that there is no liner under the portion that contains toxic chemicals. Additional pressure from the additional weight of the larger size will increase the risk of water contamination. Furthermore, I heard the residents of the area of the landfill voice their concerns for their health. This is environmental injustice— those benefiting in terms of jobs are not with the negative impacts.

Please do not put DE citizens at risk for the sake of a small number of jobs. We need to prioritize clean drinking water and the environment and the quality of life of our citizens.

Sally Barclay
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Wilmington

Sent from my iPhone

Vest, Lisa A. (DNREC)

From: Anne Powell <apowell85@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 04, 2019 7:47 PM
To: Vest, Lisa A. (DNREC)
Subject: DRPI Landfill Expansion Permit Comment

Dear Ms. Lisa Vest,

Please add this email to the comments on the landfill expansion permit. I am opposed to the expansion as it will place the Potomac Aquifer in jeopardy. Thousands of Northern Delaware residents' water source could be lost along with their health and property values. Reject the expansion permit.

Anne M. Powell
614 Love Villegas's Rd, B5D
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"We in America do not have a government by the majority. We have a government by the majority who participate." ~ Thomas Jefferson

Vest, Lisa A. (DNREC)

From: dustyn thompson <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, June 05, 2019 8:02 AM
To: Vest, Lisa A. (DNREC)
Subject: Oppose The Landfill Expansion

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Thank you for your time.

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Vest, Lisa A. (DNREC)

From: Rebecca Thompson <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, June 05, 2019 8:15 AM
To: Vest, Lisa A. (DNREC)
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From: Sally Barclay <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, June 05, 2019 8:42 AM
To: Vest, Lisa A. (DNREC)
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Please put the health of DE citizens before jobs and profit!!

Thank you for your time.

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Vest, Lisa A. (DNREC)

From: Charles Mulrooney <charlie4104@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, June 05, 2019 4:57 PM
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Subject: Oppose The Landfill Expansion

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Alissa Infante

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Wilmington, Delaware 19804

Vest, Lisa A. (DNREC)

From: Kate Kent <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, June 06, 2019 3:10 PM
To: Vest, Lisa A. (DNREC)
Subject: Oppose The Landfill Expansion

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Kate Kent

KatjeKent@gmail.com

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Dover, Delaware, Delaware 19904

Vest, Lisa A. (DNREC)

From: Linda Apgar <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, June 08, 2019 8:14 AM
To: Vest, Lisa A. (DNREC)
Subject: Oppose The Landfill Expansion

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Linda Apgar
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121 Pond View Lane
Seaford, Delaware 19973

Vest, Lisa A. (DNREC)

From: Aimee Isaac <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, June 08, 2019 1:04 PM
To: Vest, Lisa A. (DNREC)
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Aimee Isaac
Rehoboth Beach

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Vest, Lisa A. (DNREC)

From: Sherry Marsico <verysherry.m@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 10, 2019 11:10 AM
To: Vest, Lisa A. (DNREC)
Subject: Minquadale landfill

No no no on expansion

I attended meeting at fire department in minquadale. Artesian water's hydrogeologists brought to light:

- The first three cells of the landfill were originally the site of a quarry, and later a chemical dump site. That area of the landfill does not have a liner or barrier between the chemicals and construction waste and the sandy soil beneath
- Scientists from Artesian Water testified that the added pressure from increasing the height of the landfill could force chemicals in the unlined portion of the landfill to seep into the Potomac Aquifer which is located beneath the site
- The Potomac Aquifer serves ~20,000 homes in Newcastle County.

Sherry Marsico
Wilmington. DE 19808

County from my iPhone

Vest, Lisa A. (DNREC)

From: Jack Guerin <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, June 11, 2019 8:19 AM
To: Vest, Lisa A. (DNREC)
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WILMINGTON, Delaware 19808

Vest, Lisa A. (DNREC)

From: Peggy Lubin <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, June 11, 2019 11:32 AM
To: Vest, Lisa A. (DNREC)
Subject: Oppose The Landfill Expansion

Lisa Vest,

Dear Governor Carney and Lisa Vest,

I have written to you previously, but I had an experience over the weekend I wanted to share. My husband and I rode our bikes on the Jack A. Markell trail on Sunday. There was a breeze, and there were two trucks moving soil at the landfill. We got covered with dust, and someone coming from the other direction covered his mouth and nose with his tee shirt. It must have been worse for him. I feel sorry for the nearby residents, who must suffer on a regular basis. I think it would be a mistake to allow sixty more feet in height, not to mention a possible environmental disaster. One correction to my previous letter. The chicken waste was deposited illegally at a dump in Dover, not this one. I apologize for my error, but I do hope you will protect our environment, including our water.

Thank-you for reading this!

Sincerely,

Peggy Lubin

Peggy Lubin

cpeggy2302@me.com

2302 W16 th St

Wilmington, Delaware 19806

Vest, Lisa A. (DNREC)

From: Alice Hu <alicehu2@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 13, 2019 9:08 AM
To: Vest, Lisa A. (DNREC)
Subject: Delaware Recyclable Products, Inc. (DRPI) Industrial Waste Landfill Permit

Hello Lisa Vest of DNREC,

My name is Alice Hu and I just recently bought a house in Delaware. As a homeowner and Delaware resident, I am writing to voice my strong opposition to Waste Management Incorporated's request to increase the height of their DRPI industrial Landfill. My opposition comes from the following:

- Based on the new limits, the expansion would increase our long term exposure to a source of water, air and soil pollution with the additional 8.4 million cubic yards of waste to the landfill. By extending the useful life of the landfill, it will also prolong neighboring communities' exposure to emissions from truck traffic, dust and airborne contaminants.
- Based on the hearings, DRPI has experienced 12 permit violations (2014-2018) including improper handling of asbestos, inadequate containment of contaminants leaching from the landfill, not covering the landfill as required and other violations. If they have violated permits before, it's hard to say they won't do it again.
- As Delaware has more than 90% of its rivers, streams, ponds and bays polluted, and one of the highest rates of cancer in the country, DNREC should focus on efforts to improve rather than potentially aggravate those conditions. Based on the hearings, there is a chemical waste dump that is unlined and can contaminate the Potomac Aquifer with the weight from the additional amount landfill. This can and will seriously impact New Castle County residents.
- Continuing to add 279,000 tons of waste into the landfill is not a good long-term solution. We cannot improve air and water quality doing the same old thing. We should instead seek a sustainable solution to handling Delaware's waste.
- There are landfills operated by the Delaware Solid Waste Authority which accept construction and demolition waste, and have comprehensive plans and the infrastructure to reduce the amount of material being land filled and direct the methane gas produced towards energy production. These landfills represent a more sustainable alternative to the continued operation of the DRPI site

Overall, I urge DNREC to not approve this permit application. At a minimum, DNREC should further study the long-term environmental, community health implications, and seek to define approaches that improve those conditions rather than continuing to degrade them.

Thank you,
Alice Hu

Vest, Lisa A. (DNREC)

From: Andrew Diffley <ad@designcontracting.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 13, 2019 2:18 PM
To: Vest, Lisa A. (DNREC)
Subject: DRPI Expansion
Attachments: DNREC Vest 6.13.19.pdf

Dear Ms. Vest,

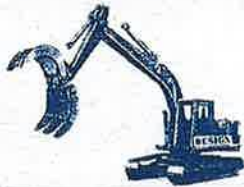
Attached is a letter in support of the DRPI landfill expansion.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Andrew Diffley

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June 13, 2019

State of Delaware
DNREC
Attn: Lisa A. Vest
89 Kings Hy.
Dover, DE 19901

RE: DRPI Expansion

Dear Ms. Vest,

As a demolition contractor in Delaware for over thirty years, our projects generate demolition debris that must be disposed of. Last year we transported more than 400 large truck loads of debris to the DRPI facility. This 400 loads represents 3000 tons of debris that was diverted from the sanitary landfill at Cherry Island.

The State should approve the expansion of the DRPI landfill in order to maintain a continuous disposal area for Construction and Demolition debris. If DRPI were to close, the Cherry Island facility, 12th Street and the ramps from Interstate 495 would be overwhelmed with additional trucks. It would also mean higher costs for demolition and construction projects. The higher costs will be passed on to the consumer. There may also be a gradual loss of revenue as out-of-state disposal may be more economical.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Andrew Diffley
President



Waste Management
Greater Mid-Atlantic Area Office
107 Silvia Street
Ewing, NJ 08628

June 12, 2019

Shawn M. Garvin, Secretary
Delaware Dept. of Natural Resources
and Environmental Control
89 Kings Highway
Dover, DE 19901



Dear Secretary Garvin:

I am enclosing a replacement copy of a letter dated June 11, 2019, submitted to your office by Delaware Recyclable Products, Inc. via overnight delivery yesterday. The copy sent yesterday inadvertently was not printed on letterhead, and we'd like to correct that error by substituting the enclosed copy, which is identical to the original draft except it is on letterhead.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kristy Loteckie'.

Kristy Loteckie

Executive Administrative Assistant to
Rafael Carrasco
Waste Management

Encl.



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**Re: May 29, 2019 Letter from the Honorable Jea P. Street, Councilman,
Tenth District, New Castle County Council to Secretary Garvin, DNREC;
Delaware Recyclable Products, Inc. Permit Modification Application**

Dear Secretary Garvin:

I am the President of Delaware Recyclable Products, Inc. ("DRPI"). DRPI is in receipt of a copy of the letter submitted to your office by Councilman Jea P. Street dated May 29, 2019, requesting that your office investigate whether any benefit payment or agreements between DRPI and the Minquadale Civic Association (the "Association"), or Minquadale Village (the "Village"), violate any laws, regulations, policies, or procedures. DRPI welcomes this opportunity to provide information with respect to the benefits that DRPI contributes to its neighbors, which are the result of arm's length agreements between the parties, and which in no way violate any laws, regulations, policies, or procedures.

As demonstrated on the attached aerial photo, the DRPI facility sits nearly contiguous to the western half of the Association (West Minquadale), and just across US-13 from the eastern portion of the Association (East Minquadale), and the Village.¹ Accordingly, these two communities of residential homes have been neighbors to the landfill since operations at the site commenced several decades ago. Because of their proximity, DRPI has attempted to foster a cooperative relationship with both community groups, in order to understand and address any potential questions or concerns that might be raised because of the landfill's operations, including any issues related to dust, traffic, or other potential impacts that might result naturally from the co-existence of industrial operations and residential neighborhoods. For a number of years, DRPI representatives have routinely attended the regularly scheduled meetings held by the Association and the Village, to answer questions about the landfill, and hear firsthand about any issues that might be related to landfill operations. On several occasions, these meetings also have been attended by local political leaders and/or members of their staffs, including Councilman Street, State Senator David McBride, former State Representative J.J. Johnson, and more recently by State Representative Franklin D. Cooke, Jr. DRPI views this interaction as an invaluable way in which to connect with its neighbors, and to work cooperatively to define and resolve issues in an expedient manner.

¹ Minquadale Civic Association is comprised of more than 400 households; Minquadale Village is comprised of 53 households.

Benefits to Minquadale Civic Association

For a number of years, DRPI has been providing financial and service benefits to the Association on an informal basis, including an annual cash donation of as much as \$10,000, and tens of thousands of dollars' worth of free waste disposal services each year.² In 2017 as DRPI began preparations for submission of the pending Permit Modification Application, landfill representatives initiated discussions with the Association to determine if there were specific long-term benefits the landfill could provide the Association in conjunction with an extension of the landfill's operating life. DRPI learned that there were a number of potential community improvement projects that the Association was interested in pursuing (including, among other things, paving and curbing, snow removal, installation and maintenance of park or recreational improvements, and the installation of a sound barrier wall or other screening between the neighborhood and Interstate 495) for which the Association lacked funds. The discussions continued through the first half of 2018, and the potential benefits assistance was an agenda topic during several of the Association's regularly-scheduled public meetings during that period. In July 2018 the parties reached agreement in principle on the terms of a formal "Neighboring Community Agreement," and as the parties worked to memorialize the final terms in a binding contract agreement, the Association submitted an expansion support letter to DNREC, urging approval of the Permit Modification Application. The final form of the Neighboring Community Agreement (the "Agreement") was executed on May 23, 2019. The Agreement outlines a collection of benefits DRPI will provide to the Association, and establishes an issue resolution process by which the Association can bring questions and concerns directly to the landfill staff for expedient resolution.

The centerpiece of the Agreement is the establishment of a Trust to be funded by DRPI and administered by a local bank as a neutral trustee, through which the Association can pay for community improvement projects. By the Agreement's express terms, the funds deposited into the Trust may not be used to benefit just one or a few individual residents; instead, the funds must be invested in community improvement projects for the betterment of the Association community as a whole. DRPI will make several initial lump-sum contributions to the Trust, including \$50,000 once all Trust documents are completed and executed; \$250,000 if the Permit Modification Application receives final DNREC approval; and \$100,000 on the date the expansion airspace is first utilized. DRPI also will contribute fifty-five cents (\$0.55) per ton for each ton of dry waste deposited in the site throughout its extended operational life. At current fill rates, the per-ton benefit could total approximately \$300,000 per year in additional benefits during the landfill's site life.

DRPI also will continue to provide the Association with free-of-charge waste disposal services as an additional benefit. DRPI residents may dispose of their dry waste at no charge if they deliver it directly to the landfill. This benefit, which had been provided by DRPI informally for years as described above, is now included specifically in the written Agreement. DRPI also has

² For example, the value of free waste disposal services totaled \$34,580 in 2015, \$36,246 in 2016, \$43,616 in 2017, and \$33,544 in 2018.

agreed to provide each Association household with one free-of-charge temporary roll-off container per year for household clean-up projects and the like.³

DRPI is very pleased to have reached this benefits Agreement with our closest community neighbor, because it will provide targeted funding for necessary community projects. DRPI believes this Trust arrangement is a one-of-a-kind solution within the State of Delaware and the broader Mid-Atlantic region, and demonstrates DRPI's binding commitment to assist its closest residential neighbors.

Benefits to Minquadale Village

Projects to be funded by the Association Trust, such as the installation of a sound barrier between the neighborhood and Interstate 495, may benefit the broader surrounding community including Minquadale Village. DRPI has, however, also provided benefits specifically to the Village over the past several years, primarily in the form of free waste disposal services. For example, DRPI has provided free waste disposal services to Village residents with a value of \$6,270 in 2017, and \$7,464 in 2018. That free disposal benefit continues today and is planned to continue into the future if the vertical expansion is approved. DRPI also has provided Minquadale Village Holiday Home Decoration Gift Cards to Village residents totaling \$750 in each of the last two years, and that benefit will continue into the future. In recognition of DRPI's value as a conscientious business neighbor, in July 2018 the Village also submitted a letter to DNREC supporting DRPI's expansion application. DRPI is proud to have the Village's support.

Benefits to Minquadale Volunteer Fire Company and Ladies Auxiliary

Another neighbor to the landfill that DRPI has supported financially over the past few years is the Minquadale Fire Company, as well as its Ladies Auxiliary. Each year, DRPI makes a \$2,500 donation to the Fire Company, and a \$2,500 donation to the Ladies Auxiliary. DRPI intends to continue this support so long as the landfill is operating.

Jobs Across Delaware, and Tax Revenue from Landfill Operations

The DRPI facility also benefits the broader community by employing eleven (11) full-time and three (3) part-time employees. In addition, Waste Management of Delaware operates two collection companies within the State of Delaware (Wilmington and Laurel). These collection companies dispose of much of the construction and demolition waste they collect at the DRPI facility, and thus DRPI indirectly supports the employment of Waste Management's 92 full-time employees at Wilmington, and 77 full-time employees in Laurel. Eighty (80) of our employees live in New Castle County, contributing to the local economy. And as an ongoing business concern, each year DRPI contributes more than \$50,000 in gross receipts taxes to the State of Delaware, as well as more than \$108,000 in New Castle County School Property Taxes.⁴ These contributions,

³ Under the Agreement, DRPI also reimbursed the Association for up to \$10,000 in legal and accounting costs for the preparation of the Agreement and Trust documents, and DRPI will reimburse the Association up to \$5,000 each calendar year for accounting and tax preparation costs related to the Trust.

⁴ Tax figures are from calendar year 2018.

as well as the substantial community benefits detailed above would, unfortunately, largely terminate upon closure of the landfill in the event that the expansion application is not approved.

As a dry waste landfill that primarily accepts construction and demolition debris, DRPI is a critical component of Delaware's growth infrastructure supporting construction, renovation, development, and redevelopment across the state and in neighboring states. DRPI hopes to continue serving that critical role for years to come, and in doing so, it can continue to provide its neighbors with the benefits identified herein. As is abundantly clear, neither the benefits themselves, nor the negotiation process by which the benefit agreements were reached, violated any laws, regulations, policies or procedures. DRPI is proud of the relationships it has built with its residential neighbors, and it welcomes an opportunity to meet with other civic and neighborhood representatives to discuss the landfill, and to engage in a dialogue on matters important to those communities.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this information. Please contact the undersigned if you request any additional information about the benefits or other charitable donations DRPI provides to the local community. DRPI respectfully requests that a copy of this letter be included with the record of comments and other information associated with the public hearing on DRPI's Permit Modification Application held on May 29, 2019.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Rafael Carrasco', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Rafael Carrasco, President
Delaware Recyclable Products, Inc.

Attach.

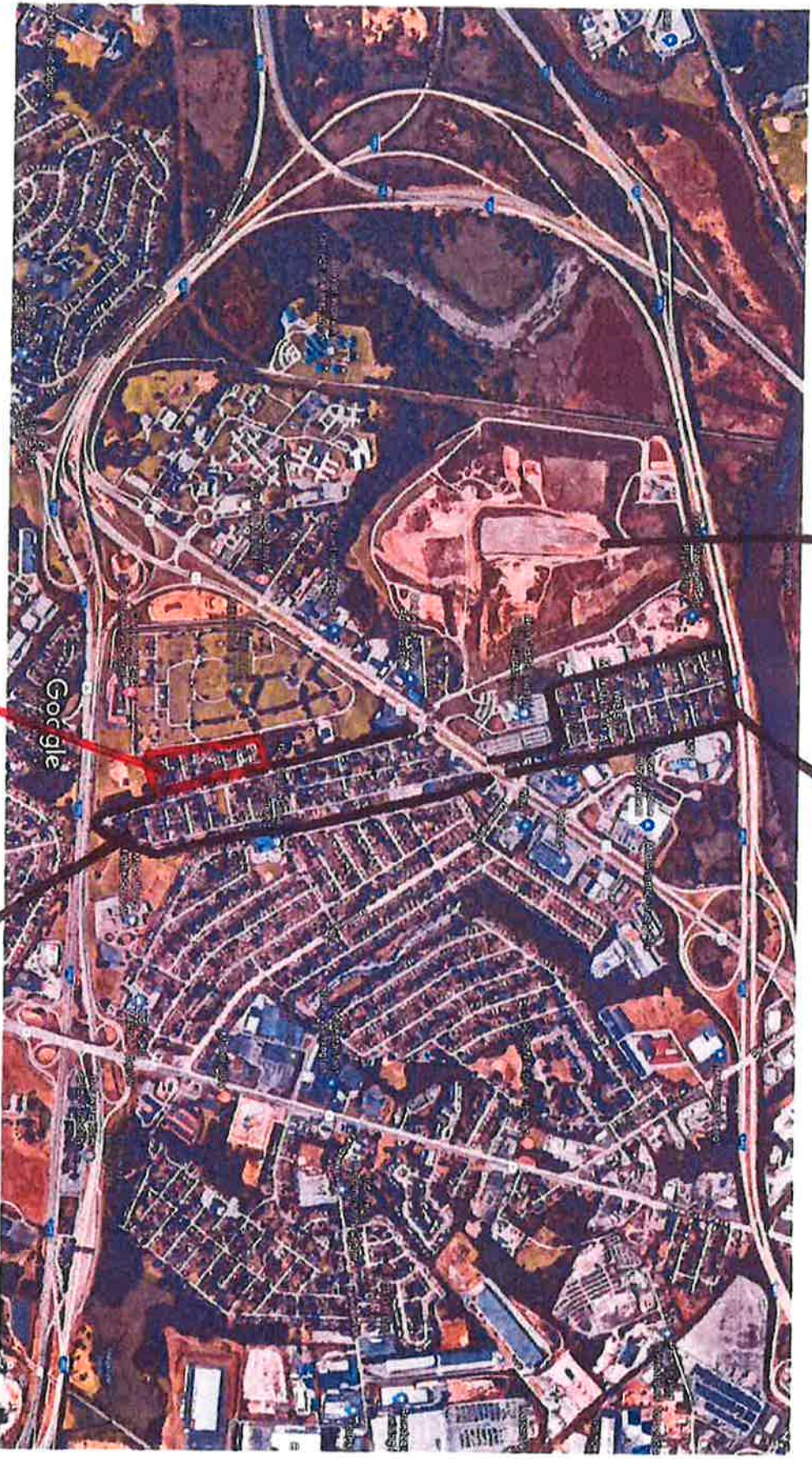
cc: David Trincia, President
Minquadale Civic Association

Scott Clemens, Board President
Minquadale Village HOA, Inc.

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MINQUADALE CIVIC ASSOCIATION



MINQUADALE VILLAGE

MINQUADALE CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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Vest, Lisa A. (DNREC)

From: willie scott <willie.scott1800@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, June 15, 2019 2:39 PM
To: Vest, Lisa A. (DNREC)
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