

**DICKERSON AREA FACILITIES IMPLEMENTATION GROUP (DAFIG)****March 11, 2025 MEETING MINUTES, Final 6/10/25**

Date: March 11, 2025  
 Time: 7:00 PM – 9:18 PM  
 Location: Virtual via Microsoft Teams

**1. ATTENDEES**

Name	Present	Title	Status	Affiliation
Voting Members				Affected Community (6) Affiliated Group (6)
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	Yes		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
Non-Voting Members				Representatives of Facilities (6)
Tom DeMaio	No	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	No	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
Kaley Lalecker	Yes	Chief, Zero Waste Programs	non-member	Montgomery County DEP
Dale Tibbitts	Yes	County Executive's Office	non-member	
Jim Evans	Yes		non-member	Resident

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Ruben Rosario	No	URSC-Director	non-member	

**2. CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chair Bergofsky called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. **There was a quorum for this meeting.** 11 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 Jane Hunter, seconded by Dick Hill, unanimously approved.
- B. Vice Chair Bergofsky asked for any updates or changes for the December 10, 2024 DAFIG Meeting Minutes. No changes requested. Moved to accept by Dick Hill, seconded by Jane Hunter. Unanimously approved.

**5. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

- A. Administrative matters
  - a. DAFIG website review/improvements.
    - i. Erika Bucciantini working with Dave Rosenbaum and DEP Webmaster to review webpage and make suggestions for improvement.
  - b. Training on Montgomery County BCC Policies and Procedures.
    - i. Several members still pending completion of required training.
  - c. Vacancies:
    - i. Resident, Affected Communities (Voting Member).
      - 1. Dave to coordinate with County BCC to post vacancy.
      - 2. Dave will notify DAFIG group when the vacancy is posted online.
      - 3. Any members with expired terms will reapply online at that time.
- B. DEP Compliance Report – Steve Martin
  - a. Two complaints this quarter.
    - i. Noise complaint, 1/3/25.
    - ii. Odor complaint, 2/1/25.
- C. Facility Updates.
  - a. Vice Chair Linda Bergofsky asked for reports to show efficiency/variances.
  - b. Meet to review improvements, specifics, metrics.
  - c. RRF - Joe LaDana
    - i. DAFIG Report Reworld Q3 2024-25,250311, posted to DAFIG webpage.
    - ii. In 3<sup>rd</sup> of 3 normal Winter maintenance outages.
    - iii. 11 rail cars out of service, waiting for safety parts required by new regulations.

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- d. Compost Facility – Danielle Wilson
  - i. Reports reviewed:
    - MES DAFIG Presentation, 250311, posted to DAFIG webpage.
      - a. Add Office of Agriculture (OAG) tracking for future reporting.
    - Spill Report: One spill on 12/31/24, MES Loader, one gal hydraulic fluid.
- e. Dickerson Power, LLC. (formerly GenOn) – Mike Bennett
  - i. Q1 2025 DA FIG Report for Dickerson Power, LLC, 250311, posted to DAFIG webpage.
    - Now owned by Rockland Capital, hired site-specific staff, Plant Manager, EHS Manager, Office Administrator.
    - Combustion Turbine Site
- f. GenOn Md Ash Management, LLC – Jay Spence
  - i. Westland Ash Landfill (Maryland Ash Management, LLC.)
    - Q1 Westland Ash Landfill report 250311, posted to DAFIG webpage.
    - Cement Plant had been in outage for January.
    - Have been trucking approx. 200k tons/yr.
- g. 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). Moving forward, detailed plan this summer.
    - Data Centers. Slower progress.
    - Plan to place Ag Land into Conservation Easement.
  - iii. Jeff will hold Town Hall meeting soon.
  - iv. Jeff will notify DAFIG of any upcoming Hearings.
- h. 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.
      - a. Draper Farm: 19815 Martinsburg Rd. Must subdivide back of property on Site 2 Landfill. Barn is designated Historical?
      - b. Dunn House: 19420 Wasche Rd.
    - How much is Property/Land worth?

D. Open Discussion – None.

E. Unfinished Business.

- a. Health Study, health monitoring, health issues. Cover in separate meeting?
  - i. Schedule with Jeff Seltzer.
  - ii. ARCADIS Cost/Benefit and health effects presentation.
- b. New 350' Radio tower coming on RRF property.

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- i. Power Plant stack coming down in 2026.

**F. NEXT MEETING DATE AND ADJOURN**

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at 7:00 PM. Jane Hunter moved to adjourn the meeting, Andrew Donaldson seconded, Vice Chair Bergofsky adjourned the meeting at 9:18 PM.

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<b>DAFIG Activities and Study Schedule</b>					
#	Study	Completion Date	Date Due	Status	Note
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.
9	Deer Management				Monitor and comment on deer management contracts and results
10	Tour of Facilities				Tours can be scheduled after COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.
11	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.