

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

**April 21, 2025 MEETING MINUTES, Final 6/10/25**

Date: April 21, 2025  
Time: 7:07 PM – 9:15 PM  
Location: Virtual via Microsoft Teams

**1. ATTENDEES**

| <b>Name</b>                            | <b>Present</b> | <b>Title</b>                    | <b>Status</b>                                      | <b>Affiliation</b>              |
|--|----------------|---------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| <b>Voting Members</b>                  |                |                                 | <b>Affected Community (6) Affiliated Group (6)</b> |                                 |
| Rita Beck                              | Yes            |                                 | voting member                                      | Town of Barnesville             |
| Linda Bergofsky                        | Yes            | Vice Chair                      | voting member                                      | Town of Poolesville             |
| Erika Bucciantini                      | Yes            |                                 | voting member                                      | Resident, Affected Community    |
| Sue Carr                               | Yes            |                                 | voting member                                      | Resident, Affected Community    |
| Andrew Donaldson<br>(SCA)              | Yes            |                                 | voting member                                      | Sugarloaf Citizen's Association |
| Lauren Greenberger                     | Yes            | SCA Vice President              | voting member                                      | Resident, Affected Community    |
| Richard Hill                           | No             | Chair                           | voting member                                      | For A Rural Maryland (FARM)     |
| Jane Hunter                            | Yes            |                                 | voting member                                      | Resident, Affected Community    |
| Amy Maron<br>(SWAC)                    | Yes            |                                 | voting member                                      | Solid Waste Advisory Comm       |
| Daniela Ochoa Gonzalez                 |                | Yes                             | voting member                                      | Resident, Affected Community    |
| Kraig Walsleben<br>(UCAB)              | No             |                                 | voting member                                      | Upcounty Citizens Advisory Bd   |
| Vacant                                 |                | (to replace Katharine Blackman) | voting member                                      | Resident, Affected Community    |
| <b>Non-Voting Members</b>              |                |                                 | <b>Representatives of Facilities (6)</b>           |                                 |
| Tom DeMaio                             | No             | RRF Ops                         | non-voting member                                  | Reworld                         |
| Lonnie Heflin                          | Yes            | Section Chief                   | non-voting member                                  | DEP-RRMD - Material Mgmt. Sec   |
| Dave Rosenbaum                         | Yes            | Program Manager                 | non-voting member                                  | DEP-RRMD - Material Mgmt. Sec   |
| Mike Bennett                           | No             | Plant Manager                   | non-voting member                                  | Lanyard Power, LLC              |
| Steve Frank<br>Maryland Ash Management | No             | Senior Director, Environmental  |  | non-voting member GenOn         |
| Jay Spence<br>Management               | No             | Superintendent                  | non-voting member                                  | GenOn Maryland Ash              |
| Jeff Ferrel                            | No             | VP                              | non-voting member                                  | Terra Innovations/Terra Energy  |
| Jason Browne                           | No             | Division Chief – Ops            | non-voting member                                  | MES                             |
| Danielle Wilson                        | No             | Deputy Division Chief           | non-voting member                                  | MES                             |
| Terrence Reese                         | No             | Sr. Lead Operations Mgr.        | non-member   | MES                             |

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| Jon Monger                  | Yes | Director                            | non-member | DEP                           |
| Jeffrey Seltzer             | Yes | Deputy Director                     | non-member | DEP                           |
| Kaley Laleker               | Yes | Division Chief                      | non-member | DEP – Zero Waste Programs     |
| Willie Wainer<br>Mgmt. Div. | Yes | Division Chief                      | non-member | DEP - Recycling & Resource    |
| Joe LaDana<br>Sec           | Yes | Senior Engineer                     | non-member | DEP-RRMD. - Material Mgmt.    |
| Ray Liou                    | No  | Senior Engineer                     | non-member | DEP-RRMD - Material Mgmt. Sec |
| Steve Martin                | No  | Environmental Compliance Supervisor | non-member | DEP                           |
| Steve Nesbitt               | Yes | VP                                  | non-member | Arcadis                       |
| Steve Lezinski              | Yes | VP                                  | non-member | Barton & Loguidice            |
| Dale Tibbitts               | No  | Special Assistant                   | non-member | County Executive’s Office     |
| Mary Pat Wilson             | No  |                                     | non-member | Resident                      |
| Mike Ewall                  | Yes |                                     | non-member | Energy Justice Network        |
| Gabrielle Sanchez           | Yes |                                     | non-member | Resident                      |
| Elisabeth Fidler            | Yes |                                     | non-member | ZWMC                          |
| Susan Eisendrath            | Yes |                                     | non-member | Resident                      |
| Elad Firnberg               | Yes |                                     | non-member | Resident                      |
| Neil Seldman                | Yes |                                     | non-member | Zero Waste USA                |
| Kim Penn                    | Yes |                                     | non-member | SCA                           |
| Kit Gage                    | Yes |                                     | non-member | Resident                      |
| Ruben Rosario               | No  | URSC-Director                       | non-member |                               |

**2. CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chair Bergofsky called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM. **There was a quorum for this meeting.** 9 of 12 voting members were in attendance.

**3. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

**A. Special online only meeting to present Arcadis update**

- a. Presentation by DEP and Consultants.
- b. Director Jon Monger welcomed the group and provided context for the meeting.

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- c. Kaley Laleker gave a status update presentation of the current Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) Management Systems Analysis project. Steve Nesbitt (Arcadis) provided details and answered questions. Proposed Material Recovery and Biological Treatment (MRBT) Facility.
- d. DAFIG questions and discussion.
  - i. From Sue Carr: Specific health impacts from the RRF operations?
    - Kaley Laleker said DEP can facilitate a meeting with health experts from the previous Health Risk Assessment Report (HRA).
  - ii. From Amy Maron: Need to have more health studies. County should reach out to Feds for Appropriation for health study.
    - Has any staff visited MRBT facilities?
      - a. CE visited Green Waste Facility in San Jose, CA.
  - iii. From Daniela Ochoa Gonzalez: She was in Minneapolis. They have a dirty MRF, high polluter.
    - What is the County's plan for Organics collection?
      - a. Kaley Laleker stated that the County plan for MRBT does not include source separated organics collection.
      - b. Jon Monger said the County is phasing in curbside organics collection. Collected material is delivered to the Prince George's Organics Composting Facility. The County is also providing drop-off locations for food scraps. The County is planning to provide co-collection of yard trim and compostable organics as soon as a County Facility is identified and permitted to take organics.
    - Is the EPA Waste Reduction (WARM) Model accurate?
      - a. Steve Nesbitt said that the WARM model is currently accepted for Facility modeling and forecasting.
  - iv. From Lauren Greenberger: Does the current MRBT projections consider planned waste reductions? Could MRBT facility be smaller?
    - a. Save As You Throw.
    - b. Curbside organics.
    - c. C&D.
    - d. Urban Reuse.
    - Kaley said the MRBT facility was costed for 600k tons/yr. During the design phase, County would ensure that the facility was appropriately sized.
  - v. From Erika Bucciantini: When will the Incinerator be shut down?
    - Kaley stated that the timeline had been published. Current plan needs time to build infrastructure improvements prior to closing the Incinerator. The County plans to close the Incinerator as soon as possible. The County is also concurrently considering short term bridge options.
  - vi. From Amy Maron: Has the County looked at cost sharing with other jurisdictions?
    - Jon Monger stated that while a good concept, the County historically does not allow waste from other jurisdictions.

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- Jon mentioned that the FY26 budget is currently under review by County Council, expect a decision by mid-May.
- vii. From Linda Bergofsky: How are there no health effects or harm from the Incinerator? Can the County engage with State Epidemiologists? Linda asked for additional diversion considerations. Consider long haul trucking as soon as possible?
- e. Public questions and discussion.
  - i. From Mike Ewall: The Arcadis Report and the WARM model are biased toward Incineration. Why didn't the County use the MEBCalc Model used in the Beyond Incineration Report? Why not hire Dr. Morris directly? Isn't Long Haul trucking the lowest cost alternative?
    - a. Steve Nesbitt said that the EPA WARM model is currently accepted for Facility modeling and forecasting. Arcadis and the County did consider Long haul trucking, but it was not the lowest cost when considering environmental impacts.
  - ii. From Elad Firnberg: Similar to Lauren's question, why not include planned waste diversion? What is MRBT cost and reliability?
    - Steve Nesbitt said that they planned based on the current County waste forecasts. This does not change the decision to use MRBT. MRBT is a viable alternative, and several facilities are in operation worldwide and in the US.
  - iii. From Susan Eisendrath: Is the County working on interim strategies concurrently? WM unsolicited proposal to provide waste disposal?
    - Jon Monger said yes, DEP and the County are currently evaluating all options.
  - iv. From Neil Seldman: Consultant on Beyond Incineration report and Aiming for Zero waste. Why not accept WM unsolicited proposal for long haul disposal?
    - Jon Monger said the County is committed to the best options for Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) disposal.

**NEXT MEETING DATE AND ADJOURN**

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at 7:00 PM. Vice Chair Bergofsky adjourned the meeting at 9:15 PM.