



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

September 9, 2025, Meeting Minutes, Final, approved 12/11/25

Meeting Location

Hybrid: in-person and via Microsoft Teams.

Poolesville Town Hall, 19721 Beall St, Poolesville, MD 20837

[Remote Teams Meeting link](#)

Mission

The Dickerson Area Facilities Implementation Group (DAFIG) addresses community and environmental issues and concerns pertaining to the operations of Montgomery County's solid waste facilities located in the Dickerson area.

Attendance

Voting Members Present (In-person and remote)

- Rita Beck, Town of Barnesville
- Linda Bergofsky, Chair, Town of Poolesville
- Erika Bucciantini, Vice Chair, Resident, Affected Community
- Lauren Greenberger, Resident, Affected Community
- Melane Hoffmann, Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board
- Jane Hunter, Resident, Affected Community
- Amy Maron, Solid Waste Advisory Committee
- Daniela Ochoa Gonzalez, Resident, Affected Community

Voting Members Not Present

- Sue Carr, Resident, Affected Community
- Andrew Donaldson, Sugarloaf Citizen's Association
- Richard Hill, For A Rural Maryland (FARM)

Proof of Quorum

There was a quorum for this meeting. 8 of 12 voting members were in attendance.

Staff/Facility Representatives Present

- Dave Rosenbaum, Liaison, Program Manager, DEP-RRMD
- Lonnie Heflin, Section Chief, DEP-RRMD
- Willie Wainer, Division Chief, DEP-RRMD
- Joe LaDana, Senior Engineer, DEP-RRMD
- Steve Martin, Environmental Compliance Supervisor, DEP-ECC
- Tom DeMaio, Asset Manager, Reworld
- Jerry Simpson, Dickerson Power, LLC
- Westly Curtis, Dickerson Power, LLC
- Jay Spence, Superintendent, GenOn Maryland Ash
- Jeff Ferrel, VP, Terra Innovations/Terra Energy
- Jason Browne, Division Chief, Maryland Environmental Service (MES)
- Danielle Wilson, Deputy Division Chief, Maryland Environmental Service (MES)
- Nkosi Yearwood, Montgomery County Planning
- Dale Tibbitts, Special Assistant to County Executive Marc Elrich, County Executive's Office
- Ruben Rosario, Upcounty Regional Services Center Director

Guests

- Kraig Walsleben, past Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board
- Bob Cissel, Resident
- Jim Evans, Resident
- Harvey Gershman
- Mary Beth Wilson

Reports

- DEP Compliance/Complaints
- DAFIG Report Reworld Q1 2025-26,250909
- MES DAFIG Presentation, 250909
- Q3 Westland Ash Landfill report 250909

Call To Order

Chair Linda Bergofsky called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.

Welcome and Introductions

Voting and non-voting members of DAFIG were introduced.

Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Chair Linda Bergofsky asked for any updates or changes for the June 10, 2025 DAFIG Meeting Minutes. No changes requested. Moved to accept by Lauren Greenberger, seconded by Erika Bucciantini. Unanimously approved.

Review and Approve Meeting Agenda

The agenda was adopted, moved by Erika Bucciantini, seconded by Amy Maron, unanimously approved.

Meeting Minutes Agenda Items

1. Acknowledgement of Sue Carr's service on DAFIG.
2. Administrative matters
 - a. DAFIG website review/improvements.
 - i. Pending changes as recommended.
 - b. Training on Montgomery County BCC Policies and Procedures.
 - i. Several members still pending completion of required training.
 - c. Review of Robert's Rules of Order.
 - d. Vacancies:
 - i. Resident, Affected Communities (Voting Member).
 1. Should post within two weeks.
 2. Dave will notify DAFIG group when the vacancy is posted online.
 3. Any members with expired terms will reapply online at that time.
3. DEP Compliance Report – Steve Martin
 - a. Two issues/complaints this quarter. Dave will send this report, and add DEP Compliance Report section to webpage.
 - i. Noise complaint at RRF, 6/26/25.
 - ii. RRF Fire, Feeder #3 on Unit #1, 7/31/25. Fire suppression system was activated. Unit #1 was back online Sunday, 8/17/2025
 1. DAFIG requested an After-Action Report (AAR).
 2. Update from DEP on decisions related to the MSW Management System Alternatives Analysis.
 - b. From Willie Wainer:
 - i. Jon Monger is gone. Jeff Seltzer is Acting Director, Vicky Wan Acting Deputy Director.
 - ii. Request for Proposals (RFP) will post soon, 2-3 weeks. Dave to notify DAFIG when posted.
 - iii. Upgrades have already occurred at the Transfer Station (Scales, Scale House, Compactors)
4. Facility Updates.
 - a. RRF – Tom DeMaio
 - i. DAFIG Report Reword Q1 2025-26,250909, posted to DAFIG webpage.
 - ii. Tom will follow-up with DAFIG on 7/31/25 fire findings and prevention of future fires.
 - iii. County Council approved \$26 Mil for RRF repairs. \$7 Mil spent on Spring Outages.
 - iv. Tom will follow-up on tour questions, and request for updated data.
 - b. Compost Facility – Danielle Wilson
 - i. Reports reviewed:
 1. MES DAFIG Presentation, 250909, posted to DAFIG webpage.

2. Erika Bucciantini asked why 650k bag cap? Jane Hunter said in the past bags fell apart and made a mess. Current bags hold their integrity for years. SCA may consider removing bag cap. DAFIG to consider advising County Executive to increase bag limit.
3. Jane Hunter asked about \$28 Mil Composting Capital Improvement Project (CIP) approved by County Council. Traffic impacts?
 - a. No updates yet.
 - b. Amy Maron will ask for updates at the 10/8/25 SWAC Meeting. Will share meeting link with DAFIG.
 - c. Add to agenda for Dec Meeting:
 - i. Ask DEP, County Council, Councilmember Balcombe for updates?
 - ii. Overview of Plan, Contingencies.
 - iii. Nkosi Yearwood said okay to contact him for MC Planning.
4. Spill Report: No spills.

c. Dickerson Power, LLC. (formerly GenOn) – Jerry Simpson (Mike Bennett retired)

- i. Did not submit a report for Q3 for Dickerson Power, LLC.
 1. Now owned by Rockland Capital, hired site-specific staff, Plant Manager, EHS Manager, Office Administrator.
 2. Combustion Turbine Site

d. GenOn Md Ash Management, LLC – Jay Spence

- i. Westland Ash Landfill (Maryland Ash Management, LLC.)
 1. Q3 Westland Ash Landfill report 250909, posted to DAFIG webpage.
 2. 92,644 tons of Fly Ash removed in 2025. (Through July 2025).
 3. 1,013,887 tons of Fly Ash removed since the project started. (Through July 2025).

e. Terra Innovations/Terra Energy – Jeff Ferrell

- i. Jeff provided updates and answered questions.
- ii. Terra Energy, LLC revising Concept Plan for submittal to County as part of Conditional Use. Expected timeline next month.
 1. Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS). Land Bay #2, 35 acres. Now using LG product, not Tesla.
 - a. Start construction Fall 2026.
 - b. Phase #1 300MW open 2028.
 2. Data Centers still in planning stage.
 - a. Load Study coming soon.
- iii. Jeff will hold Town Hall meeting soon.
- iv. Jeff will notify DAFIG of any upcoming Hearings.

- f. 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.
 - 1. Draper Farm: 19815 Martinsburg Rd. Must subdivide back of property on Site 2 Landfill. Barn is designated Historical?
 - a. Currently in process “Declaration of No Further Need” and County Council approval. Estimated 120 days.
 - 2. Dunn House: 19420 Wasche Rd.
 - a. Currently in process “Declaration of No Further Need” and County Council approval. Estimated 120 days.
- 5. Open Discussion – None.
- 6. Unfinished Business.
 - a. From Dale Tibbitts: New 350' Radio tower coming on RRF property.
 - i. Power Plant stack coming down in 2026.

Next Meeting

Erika Bucciantini moved to change the next meeting to Thursday 12/11/25, seconded by Amy Maron, unanimously approved.

The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, December 11, 2025 at 7:00 PM.**

Adjournment

Jane Hunter moved to adjourn the meeting, Amy Maron seconded, Chair Bergofsky adjourned the meeting at 9:51 PM.

DAFIG Activities and Study Schedule					
#	Study	Completion Date	Date Due	Status	Note
1	Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan: Progress Report Current 2025-2034 Next 2035-2044	2025, approved by MDE 2025	2028	Current	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 st 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	Ongoing, semi-annual	Fall 2025	Presented to DAFIG on 6/11/25	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	Ongoing, semi-annual	2021	Presentation to DAFIG on 12/14/21	Water for wells around composting site are sampled and analyzed semi-annually.
9	Deer Management	Ongoing	2023-2024	Provided to DAFIG in 2024	Monitor and comment on deer management contracts and results
10	Tour of Facilities	Ongoing	2025	DAFIG members toured RRF and MCYTCF on 8/12/25	Tours arranged on request
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.