

DICKERSON AREA FACILITIES IMPLEMENTATION GROUP (DAFIG)

September 10, 2024 MEETING MINUTES, Final, approved 12/10/24

Date: September 10, 2024
Time: 7:04 PM – 8:40 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
Katharine Blackman	No		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
Seth Schwartz	No		voting member	Sugarloaf Citizen’s Association (SCA)
Kraig Walsleben	Yes		voting member	Upcounty Citizens Advisory Bd (UCAB)
Vacancy (to replace Eric Cronquist)			voting member	Resident, Affected Community
Non-Voting Members				Representatives of Facilities (6)
Tom DeMaio	Yes	RRF Ops	non-voting member	Covanta
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	GenOn/Lanyard/CAMS
Steve Frank	Yes		non-voting member	Maryland Ash Management /Westland
Jay Spence	Yes	Superintendent	non-voting member	Maryland Ash Management /Westland
Jeff Ferrel	Yes	VP	non-voting member	Terra Innovations
Rich Mallory	No	General Council	non-voting member	Terra Innovations
Greg Africa	No	Division Chief – Ops	non-voting member	MES
Danielle Wilson	Yes	Deputy Division Chief	non-voting member	MES
Willie Wainer	No	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
Terrence Reese	Yes	Sr. Lead Operations Mgr.	non-member	MES
Erika Bucciantini	Yes		non-member	Resident
Dale Tibbitts	Yes	County Executive’s Office	non-member	
Ruben Rosario	Yes	URSC-Director	non-member	

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2. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hill called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM. **There was a quorum for this meeting.** 10 of 12 voting members were in attendance.

3. INTRODUCTIONS

Voting and non-voting members of DAFIG were introduced.

Virtual Meeting procedures reviewed.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

- A. The agenda was adopted, moved by Jane Hunter, seconded by Linda Bergofsky, unanimously approved.
- B. Chair Hill asked for any updates or changes for the June 11, 2024 DAFIG Meeting Minutes. No changes requested. So moved by Linda Bergofsky, seconded by Jane Hunter, unanimously approved.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- A. DAFIG webpage review.
 - a. Chairman Dick Hill commented that there were problems with the updated webpage.
 - i. DAFIG to provide feedback on webpage improvement.
- B. BCC Training.
 - a. Some members still need to send certificates of completion to Dave.
 - i. Dave to email those not received.
- C. DAFIG Vacancy.
 - a. New member pending County Council approval.
 - b. One vacancy for “Resident, Affected Community” to replace Katie Blackman.
 - i. Ideas from DAFIG on recruiting in addition to BCC Posting?
- D. DAFIG Activities and Study Schedule.
 - a. No activity this quarter.
 - b. Chair Dick Hill asked for Budget information.
 - i. Is an HRA Study budgeted or planned?
- E. DEP Compliance Report – Steve Martin
 - a. One complaint this quarter. Report provided to group.
- F. Facility Updates.
 - a. Vice Chair Linda Bergofsky asked if Facility Reports could be normalized? Some CY, some FY.
 - b. RRF - Tom DeMaio (Covanta now Reworld)
 - i. Reviewed Reports:

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- DAFIG Report Covanta Q1,240910.
 - ii. Lauren Greenberger asked if Reworld was planning to test emissions for PFAS?
 - Tom to research and provide information in Dec.
 - iii. Tom stated that the County and Reworld are currently in negotiations to extend the Reworld contract for 5 years.
 - iv. Tom DeMaio offered to provide tours, members can contact him directly, or coordinate to schedule a group tour.
- c. Compost Facility – Danielle Wilson
 - i. Reports reviewed:
 - DAFIG Quarterly Report presentation.
 - a. Incoming Material
 - b. Leafgro Bags and Bulk sales.
 - c. Pond results.
 - Jane Hunter asked how much Screen Reject Material (SRM) had been shipped to the RRF?
 - Spill Report: No spills this quarter.
- d. GenOn (Dickerson Power, LLC.) – Mike Bennett
 - i. Presented Q3-24 DAFIG Report.
 - Combustion Turbine Site
- e. GenOn Md Ash Management, LLC – Jay Spence
 - i. Westland Ash Landfill (Maryland Ash Management, LLC.)
 - Jay presented Q3-24 DAFIG Report.
- f. Terra Innovations/Terra Energy – Jeff Ferrell
 - i. From Jeff:
 - Jeff reviewed aerial photos with updated plans and answered questions
 - Terra Energy, LLC submitted Conditional Use application on 12/27/23.
 - a. Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS).
 - b. Data Centers.
 - Jeff will notify DAFIG of any upcoming Hearings. Planning Board Hearing is scheduled for 10/3/24, 9:30am.
- g. Site 2/Rental Properties
 - i. Dale Tibbitts provided an update on the status of the two vacant rental 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.
 - Options 2: County to replace property roofs, estimated cost \$50k for each.
 - a. Draper Farm: 19815 Martinsburg Rd.
 - b. Dunn House: 19420 Wasche Rd.
 - Chair Dick Hill asked the County to provide an update on Site 2 Landfill plans.
 - a. Agrivoltaics?
 - b. Amy Maron stated that Site 2 Landfill is required as per County Ten Year Solid Waste Management Plan.

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- c. Jane asked if Farmers had been told that their leases would not be renewed in 2025?
 - i. Joe explained the situation with farm leases at Site 2 and DEP's intent to bring all leasable lands under one farm lease.

G. Open Discussion – None.

H. Unfinished Business –None.

I. NEXT MEETING DATE AND ADJOURN

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at 7:00 PM. Jane Hunter moved to adjourn, Sue Carr seconded. Chair Hill adjourned the meeting at 8:40 PM.

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DAFIG Activities and Study Schedule					
#	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 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	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.
	Deer Management				Monitor and comment on deer management contracts and results
	Tour of Facilities				Tours can be scheduled after COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.
	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.