



Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Information Sheet/Plain Language Summary

BETHLEHEM LANDFILL- PROJECT SUMMARY

Bethlehem Landfill Company (BLC) has submitted an application to DEP for a major permit modification at the existing landfill located at 2335 Applebutter Road, Bethlehem, PA 18015. The facility is planning an expansion entirely within the footprint of the previously permitted property line and facility limits. The project involves overtopping existing waste in portions of the old landfill and overtopping of existing waste in the western portions of the Southeastern Realignment and Phase III portions of the landfill. The project also involves placement of waste in landfill support areas which have not previously had waste placed. The expansion area totals approximately 40.6 acres and would increase the facilities disposal capacity by approximately 1,359,891 tons (2,304,900 cubic yards). The proposed expansion would increase the life of the landfill by approximately 3.2 years.

The application does not propose an increase in the current permitted rate of disposal (average and maximum daily volumes of waste).

The application was received on December 14, 2020 and was considered administratively complete on March 10, 2021. A Local Municipality Involvement Process Meeting [LMIP] meeting was held February 17, 2021.

All of the required information and application forms from BLC have been submitted to DEP. Notice of the application's administrative completeness was published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* on Saturday, March 27, 2021. The permit application for expansion is currently under review by DEP's Waste Management staff.

What is a "Major Permit Modification?"

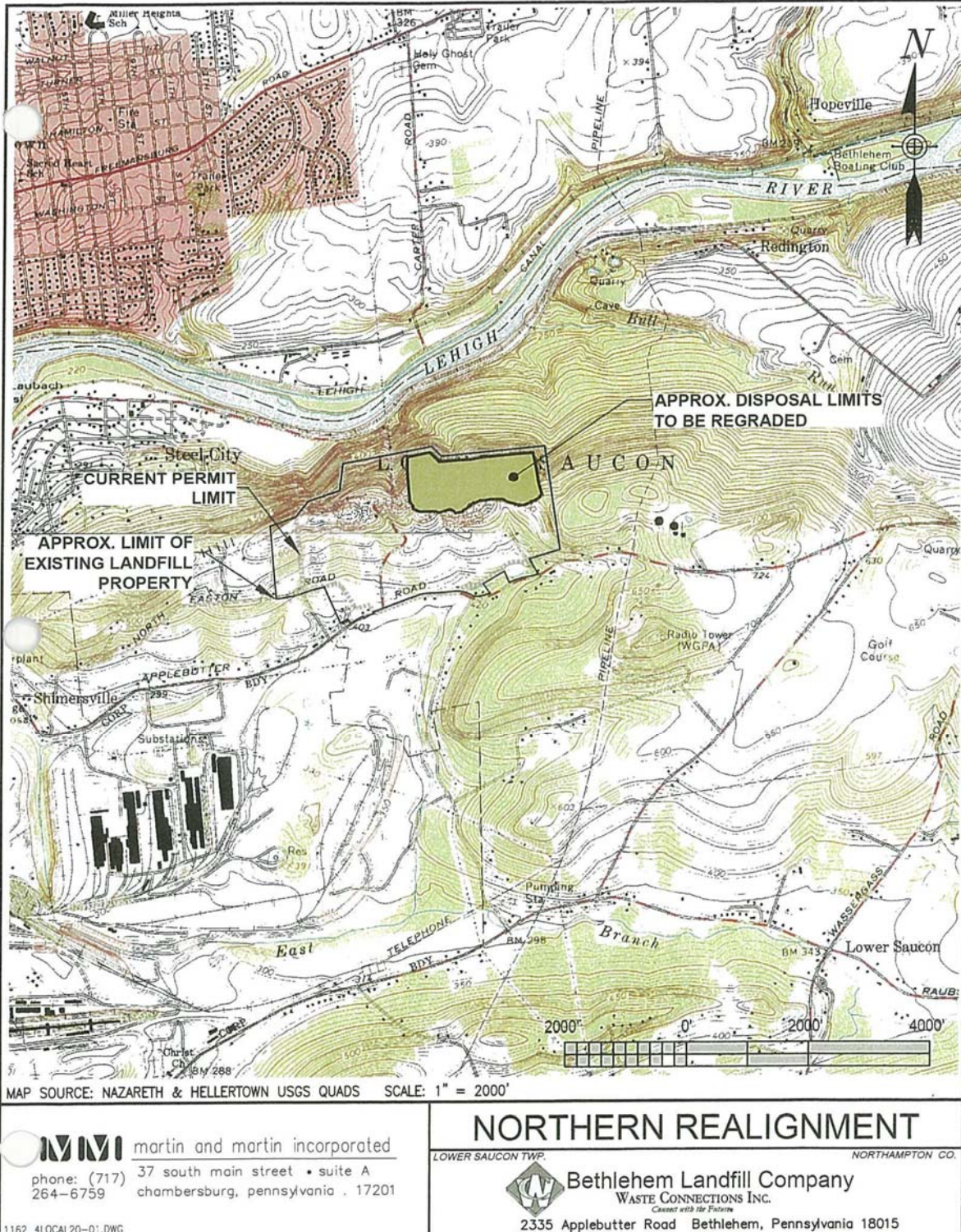
A major permit modification is a request by a facility that holds a permit issued by DEP to alter the conditions of that existing permit. BLC's expansion application is considered a "major permit modification" by DEP because it meets some of the criteria set forth in the PA Code that governs landfills. In its application, BLC is requesting: to change the landfill's site volume (waste capacity).

You can learn more about the permitting process by visiting DEP's Waste Management webpage:

<http://www.dep.pa.gov/Business/Land/Waste/SolidWaste/MunicipalWaste/Pages/default.aspx#Vo511fMo7oZ>

Where is this facility?

Bethlehem Landfill is located at 2335 Applebutter Road, Bethlehem, PA 18015. The site is situated in Lower Saucon Township. See map:



What will be happening there?

If the expansion application is approved, the facility will be allowed to expand by approximately 40.6 acres and would increase the facility's disposal capacity by approximately 1,359,891 tons (2,304,900 cubic yards). If the permit expansion is denied, BLC will continue to operate under the conditions set forth in its existing Waste Management permit with DEP.

DEP Waste Management staff will continually monitor the landfill with regular and unannounced inspections and by reviewing BLC's monitoring reports for daily intake (volume of waste) and leachate treatment to ensure the landfill is operating within the guidelines and conditions set forth in its Waste Management Permit and adhering to state regulations that govern landfill operations. DEP will also monitor the landfill to assist in minimizing any nuisances such as: odor and fugitive dust by truck traffic.

How will this affect me?

The landfill operation would continue as it does today. There should be no increase in truck traffic, given the fact that the daily waste acceptance rate is not being increased. There are also no changes proposed to the existing truck access route and entrance to the landfill.

What happens next?

The DEP is currently reviewing the expansion application and taking public comment.

The Department will accept written comments on the expansion application. Written comments on the Waste Management Major Permit Modification application may be sent to the attention of Roger Bellas at the Department's Wilkes-Barre Regional Office, 2 Public Square, Wilkes Barre, PA 18701.

Where can I review the application?

You can review BLC's expansion application on DEP's website:
<https://www.dep.pa.gov/About/Regional/Northeast-Regional-Office/Community%20Information/Pages/Bethlehem-Landfill-Expansion.aspx>

Who should I call if I have questions about this application or the permitting process?

Contact Colleen Connolly at (570)-826-2511 or email: coconnolly@pa.gov or write to the Department at the Wilkes-Barre address given above.

What is the time frame for the DEP to make a final decision on this application? See below.

**Bethlehem Landfill – Northern Realignment
Proposed Application Review Timeline
(PADEP Review and Public Review time run concurrently)
(time is in business days)**

- Administrative Completeness

Environmental Assessment Process (EAP)

- 1st EAP Review (120 days)
 - Public/County/Municipality Comments (75 days)
 - Public Meeting (90 days) – if requested
- Applicant response
- 2nd EAP Review (75 days)
 - Public/County/Municipality Comments (50 days)
 - Public Hearing (60 days) – if requested
- Applicant Response (if necessary)
- Final EAP Review and Decision on EAP (30 days)

Subtotal = 225 days

Technical Design & Operation Review

- 1st Technical Review (90 days)
 - Public/County/Municipality Comments (60 days)
- Applicant response
- 2nd Technical Review or Final Decision if appropriate (60 days)
- Applicant Response (if necessary)
- Final Technical Review and Decision (30 days)

Subtotal = 180 days

Total = 405 days