



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

NORTH EAST WASTE SYSTEMS, LLC

PROJECT SUMMARY

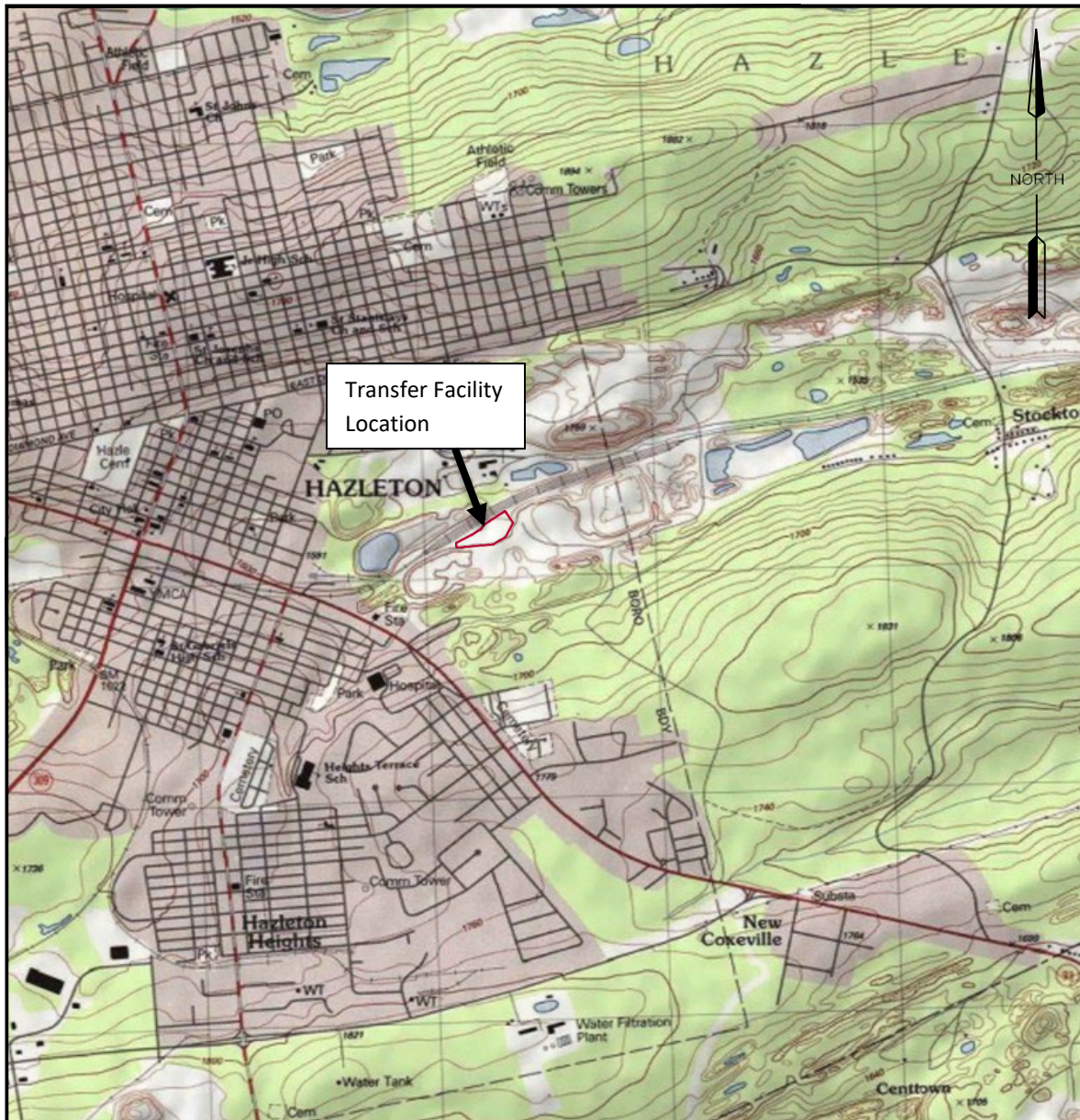
North East Waste Systems, LLC has submitted an application to DEP for a municipal solid waste transfer station permit. The proposed municipal waste transfer facility is to be located near 455 East Broad Street (State Route 93), Hazleton, PA. The transfer facility would accept municipal solid waste (MSW) and construction and demolition (C&D) waste that is anticipated to primarily originate from Luzerne County and its neighboring communities. MSW and C&D wastes will be delivered to the facility by trucks entering from a privately owned road off of State Route 93. The proposed maximum daily waste acceptance is 700 tons/day and the proposed operating hours are from 6:00am to 4:00pm Monday through Saturday. Waste unloading and loading activities will be completed within an enclosed transfer building with a concrete tipping floor. The facility is proposed to be constructed such that transfer trailers and/or railcars can be loaded nearly simultaneously if necessary. Therefore, the loading rate at the proposed facility is anticipated to be 80 to 120 tons per hour.

The application was received on February 3, 2023, a Local Municipality Involvement Process (LMIP) meeting was held on March 16, 2023, and the application and was considered administratively complete on March 24, 2023.

All of the required information and application forms from North East Waste Systems, LLC have been submitted to DEP. Notice of the application's administrative completeness was published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* on Saturday, April 8, 2023. The permit application is currently under review by DEP's Waste Management staff.

Where is this facility?

North East Waste Systems, LLC's transfer facility will be located at near 455 East Broad Street (State Route 93), Hazleton, PA. The site is situated in the City of Hazleton. See map:



What will be happening there?

If the application is approved, the transfer facility will be constructed and MSW and C&D wastes will be delivered to the facility by trucks entering from a privately owned road off of State Route 93. Waste delivery trucks will proceed via this private driveway to the transfer facility's driveway entrance and proceed to the scale house for waste screening/weigh in activities. After completing check-in activities, the inbound trucks containing the MSW and C&D wastes will be directed to the building to unload their vehicles within the building's tipping floor area. Waste delivery vehicles departing the facility will then exit back to the scale house and tarping area. The MSW and C&D wastes will be loaded from the building onto transfer

trailer trucks and/or railcars. Municipal and C&D wastes managed by the facility will be directed via transfer trucks and/or rail cars to approved, designated, permitted disposal facilities.

The facility will also maintain a citizen's drop off area for recycling.

DEP Waste Management staff will continually monitor the facility with regular and unannounced inspections and by reviewing records and reports to ensure the facility is operating within the guidelines and conditions set forth in its Waste Management Permit.

How will this affect me?

Construction of a new transfer facility has the potential to impact the community and surrounding areas through both harms and benefits.

The majority of the potential harms from the transfer facility are nuisance type harms, the risk of which will be reduced and/or abated by proposed mitigation measures. Potential harms associated with transfer facilities include traffic, noise, dust, odors, litter, vectors (i.e., rodents, insects), stormwater runoff, wastewater, and fire.

The application lists several environmental, social, and economic benefits of the facility. These include providing a local waste transfer option for residents and waste haulers in the area, a decrease in overall truck traffic, additional benefits related to rail hauling, a boost to the local economy through the purchase of goods and services, local employment, and increased tax revenue.

The harms (including mitigation measures) and benefits will be evaluated during DEP's review of the application.

What happens next?

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

The Department will accept written comments on the application. Written comments may be sent to the attention of Roger Bellas at the Department's Wilkes-Barre Regional Office, 2 Public Square, Wilkes Barre, PA 18701 or by email RA-EPWM-NERO@pa.gov.

Where can I review the application?

The application is available for review on the DEP website: [files.dep.state.pa.us - /RegionalResources/NERO/NEROPortalFiles/CommunityInformation/Northeast Waste Transfer Station /](https://files.dep.state.pa.us/RegionalResources/NERO/NEROPortalFiles/CommunityInformation/Northeast_Waste_Transfer_Station/)

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.

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

[Municipal Waste Permitting](https://www.dep.pa.gov/Business/Land/Waste/SolidWaste/MunicipalWaste/MunicipalWastePermitting/Pages/default.aspx)

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

DEP's target review timeframe for the application is 186 business days. The application is not subject to DEP's permit decision guarantee.