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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



Bureau of Waste Management

Keystone Sanitary Landfill Phase III Expansion – Public Meeting 2/25/15

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Tom Wolf, Governor

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Where are we now?

- LMIP (Local Municipality Involvement Process) meeting (5/20/14)
- Negotiate alternative project timelines
- Administrative Completeness review (12/17/14)
- Environmental Assessment Process
 - Harms vs. Benefits Analysis

Environmental Assessment Process

Part of the expansion application that will be considered early in the review process to evaluate harms and benefits directly related to the proposed project.

Environmental Assessment Process

General Principles:

- Compare harms and benefits with conditions that would exist if the proposal did not go forward
- Where the facility has undergone a previous environmental assessment, focus only on the harms and benefits related to the current proposal

- ◆ Harms and benefits can be Environmental or Social & Economic
- Identify all known and potential harms associated with the project and propose mitigation.
 - Mitigation= measures to lessen or eliminate harm
- Identify the environmental and social & economic benefits associated with the project.
- Demonstrate that the benefits of the project clearly outweigh the known and potential harms.

How are harms and benefits are identified?

- By DEP
 - Form D - Environmental Assessment
 - Compliance History
 - Inspections/complaints
- By Other Agencies, ie., PHMC, PennDOT, County Conservation, ...

How are harms and benefits are identified?

- By the applicant
- By public comment
 - Public Hearing or Meeting
 - Comment letters/phone calls/e-mails

DEP Evaluation

The DEP will review the proposed mitigation for known and potential harms and determine if that mitigation is adequate to protect the public health, safety and welfare, and the environment. We consider the Duration, Frequency and Intensity of the benefit or harm, the Reach, and the Sensitivity of receptors

DEP Evaluation

- Did the Applicant propose adequate mitigation?
- Are the identified benefits OF the project?
- Do the benefits of the project clearly outweigh the known and potential harms of the project?

Where we go from here

- EAP/Harms vs. Benefits Analysis
 - We will accept comment until mid-March
 - 1st EA review letter by 4/16/15
- Applicant response
 - Public Hearing
- 2nd EA Review, if necessary issue a Pre-Denial letter.
- Applicant response

Where we go from here

- Decision on EA.
 - Denial
 - Approval
- If approved, the 1st technical review will begin. As appropriate, the technical review could require up to two review letters prior to making a decision on the permit. This phase of the review also allows for public comments that are technical in nature.



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