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October 24, 2024

Mr. Mark Wejkszner, P.E. Air Quality Program Manager PA Department of Environmental Protection Bureau of Air Quality Northeast Regional Office 2 Public Square Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701-1915

Re: Commonwealth Environmental Systems, L.P. (CES) Landfill Plan Approval Application – Landfill Expansion Supplemental Documents Title V Operating Permit No. 54-00054 Foster, Frailey, and Reilly Townships, Schuylkill County EARTHRES Project No. 011035.080 / OnBase Reference ID No. 254303

Dear Mr. Wejkszner:

Enclosed please find supplemental documents and information related to the Plan Approval Application for the proposed Landfill Expansion at the Commonwealth Environmental Systems, L.P. Landfill (CES) located at the intersection of Foster, Frailey, and Reilly Townships, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. The facility currently operates under Title V Operating Permit (TVOP) No. 54-00054.

The application was electronically submitted to the Department on August 22, 2024 using the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) OnBase application submission software, under Reference ID No. 254303. On August 23, 2024, the PADEP returned the Plan Approval Application requesting the following items:

- Land use approval;
- Pennsylvania Natural Diversity Inventory (PNDI) Project Receipt;
- Pennsylvania Historic and Museum Commission (PHMC) notification;
- Air Quality Fee schedule form; and,
- Updated GIF form with acres information.

This supplemental submission package includes those items requested above.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at 215-766-1211.

Sincerely,

EARTHRES, a Division of RESPEC Company, LLC

Shae Portner, G.I.T. Project Manager

Enclosures: As stated

cc: Dominick DeNaples, Jr., Keystone Sanitary Landfill

Michael Piepoli, CES Landfill

VIA ONBASE & ELECTRONIC MAIL



COMMONWEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS, L.P. (CES) LANDFILL

99 Commonwealth Road Hegins, PA 17938



LANDFILL EXPANSION AIR QUALITY PLAN APPROVAL APPLICATION

SUPPLEMENTAL SUBMISSION PACKAGE

Foster, Frailey, and Reilly Townships, Schuylkill County
Title V Operating Permit No. 54-00054

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Commonwealth Environmental Systems, L.P. Plan Approval Application – Landfill Expansion October 2024

ATTACHMENT 1 LAND USE APPROVAL



BEFORE THE ZONING HEARING BOARD OF SCHUYLKILL COUNTY

RE:

Special Exception and Variance request made by Commonwealth

Environmental Systems, L.P.

Property Location:

2380 Shermans Mountain Road, Frailey Township, Schuylkill

County; U.P.I. No. 12-02-0001.005. I-C (Industrial -Commercial)

Zoning District

Time/Place of Hearing:

Schuylkill County Courthouse, Commissioner's Board Room,

January 4, 2023 6:00 P.M.

Decision:

Granted/Approved¹

FINDINGS OF FACT

After a hearing held on January 4, 2023, and in consideration of the testimony and evidence presented, the Schuylkill County Zoning Hearing Board (the "Board") makes the following findings:

- 1. The property owner and applicant, Commonwealth Environmental Systems, L.P. ("Applicant"), requested a hearing before the Board seeking a Special Exception and Variance under the Schuylkill County Zoning Ordinance ("Ordinance") to expand an existing Municipal Solid Waste Disposal Area.
- z. The Uniform Parcel Identified for the site is 12–02-0001.000; the subject-property is located at 2380 Shermans Mountain Road, Frailey Township, Schuylkill County ("Property"); the Property is located within a I-C (Industrial -Commercial) Zoning district.
- 3. Public notice of the hearing was given by advertisement in the Republican Herald Newspaper on December 20, 2022, and December 27, 2022.
- 4. Notice was given by mail to the parties with that notice being sent on December 20, 2022; Notice was also posted on the property on December 19, 2022.

¹On January 4, 2023, the Board voted unanimously in approving Applicant's Special Exception and Variance request.

- 5. Copies of the notices are being made part of the record, together with the original copy of the application for hearing.
- 6. Applicant seeks a Special Exception under Section 306 (M)(2)(j) and Sections 402 (A)(48) (a through v) to expand an existing Municipal Solid Waste Disposal Area located on an immediate adjacent parcel/property; Applicant also seeks a Variance from Section 103(E) for the time limit on permits for substantial completion.
- 7. Applicant's legal counsel and site engineer appeared at the hearing and offered live sworn testimony before the Board and submitted several exhibits in furtherance of the application, all of which were accepted and made part of the record.
- 8. Applicant proposes to expand its existing landfill operation to include an additional 23.5 acres (the "Property"), which is part of an annexation plan recorded in Map Book 58, Page 1230, Schuylkill County Recorder of Deeds Office.
- 9. Applicant's existing landfill received its initial zoning approval from the Board in 1989 and a subsequent expansion-approval was approved in 2002; copies of those decisions were provided by Applicant and made part of the record.
- 10. Applicant successfully demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Board compliance with all requirements set forth under Section 402 (A)(48) (a through v).
- 11. Applicant also seeks relief from Section 103(E) "Time Limits on Permits and Approvals" which states, inter alia, that work authorized by zoning permits must be substantially completed within 24 months after the issuance of the permit.
- 12. The extensive permitting required for Applicant through the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection cannot be completed within the time periods allowed under Section 103 (E); it is literally impossible for a *landfill* to substantially complete its "work" within 24 months under this scenario.
- 13. Enforcement of the 24 month "substantial completion" requirement creates a significant hardship on the Applicant justifying a Variance to Section 103(E).
- 14. No objectors appeared at the hearing.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Board is empowered with exclusive jurisdiction to hear and render final adjudications in special exception requests. *Ordinance*, § 111.
- 2. By motion duly seconded and unanimously approved, the Board GRANTED Applicant's Special Exception request.
- 3. The Board is empowered with exclusive jurisdiction to hear and render final adjudications in Variance requests. *Ordinance*, § 111.
- 4. By motion duly seconded and unanimously approved, the Board GRANTED Applicant's Variance request to Section 103(E) of the Ordinance, extending the zoning permit to 8 years for the commencement and substantial completion of work.

Commonwealth Environmental Systems, L.P. Plan Approval Application – Landfill Expansion October 2024

ATTACHMENT 2

PENNSYLVANIA NATURAL DIVERSITY INVENTORY (PNDI)
PROJECT RECEIPT



1. PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Name: CES Expansion Major Modification

Date of Review: 4/3/2024 07:23:18 AM

Project Category: Waste Transfer, Treatment, and Disposal, Solid waste disposal, Expansion of landfill

Project Area: **394.82 acres** County(s): **Schuylkill**

Township/Municipality(s): FOSTER TOWNSHIP; FRAILEY TOWNSHIP; REILLY TOWNSHIP

ZIP Code:

Quadrangle Name(s): **MINERSVILLE**; **TREMONT** Watersheds HUC 8: **Lower Susquehanna-Swatara**

Watersheds HUC 12: Good Spring Creek-Upper Swatara Creek

Decimal Degrees: 40.671408, -76.376374

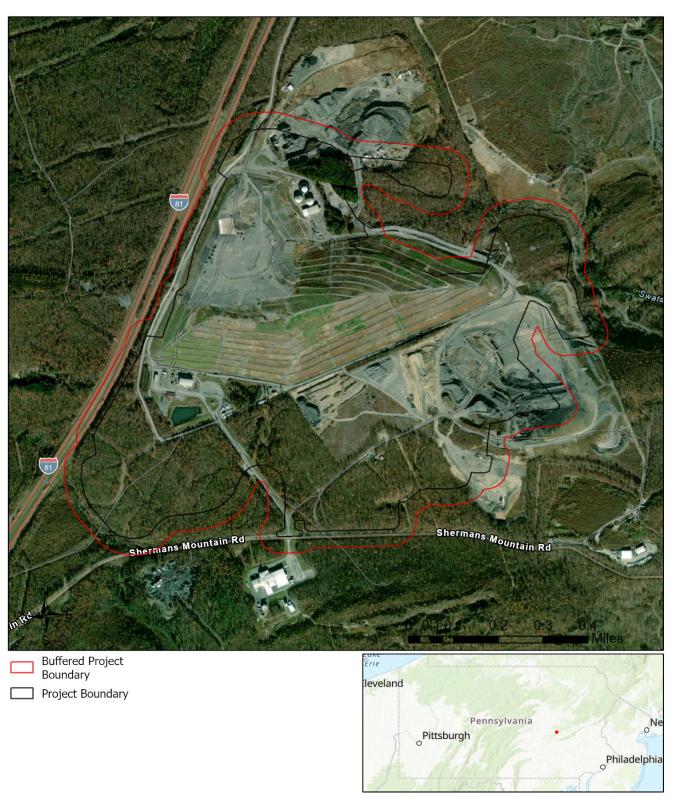
Degrees Minutes Seconds: 40° 40' 17.691" N, 76° 22' 34.9476" W

2. SEARCH RESULTS

Agency	Results	Response	
PA Game Commission	Conservation Measure	No Further Review Required, See Agency Comments	
PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources	No Known Impact	No Further Review Required	
PA Fish and Boat Commission	No Known Impact	No Further Review Required	
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Potential Impact	MORE INFORMATION REQUIRED, See Agency Response	

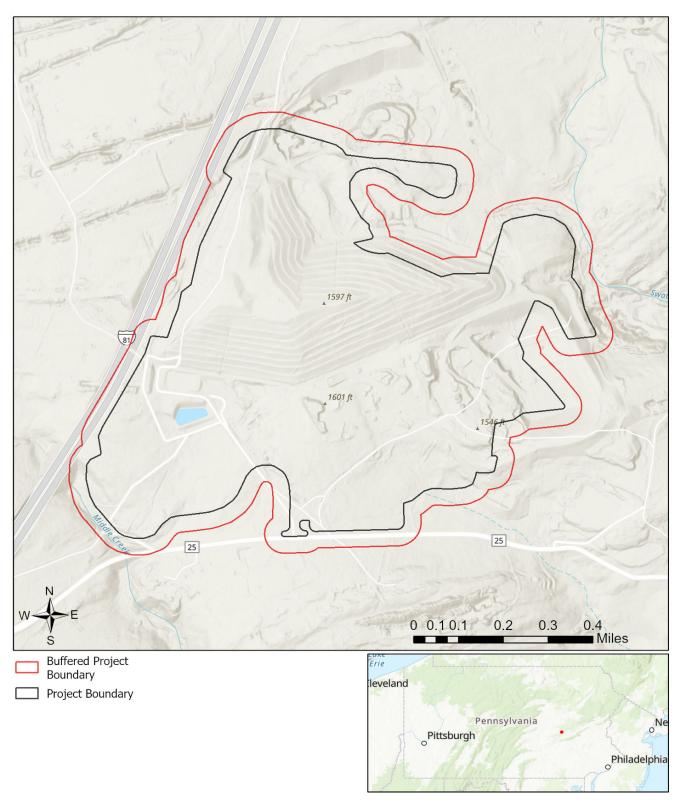
As summarized above, Pennsylvania Natural Diversity Inventory (PNDI) records indicate there may be potential impacts to threatened and endangered and/or special concern species and resources within the project area. If the response above indicates "No Further Review Required" no additional communication with the respective agency is required. If the response is "Further Review Required" or "See Agency Response," refer to the appropriate agency comments below. Please see the DEP Information Section of this receipt if a PA Department of Environmental Protection Permit is required.

CES Expansion Major Modification



Sources: Esri, Airbus DS, USGS, NGA, NASA, CGIAR, N Robinson, NCEAS, NLS, OS, NMA, Geodatastyrelsen, Rijkswaterstaat, GSA, Geoland, FEMA, Intermap and the GIS user community

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RESPONSE TO QUESTION(S) ASKED

Q1: Is tree removal, tree cutting or forest clearing necessary to implement all aspects of this project? Your answer is: Yes

Q2: How many acres of woodland, forest, forested fencerows and trees will be cut, cleared, removed, disturbed or flooded (inundated) as a result of carrying out all aspects or phases of this project? [Round acreages UP to the nearest acre (e.g., 0.2 acres = 1 acre).]

Your answer is: More than 50 acres

3. AGENCY COMMENTS

Regardless of whether a DEP permit is necessary for this proposed project, any potential impacts to threatened and endangered species and/or special concern species and resources must be resolved with the appropriate jurisdictional agency. In some cases, a permit or authorization from the jurisdictional agency may be needed if adverse impacts to these species and habitats cannot be avoided.

These agency determinations and responses are **valid for two years** (from the date of the review), and are based on the project information that was provided, including the exact project location; the project type, description, and features; and any responses to questions that were generated during this search. If any of the following change: 1) project location, 2) project size or configuration, 3) project type, or 4) responses to the questions that were asked during the online review, the results of this review are not valid, and the review must be searched again via the PNDI Environmental Review Tool and resubmitted to the jurisdictional agencies. The PNDI tool is a primary screening tool, and a desktop review may reveal more or fewer impacts than what is listed on this PNDI receipt. The jurisdictional agencies **strongly advise against** conducting surveys for the species listed on the receipt prior to consultation with the agencies.

PA Game Commission RESPONSE:

Conservation Measure: Potential impacts to state and federally listed species which are under the jurisdiction of both the Pennsylvania Game Commission (PGC) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service may occur as a result of this project. As a result, the PGC defers comments on potential impacts to federally listed species to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. No further coordination with the Pennsylvania Game Commission is required at this time.

PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources RESPONSE:

No Impact is anticipated to threatened and endangered species and/or special concern species and resources.

PA Fish and Boat Commission

RESPONSE:

No Impact is anticipated to threatened and endangered species and/or special concern species and resources.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

RESPONSE:

Information Request: The proposed project is located in the vicinity of northern long-eared bat spring staging/fall swarming habitat. Enter project information, including the Pennsylvania Natural Diversity Inventory receipt number, into the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Information for Planning and Consultation tool (IPaC) (https://ecos.fws.gov/ipac/). Follow the Northern Long-eared Bat Rangewide Determination Key step-by-step process to review this projects's potential effect on northern long-eared bats.

Project Search ID: PNDI-708832

WHAT TO SEND TO JURISDICTIONAL AGENCIES

If project information was requested by one or more of the agencies above, upload* or email the following information to the agency(s) (see AGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION). Instructions for uploading project materials can be found here. This option provides the applicant with the convenience of sending project materials to a single location accessible to all three state agencies (but not USFWS).

*If information was requested by USFWS, applicants must email, or mail, project information to IR1 ESPenn@fws.gov to initiate a review. USFWS will not accept uploaded project materials.

Check-list of Minimum Materials to be submitted:

Project narrative with a description of the overall project, the work to be performed, current physical characteristic
of the site and acreage to be impacted.
A map with the project boundary and/or a basic site plan(particularly showing the relationship of the project to the
physical features such as wetlands, streams, ponds, rock outcrops, etc.)
In addition to the materials listed above, USFWS REQUIRES the following
SIGNED copy of a Final Project Environmental Review Receipt
The inclusion of the following information may expedite the review process

Color photos keyed to the basic site plan (i.e. showing on the site plan where and in what direction each photo was taken and the date of the photos)

Information about the presence and location of wetlands in the project area, and how this was determined (e.g., by a qualified wetlands biologist), if wetlands are present in the project area, provide project plans showing the location of all project features, as well as wetlands and streams.

4. DEP INFORMATION

The Pa Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) requires that a signed copy of this receipt, along with any required documentation from jurisdictional agencies concerning resolution of potential impacts, be submitted with applications for permits requiring PNDI review. Two review options are available to permit applicants for handling PNDI coordination in conjunction with DEP's permit review process involving either T&E Species or species of special concern. Under sequential review, the permit applicant performs a PNDI screening and completes all coordination with the appropriate jurisdictional agencies prior to submitting the permit application. The applicant will include with its application, both a PNDI receipt and/or a clearance letter from the jurisdictional agency if the PNDI Receipt shows a Potential Impact to a species or the applicant chooses to obtain letters directly from the jurisdictional agencies. Under concurrent review, DEP, where feasible, will allow technical review of the permit to occur concurrently with the T&E species consultation with the jurisdictional agency. The applicant must still supply a copy of the PNDI Receipt with its permit application. The PNDI Receipt should also be submitted to the appropriate agency according to directions on the PNDI Receipt. The applicant and the jurisdictional agency will work together to resolve the potential impact(s). See the DEP PNDI policy at https://conservationexplorer.dcnr.pa.gov/content/resources.

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5. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The PNDI environmental review website is a preliminary screening tool. There are often delays in updating species status classifications. Because the proposed status represents the best available information regarding the conservation status of the species, state jurisdictional agency staff give the proposed statuses at least the same consideration as the current legal status. If surveys or further information reveal that a threatened and endangered and/or special concern species and resources exist in your project area, contact the appropriate jurisdictional agency/agencies immediately to identify and resolve any impacts.

For a list of species known to occur in the county where your project is located, please see the species lists by county found on the PA Natural Heritage Program (PNHP) home page (www.naturalheritage.state.pa.us). Also note that the PNDI Environmental Review Tool only contains information about species occurrences that have actually been reported to the PNHP.

6. AGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

Bureau of Forestry, Ecological Services Section 400 Market Street, PO Box 8552 Harrisburg, PA 17105-8552

Email: RA-HeritageReview@pa.gov

PA Fish and Boat Commission

Division of Environmental Services 595 E. Rolling Ridge Dr., Bellefonte, PA 16823

Email: RA-FBPACENOTIFY@pa.gov

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Pennsylvania Field Office Endangered Species Section 110 Radnor Rd; Suite 101 State College, PA 16801 Email: IR1 ESPenn@fws.gov

NO Faxes Please

PA Game Commission

Bureau of Wildlife Management Division of Environmental Review 2001 Elmerton Avenue, Harrisburg, PA 17110-9797

Email: RA-PGC PNDI@pa.gov

NO Faxes Please

7. PROJECT CONTACT INFORMATION

Name:		A	ARM Group LLC	
Company/Business Name:			Engin eers and Scientists	
Address:		Scott L. Martin, Senior Scientist Professional Wetland Scientist, Bog Turtle Surveyor USFWS Qualified/Approved Botanist		
Email:		phone:(717) 508-0575 cell: (717) 439-2775	1129 West Governor Road, P.O. Box 797 Hershey, PA 17033-0797	

8. CERTIFICATION

I certify that ALL of the project information contained in this receipt (including project location, project size/configuration, project type, answers to questions) is true, accurate and complete. In addition, if the project type, location, size or configuration changes, or if the answers to any questions that were asked during this online review change, I agree to re-do the online environmental review.

AAA	April 3, 2024	
applicant/project proponent signature	date	



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FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Pennsylvania Ecological Services Field Office 110 Radnor Road Suite 101 State College, PA 16801-7987 Phone: (814) 234-4090 Fax: (814) 234-0748

In Reply Refer To: January 24, 2024

Project Code: 2024-0040311

Project Name: CES Expansion Major Modification

Subject: List of threatened and endangered species that may occur in your proposed project

location or may be affected by your proposed project

To Whom It May Concern:

The enclosed species list identifies threatened, endangered, proposed, and candidate species, as well as proposed and final designated critical habitat, that may occur within the boundary of your proposed project and/or may be affected by your proposed project. The species list fulfills the requirements of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) under section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act (Act) of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

New information based on updated surveys, changes in the abundance and distribution of species, changed habitat conditions, or other factors could change this list. Please feel free to contact us if you need more current information or assistance regarding the potential impacts to federally proposed, listed, and candidate species and federally designated and proposed critical habitat. Please note that under 50 CFR 402.12(e) of the regulations implementing section 7 of the Act, the accuracy of this species list should be verified after 90 days. This verification can be completed formally or informally as desired. The Service recommends that verification be completed by visiting the IPaC website at regular intervals during project planning and implementation for updates to species lists and information. An updated list may be requested through IPaC by completing the same process used to receive the enclosed list.

The purpose of the Act is to provide a means whereby threatened and endangered species and the ecosystems upon which they depend may be conserved. Under sections 7(a)(1) and 7(a)(2) of the Act and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 402 *et seq.*), Federal agencies are required to utilize their authorities to carry out programs for the conservation of threatened and endangered species and to determine whether projects may affect threatened and endangered species and/or designated critical habitat.

A Biological Assessment is required for construction projects (or other undertakings having similar physical impacts) that are major Federal actions significantly affecting the quality of the human environment as defined in the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4332(2) (c)). For projects other than major construction activities, the Service suggests that a biological

evaluation similar to a Biological Assessment be prepared to determine whether the project may affect listed or proposed species and/or designated or proposed critical habitat. Recommended contents of a Biological Assessment are described at 50 CFR 402.12.

If a Federal agency determines, based on the Biological Assessment or biological evaluation, that listed species and/or designated critical habitat may be affected by the proposed project, the agency is required to consult with the Service pursuant to 50 CFR 402. In addition, the Service recommends that candidate species, proposed species and proposed critical habitat be addressed within the consultation. More information on the regulations and procedures for section 7 consultation, including the role of permit or license applicants, can be found in the "Endangered Species Consultation Handbook" at: https://www.fws.gov/sites/default/files/documents/endangered-species-consultation-handbook.pdf

Migratory Birds: In addition to responsibilities to protect threatened and endangered species under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), there are additional responsibilities under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (BGEPA) to protect native birds from project-related impacts. Any activity, intentional or unintentional, resulting in take of migratory birds, including eagles, is prohibited unless otherwise permitted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (50 C.F.R. Sec. 10.12 and 16 U.S.C. Sec. 668(a)). For more information regarding these Acts, see Migratory Bird Permit | What We Do | U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (fws.gov).

The MBTA has no provision for allowing take of migratory birds that may be unintentionally killed or injured by otherwise lawful activities. It is the responsibility of the project proponent to comply with these Acts by identifying potential impacts to migratory birds and eagles within applicable NEPA documents (when there is a federal nexus) or a Bird/Eagle Conservation Plan (when there is no federal nexus). Proponents should implement conservation measures to avoid or minimize the production of project-related stressors or minimize the exposure of birds and their resources to the project-related stressors. For more information on avian stressors and recommended conservation measures, see https://www.fws.gov/library/collections/threats-birds.

In addition to MBTA and BGEPA, Executive Order 13186: *Responsibilities of Federal Agencies to Protect Migratory Birds*, obligates all Federal agencies that engage in or authorize activities that might affect migratory birds, to minimize those effects and encourage conservation measures that will improve bird populations. Executive Order 13186 provides for the protection of both migratory birds and migratory bird habitat. For information regarding the implementation of Executive Order 13186, please visit https://www.fws.gov/partner/council-conservation-migratory-birds.

We appreciate your concern for threatened and endangered species. The Service encourages Federal agencies to include conservation of threatened and endangered species into their project planning to further the purposes of the Act. Please include the Consultation Code in the header of this letter with any request for consultation or correspondence about your project that you submit to our office.

Attachment(s):

Official Species List

OFFICIAL SPECIES LIST

This list is provided pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, and fulfills the requirement for Federal agencies to "request of the Secretary of the Interior information whether any species which is listed or proposed to be listed may be present in the area of a proposed action".

This species list is provided by:

Pennsylvania Ecological Services Field Office 110 Radnor Road Suite 101 State College, PA 16801-7987 (814) 234-4090

PROJECT SUMMARY

Project Code: 2024-0040311

Project Name: CES Expansion Major Modification

Project Type: Disposal / Transfer

Project Description: Proposed landfill expansion. Project Search ID: PNDI-708832

Project Location:

The approximate location of the project can be viewed in Google Maps: https://www.google.com/maps/@40.6720138,-76.37603839881527,14z



Counties: Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania

ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT SPECIES

There is a total of 4 threatened, endangered, or candidate species on this species list.

Species on this list should be considered in an effects analysis for your project and could include species that exist in another geographic area. For example, certain fish may appear on the species list because a project could affect downstream species.

IPaC does not display listed species or critical habitats under the sole jurisdiction of NOAA Fisheries¹, as USFWS does not have the authority to speak on behalf of NOAA and the Department of Commerce.

See the "Critical habitats" section below for those critical habitats that lie wholly or partially within your project area under this office's jurisdiction. Please contact the designated FWS office if you have questions.

1. <u>NOAA Fisheries</u>, also known as the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), is an office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration within the Department of Commerce.

MAMMALS

NAME	STATUS
Indiana Bat <i>Myotis sodalis</i> There is final critical habitat for this species. Your location does not overlap the critical habitat. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/5949	Endangered
Northern Long-eared Bat <i>Myotis septentrionalis</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9045	Endangered
Tricolored Bat <i>Perimyotis subflavus</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/10515	Proposed Endangered
INSECTS NAME	STATUS

CRITICAL HABITATS

Monarch Butterfly *Danaus plexippus*

No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9743

THERE ARE NO CRITICAL HABITATS WITHIN YOUR PROJECT AREA UNDER THIS OFFICE'S JURISDICTION.

YOU ARE STILL REQUIRED TO DETERMINE IF YOUR PROJECT(S) MAY HAVE EFFECTS ON ALL ABOVE LISTED SPECIES.

Candidate

Project code: 2024-0040311 01/24/2024

IPAC USER CONTACT INFORMATION

Agency: ARM Group LLC

Name: Scott Martin

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City: Hershey State: PA Zip: 17033

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Phone: 7174392775



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https://www.fws.gov/northeast/PAFO/index.html

In Reply Refer To: February 21, 2024

Project code: 2024-0040311

Project Name: CES Expansion Major Modification

Federal Nexus: yes

Federal Action Agency (if applicable): Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection

Subject: Technical assistance for 'CES Expansion Major Modification'

Dear Scott Martin:

This letter records your determination using the Information for Planning and Consultation (IPaC) system provided to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) on February 21, 2024, for 'CES Expansion Major Modification' (here forward, Project). This project has been assigned Project Code 2024-0040311 and all future correspondence should clearly reference this number. Please carefully review this letter. Your Endangered Species Act (Act) requirements are not complete.

Ensuring Accurate Determinations When Using IPaC

The Service developed the IPaC system and associated species' determination keys in accordance with the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA; 87 Stat. 884, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) and based on a standing analysis. All information submitted by the Project proponent into IPaC must accurately represent the full scope and details of the Project. Failure to accurately represent or implement the Project as detailed in IPaC or the Northern Long-eared Bat Rangewide Determination Key (Dkey), invalidates this letter.

Determination for the Northern Long-Eared Bat

Based on your IPaC submission and the standing analysis for the Dkey, your project has reached the determination of "May Affect" the northern long-eared bat.

Next Steps

Your action may qualify for the Interim Consultation Framework for the northern long-eared bat. To determine if it qualifies, review the Interim Consultation Framework posted here https://www.fws.gov/library/collections/interim-consultation-framework-northern-long-eared-bat. If you

determine it meets the requirements of the Interim Consultation Framework, follow the procedures outlined there to complete section 7 consultation.

If your project does **not** meet the requirements of the Interim Consultation Framework, please contact the Pennsylvania Ecological Services Field Office for further coordination on this project. Further consultation or coordination with the Service is necessary for those species or designated critical habitats with a determination of "May Affect".

Other Species and Critical Habitat that May be Present in the Action Area

The IPaC-assisted determination for the northern long-eared bat does not apply to the following ESA-protected species and/or critical habitat that also may occur in your Action area:

- Indiana Bat Myotis sodalis Endangered
- Monarch Butterfly Danaus plexippus Candidate
- Tricolored Bat Perimyotis subflavus Proposed Endangered

You may coordinate with our Office to determine whether the Action may cause prohibited take of the species listed above.

Action Description

You provided to IPaC the following name and description for the subject Action.

1. Name

CES Expansion Major Modification

2. Description

The following description was provided for the project 'CES Expansion Major Modification':

Proposed landfill expansion. Project Search ID: PNDI-708832

The approximate location of the project can be viewed in Google Maps: https:// www.google.com/maps/@40.6719972,-76.37604700947446,14z



DETERMINATION KEY RESULT

Based on the answers provided, the proposed Action is consistent with a determination of "may affect" for the Endangered northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*).

QUALIFICATION INTERVIEW

1. Does the proposed project include, or is it reasonably certain to cause, intentional take of the northern long-eared bat or any other listed species?

Note: Intentional take is defined as take that is the intended result of a project. Intentional take could refer to research, direct species management, surveys, and/or studies that include intentional handling/encountering, harassment, collection, or capturing of any individual of a federally listed threatened, endangered or proposed species?

No

2. Does any component of the action involve construction or operation of wind turbines?

Note: For federal actions, answer 'yes' if the construction or operation of wind power facilities is either (1) part of the federal action or (2) would not occur but for a federal agency action (federal permit, funding, etc.).

Νo

3. Is the proposed action authorized, permitted, licensed, funded, or being carried out by a Federal agency in whole or in part?

Yes

4. Is the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), or Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding or authorizing the proposed action, in whole or in part?

No

5. Are you an employee of the federal action agency or have you been officially designated in writing by the agency as its designated non-federal representative for the purposes of Endangered Species Act Section 7 informal consultation per 50 CFR § 402.08?

Note: This key may be used for federal actions and for non-federal actions to facilitate section 7 consultation and to help determine whether an incidental take permit may be needed, respectively. This question is for information purposes only.

No

6. Is the lead federal action agency the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) or Federal Communications Commission (FCC)? Is the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) or Federal Communications Commission (FCC) funding or authorizing the proposed action, in whole or in part?

No

- 7. Is the lead federal action agency the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)? *No*
- 8. Have you determined that your proposed action will have no effect on the northern longeared bat? Remember to consider the <u>effects of any activities</u> that would not occur but for the proposed action.

If you think that the northern long-eared bat may be affected by your project or if you would like assistance in deciding, answer "No" below and continue through the key. If you have determined that the northern long-eared bat does not occur in your project's action area and/or that your project will have no effects whatsoever on the species despite the potential for it to occur in the action area, you may make a "no effect" determination for the northern long-eared bat.

Note: Federal agencies (or their designated non-federal representatives) must consult with USFWS on federal agency actions that may affect listed species [50 CFR 402.14(a)]. Consultation is not required for actions that will not affect listed species or critical habitat. Therefore, this determination key will not provide a consistency or verification letter for actions that will not affect listed species. If you believe that the northern long-eared bat may be affected by your project or if you would like assistance in deciding, please answer "No" and continue through the key. Remember that this key addresses only effects to the northern long-eared bat. Consultation with USFWS would be required if your action may affect another listed species or critical habitat. The definition of Effects of the Action can be found here: https://www.fws.gov/media/northern-long-eared-bat-assisted-determination-key-selected-definitions

No

9. [Semantic] Is the action area located within 0.5 miles of a known northern long-eared bat hibernaculum?

Note: The map queried for this question contains proprietary information and cannot be displayed. If you need additional information, please contact your State wildlife agency.

Automatically answered

No

10. Does the action area contain any caves (or associated sinkholes, fissures, or other karst features), mines, rocky outcroppings, or tunnels that could provide habitat for hibernating northern long-eared bats?

No

11. Does the action area contain or occur within 0.5 miles of (1) talus or (2) anthropogenic or naturally formed rock crevices in rocky outcrops, rock faces or cliffs?

Yes

Project code: 2024-0040311

12. Have you received written confirmation from the local Ecological Services Field Office that the talus rock crevices in the action area are not likely to contain hibernating northern long-eared bats and/or that the proposed action would not affect those habitat types or northern long-eared bats that may use them? If so, upload the field office confirmation and continue with the key.

No

13. Will the proposed action result in the cutting or other means of knocking down, bringing down, or trimming of any trees suitable for northern long-eared bat roosting?

Note: Suitable northern long-eared bat roost trees are live trees and/or snags ≥ 3 inches dbh that have exfoliating bark, cracks, crevices, and/or cavities.

Yes

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Enter the extent of the action area (in acres) from which trees will be removed - round up to the nearest tenth of an acre. For this question, include the entire area where tree removal will take place, even if some live or dead trees will be left standing.

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In what extent of the area (in acres) will trees be cut, knocked down, or trimmed during the <u>inactive</u> (hibernation) season for northern long-eared bat? **Note:** Inactive Season dates for spring staging/fall swarming areas can be found here: https://www.fws.gov/media/inactive-season-dates-swarming-and-staging-areas

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In what extent of the area (in acres) will trees be cut, knocked down, or trimmed during the <u>active</u> (non-hibernation) season for northern long-eared bat? **Note:** Inactive Season dates for spring staging/fall swarming areas can be found here: https://www.fws.gov/media/inactive-season-dates-swarming-and-staging-areas

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Will all potential northern long-eared bat (NLEB) roost trees (trees ≥3 inches diameter at breast height, dbh) be cut, knocked, or brought down from any portion of the action area greater than or equal to 0.1 acre? If all NLEB roost trees will be removed from multiple areas, select 'Yes' if the cumulative extent of those areas meets or exceeds 0.1 acre.

Yes

Enter the extent of the action area (in acres) from which all potential NLEB roost trees will be removed. If all NLEB roost trees will be removed from multiple areas, entire the total extent of those areas. Round up to the nearest tenth of an acre.

84.5

For the area from which all potential northern long-eared bat (NLEB) roost trees will be removed, on how many acres (round to the nearest tenth of an acre) will trees be allowed to regrow? Enter '0' if the entire area from which all potential NLEB roost trees are removed will be developed or otherwise converted to non-forest for the foreseeable future.

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Will any snags (standing dead trees) ≥3 inches dbh be left standing in the area(s) in which all northern long-eared bat roost trees will be cut, knocked down, or otherwise brought down?

No

Will all project activities by completed by April 1, 2024?

No

IPAC USER CONTACT INFORMATION

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LEAD AGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Lead Agency: Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection



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Engineers and Scientists

April 2, 2024

nicole ranalli@fws.gov

Ms. Nicole Ranalli, Endangered Species Biologist United States Fish and Wildlife Service State College Pennsylvania Ecological Services Field Office 10 Radnor Road, Suite 101 State College, Pennsylvania 16801

> Re: Bat Conservation Plan USFWS Project Code: 2024-0040311 PNDI No. 708832 CES Expansion Major Modification Frailey, Foster, and Reilly Townships Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania ARM Project 22010146

Dear Ms. Ranalli:

On behalf of Commonwealth Environmental Systems, LP (CES), ARM Group LLC (ARM) is submitting this letter to coordinate with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to determine whether the proposed project may affect the Northern Long-Eared Bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*), federally listed endangered or other bat species of concern such as the Indiana Bat (*Myotis sodalis*), listed endangered and the Tri-colored Bat (*Perimyotis subflavus*), proposed endangered. The review of the Pennsylvania Natural Diversity Inventory (PNDI) receipt indicated that the proposed project is located in the vicinity of the Northern Long-eared Bat spring staging/fall swarming habitat. As a result, the PNDI receipt requested a project review through the USFWS's Information and Planning and Consultation (IPaC) tool. Based on the IPaC submission and the standing analysis for the Rangewide Determination Key (Dkey), the project reached the determination of "May Affect" the Northern Long-eared Bat. The IPaC Species List for the project, Dkey, and the PNDI receipt are contained in **Attachment A**.

The proposed project is an expansion to the existing CES Landfill located in Frailey, Foster and Reilly Townships, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania (PA), approximately two miles north of Tremont and illustrated on the **Figure 1**, **Site Location Map**, **Attachment B**. This letter outlines project measures taken to avoid and minimize impacts upon the Northern Long-eared Bat. The following Bat Conservation Plan for the project was based upon the USFWS's *Guidance on Developing and Implementing an Indiana Bat Conservation Plan* (revised May 20, 2021), since similar measures would also be appropriate for the Northern Long-eared Bat.

Project Summary

CES is planning to submit a Major Permit Modification Application for a landfill expansion at CES Landfill (Figure A, Stream and Wetland Mapping With Limit of Expansion, Attachment B). The proposed application will include a design for a lateral expansion and overlay of the existing landfill footprint at the property. The landfill expansion is anticipated to include upwards of 59 million MMCY of additional waste airspace, or roughly 52 million tons. To efficiently capture this anticipated airspace, the design will implement the construction of multiple MSE berms around the perimeter of the new landfill footprint. CES has partnered with multiple engineering firms to ensure that all areas of the application have been properly designed and permitted. As part of the expansion design, field investigations were completed to limit the environmental impacts to the property, as well as the surrounding area. It is the goal of the project team to limit the possible impacts of the landfill expansion to the surrounding community.

Avoidance and Minimization Measures

1. To minimize the risk of take on foraging and roosting Indiana bat habitat, configure projects to avoid and / or minimize disturbance on suitable summer and swarming habitat particularly in and around wetland and riparian areas.

The proposed landfill expansion was designed to avoid and minimize wetland impacts. However, approximately 0.55 acres of unavoidable impacts to 11 isolated wetlands (Other Wetlands) proposed as part of the project. Total wetland impacts will be approximately 0.55 acre. Exceptional Value (EV) wetlands are present and will be avoided. A 300-foot buffer around the EV wetlands has been incorporated into the design. Approved Best Management Practices (BMPs) will be used during all phases of construction to protect downgradient aquatic resources. Intermittent streams will be affected by the project. Perennial streams are avoided. Adjacent perennial streams will be buffered by a minimum of 100 feet.

2. Retain at least a 50-foot forested buffer (but preferably a 100–150-foot buffer) on each side of streams and around wetlands.

The proposed project will impact approximately 1,887 linear feet of intermittent and ephemeral stream channels (**Figure A, Stream and Wetland Mapping With Limit of Expansion, Attachment B**) as a result of the expansion of an existing landfill. Perennial streams (Swatara Creek, Middle Creek and Gebhard Run) have been avoided and have been afforded a 100-foot forested buffer. Wetlands associated with the Swatara Creek, Middle Creek and Gebhard Run within the project area are classified as EV due to hydrologic connection with their designation as a wild trout stream. A 300-foot forested buffer adjacent to the wetlands has been incorporated into the design.



3. Co-locate project features (e.g., roads and utility lines) and cluster project features (e.g., houses) to reduce forest clearing.

The project is immediately adjacent to the existing active landfill and adjacent to the east side of Interstate 81. Forest clearing has been minimized to the extent necessary for the proposed expansion. The proposed MSE berms limit the extent of the outside of the expansion footprints into the surrounding wooded areas.

4. Seasonal restriction on tree cutting: Only cut trees when Indiana bats are hibernating or concentrated near their hibernacula. For project areas affecting Indiana bat swarming habitat (near hibernacula), only cut trees between November 15 and March 31. For project areas affecting Indiana bat summer habitat, only cut trees between October 1 and March 31.

Approximately 84.5 acres of woodland will be necessary to clear for the proposed landfill expansion. CES has committed to avoid potential direct impacts upon the Northern Long-eared Bat by cutting standing trees between November 15 and March 31, a time when bats are assumed to be hibernating and not using the trees.

5. Phase tree clearing over multiple years, if applicable to the project. Indicate the rate at which forest will be cleared, as well as the total duration of this effect (e.g., 5 acres/year for 10 years).

The project has been designed to remove all trees between November 15 and March 31. Trees will be cleared at a minimum of one year before the opening of a new stage during the appropriate seasonal conservation measure period. The sequencing stages to be constructed along the following estimated timeline over a 28-year period:

- Stage 1: 3.5 years to fill completion. (Note: no trees to be cleared as part of this stage)
- Stage 2: 2.5 years to fill completion. Approximately 18 acres of tree clearing.
- Stage 3: 7 years to fill completion. Approximately 3.5 acres of tree clearing.
- Stage 4: 6 years to fill completion. Approximately 20 acres of tree clearing.
- Stage 5: 4 years to fill completion. Approximately 34 acres of tree clearing.
- Stage 6: 5 years to fill completion. Approximately 9 acres of tree clearing.
- 6. Reforest temporarily cleared areas with tree species preferred by Indiana Bats, in accordance with Appendix B. Ensure soils are segregated and replaced during earth disturbance activities to ensure soils are not compacted, to allow for successful tree establishment.

Due to the necessity of avoiding tree cover on the landfill, only limited landscaping tree plantings are proposed. However, the project is situated within a forested landscape matrix and approximately 3,700 acres of woodland will remain within one mile of the proposed landfill expansion area.



7. Avoid use of invasive, exotic plant species when re-foresting and when stabilizing soils.

Both temporary and permanent stabilization will utilize native and/or non-invasive naturalized plants mixes.

8. Develop and implement stringent erosion and sedimentation controls to protect water quality and the Indiana Bat prey base in streams and wetlands.

An erosion and sediment control plan will be developed for the project. Approved temporary and permanent best management practices will be implemented prior to, during and following construction. The erosion and sediment (E&S) control plan will be reviewed and approved by the PADEP prior to earth disturbance. Additionally, a post-construction stormwater management (PCSM) plan will be implemented for the project following review and approval by the PADEP.

9. Develop and implement a pollution prevention plan to ensure hazardous materials (e.g., oils, lubricants, etc.) do not contaminate soils, wetlands or waterways.

A Preparedness, Prevention and Contingency Plan will be prepared and implemented during construction.

10. Provide for the short and long-term habitat needs of the Indiana Bat by offsetting the effect of forest habitat loss through the protection of off-site forest. Conserved forest stands should have characteristics suitable of Indiana Bat habitat (e.g., a variety of tree species used by Indiana Bats, various age diameter at breast height classes, appropriate canopy closure, adequate snags).

The proposed project avoided and minimized wetland and stream impacts as well as associated riparian corridor habitats. The wooded areas within the project will be removed between November 15 and March 31 to avoid impacts upon the Northern Long-eared Bat.

We respectfully request the USFWS's concurrence that, with the implementation of the proposed conservation measures, the project is not likely to affect the Northern Long-eared Bat or other bat species using similar habitat. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact me by email at smartin@armgroup.net or by phone at (717) 439-2775. Your time and attention to this matter are greatly appreciated. We look forward to the USFWS's response.

Sincerely,

ARM Group LLC

Scott L. Martin, Senior Scientist

Attachments

Attachment A – IPaC Species List Receipt, Dkey and PNDI Receipt

Attachment B – Figure 1, Site Location Map

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Figure A, Stream and Wetland Mapping With Limit of Expansion

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U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

110 Radnor Road, Suite 101, State College, PA 16801

This responds to your inquiry about a PNDI Internet Database search that resulted in a potential conflict with a federally listed, proposed or candidate species.

PROJECT LOCATION INFORMATION	MISC INFORMATION	
County: Schuylkill	Date received by FWS: 4/4/2024	
Township: FOSTER TOWNSHIP; FRAILEY TOWNSHIP; REILLY TOWNSHIP		
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To: Scott Martin	Affiliation: ARM Group LLC	
SPECIFIC PROJECT: CES Landfill Expansion	on Major Modification	
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NO EFFECT		
jurisdiction are known or likely to exist in the	dederally listed, proposed or candidate species under our ne project area. Should project plans change, or if additional ecomes available, this determination may be reconsidered.	
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This review was conducted by the biologist	listed below. He/she can be contacted at 814-206-(Extension).	
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ATTACHMENT 3

PENNSYLVANIA HISTORIC AND MUSEUM COMMISSION (PHMC) NOTIFICATION



May 20, 2024

Sent Via PA-SHARE

RE: ER Project # 2024PR01952.001, Keystone Landfill Southern Expansion, Army Corps of Engineers, Frailey Township, Schuylkill County

Dear Submitter,

Thank you for submitting information concerning the above referenced project. The Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office (PA SHPO) reviews projects in accordance with state and federal laws. Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, and the implementing regulations (36 CFR Part 800) of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, is the primary federal legislation. The Environmental Rights amendment, Article 1, Section 27 of the Pennsylvania Constitution and the Pennsylvania History Code, 37 Pa. Cons. Stat. Section 500 et seq. (1988) is the primary state legislation. These laws include consideration of the project's potential effects on both historic and archaeological resources.

Above Ground Resources

No Above Ground Concerns - Environmental Review - No Historic Properties - Above Ground

Based on the information received and available in our files, it is our opinion that there are no above ground historic properties (resources listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register) present in the project area of potential effect. Therefore, no above ground historic properties will be affected by the proposed project. Should the scope of the project change and/or new information be brought to your attention regarding historic properties located within the project area of potential effect, please reinitiate consultation with our office using PA-SHARE.

For questions concerning above ground resources, please contact Barbara Frederick at bafrederic@pa.gov.

Archaeological Resources

No Archaeological Concerns - Environmental Review - No Effect - Archaeological

Based on the information received and available in our files, in our opinion, the proposed project should have No Effect on archaeological resources. Should the scope of the project be amended to include additional ground-disturbing activity and/or should you be made aware of historic property concerns regarding archaeological resources, you will need to reinitiate consultation with our office using PA-SHARE.

For questions concerning archaeological resources, please contact Casey Hanson at chanson@pa.gov.

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Sincerely,

Emma Diehl

Environmental Review Division Manager

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ATTACHMENT 4 AIR QUALITY FEE SCHEDULE FORM





COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BUREAU OF AIR QUALITY

AIR QUALITY FEES FOR NEW PLAN APPROVAL

		Company I	nformation			
Federal Tax ID: 23-2792722 Firm Name: Commonwealth Environn			Firm Name: Commonwealth Environme	nental Systems, L.P. (CES)		
Permit #	(If any): Title V	Operating Permit No. 54-00054	Facility Name: CES Landfill			
Municipa	llity: Foster, Frail	ey, and Reilly Townships	County: Schuylkill			
Contact I	Person Name: M	lichael Piepoli	Telephone Number: 570-69	95-3590		
E-mail: n	nikep@ceslfco.c	om				
		New Plan Approval (The foll	owing fees are cumulative	.)		
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7		Risk Assessment Analy	sis – Inhalation only	\$10,000	N/A	
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^{*}The Air Quality Plan Approval Application fee in the amount of \$5,000.00 was electronically submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) on August 22, 2024 with the original application submission using the PADEP's OnBase application submission software, under Reference ID No. 254303.

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ATTACHMENT 5

REVISED GENERAL INFORMATION FORM (GIF)



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

GENERAL INFORMATION FORM – AUTHORIZATION APPLICATION

Before completing this General Information Form (GIF), read the step-by-step instructions provided in this application package. This form is used by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to inform our programs regarding what other DEP permits or authorizations may be needed for the proposed project or activity. This version of the General Information Form (GIF) must be completed and returned with any program-specific application being submitted to the DEP.

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	rehensive plans and zoning ordinances.				
1.	Is there an adopted county or multi-county comprehensive plan?		Yes		No
2.	Is there a county stormwater management plan?		Yes		No
3.	Is there an adopted municipal or multi-municipal comprehensive plan?		Yes	Ш	No
4.	Is there an adopted county-wide zoning ordinance, municipal zoning ordinance or joint municipal zoning ordinance?	\boxtimes	Yes		No
	Note: If the Applicant answers "No" to either Questions 1, 3 or 4, the provisions of	of the PA M	IPC are not	applic	cable and the
	Applicant does not need to respond to questions 5 and 6 below.				
	If the Applicant answers "Yes" to questions 1, 3 and 4, the Applicant should		•	5 and	
5.	Does the proposed project meet the provisions of the zoning ordinance or does the proposed project have zoning approval? If zoning approval has been received, attach documentation.		Yes		No
	Sanitary landfills are a use permitted by right; therefore, no zoning approval from Foster Township is required. Land development approvals are provided in the solid waste permit modification application that is being submitted concurrently with the plan approval application.				
6.	Have you attached Municipal and County Land Use Letters for the project?		Yes		No
	COORDINATION INFORMATION				
	: The PA Historical and Museum Commission must be notified of propose nical Guidance Document 012-0700-001 utilizing the Project Review Form .	d projects	in accord	dance	with DEP
If the	e activity will be a mining project (i.e., mining of coal or industrial minera	als coal r	efuse disc	osal :	and/or the
operation of a coal or industrial minerals preparation/processing facility), respond to questions 1.0 through 2.5 below.					
-	e activity will not be a mining project, skip questions 1.0 through 2.5 and be	•		-	
1.0	Is this a coal mining project? If "Yes", respond to 1.1-1.6. If "No", skip		Yes	<u>0.</u>	No
	to Question 2.0.				
1.1	Will this coal mining project involve coal preparation/ processing activities in which the total amount of coal prepared/processed will be equal to or greater than 200 tons/day?	Ш	Yes	Ц	No
1.2	Will this coal mining project involve coal preparation/ processing	П	Yes	\Box	No
1.2	activities in which the total amount of coal prepared/processed will be greater than 50,000 tons/year?	Ш	103		140
1.3	Will this coal mining project involve coal preparation/ processing	П	Yes	П	No
	activities in which thermal coal dryers or pneumatic coal cleaners will be used?	_		_	
1.4	For this coal mining project, will sewage treatment facilities be constructed and treated waste water discharged to surface waters?		Yes		No
1.5	Will this coal mining project involve the construction of a permanent		Yes	П	No
1.5	impoundment meeting one or more of the following criteria: (1) a		103	_	110
	contributory drainage area exceeding 100 acres; (2) a depth of water				
	measured by the upstream toe of the dam at maximum storage				
	elevation exceeding 15 feet; (3) an impounding capacity at maximum				
	storage elevation exceeding 50 acre-feet?				
1.6	Will this coal mining project involve underground coal mining to be conducted within 500 feet of an oil or gas well?		Yes		No
2.0	Is this a non-coal (industrial minerals) mining project? If "Yes",		Yes	\boxtimes	No
•	respond to 2.1-2.6. If "No", skip to Question 3.0.	_			
2.1	Will this non-coal (industrial minerals) mining project involve the		Yes		No
	crushing and screening of non-coal minerals other than sand and gravel?				
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2.2	Will this non-coal (industrial minerals) mining project involve the crushing and/or screening of sand and gravel with the exception of wet sand and gravel operations (screening only) and dry sand and gravel operations with a capacity of less than 150 tons/hour of unconsolidated materials?	Yes		No
2.3	Will this non-coal (industrial minerals) mining project involve the construction, operation and/or modification of a portable non-metallic (i.e., non-coal) minerals processing plant under the authority of the General Permit for Portable Non-metallic Mineral Processing Plants (i.e., BAQ-PGPA/GP-3)?	Yes		No
2.4	For this non-coal (industrial minerals) mining project, will sewage treatment facilities be constructed and treated waste water discharged to surface waters?	Yes		No
2.5	Will this non-coal (industrial minerals) mining project involve the construction of a permanent impoundment meeting one or more of the following criteria: (1) a contributory drainage area exceeding 100 acres; (2) a depth of water measured by the upstream toe of the dam at maximum storage elevation exceeding 15 feet; (3) an impounding capacity at maximum storage elevation exceeding 50 acre-feet?	Yes		No
3.0	Will your project, activity, or authorization have anything to do with a well related to oil or gas production, have construction within 200 feet of, affect an oil or gas well, involve the waste from such a well, or string power lines above an oil or gas well? If "Yes", respond to 3.1-3.3. If "No", skip to Question 4.0.	Yes		No
3.1	Does the oil- or gas-related project involve any of the following: placement of fill, excavation within or placement of a structure, located in, along, across or projecting into a watercourse, floodway or body of water (including wetlands)?	Yes		No
3.2	Will the oil- or gas-related project involve discharge of industrial wastewater or stormwater to a dry swale, surface water, ground water or an existing sanitary sewer system or storm water system? If "Yes", discuss in <i>Project Description</i> .	Yes		No
3.3	Will the oil- or gas-related project involve the construction and operation of industrial waste treatment facilities?	Yes		No
4.0	Will the project involve a construction activity that results in earth disturbance? If "Yes", specify the total disturbed acreage. 4.0.1 Total Disturbed Acreage 378.84 acres	Yes		No
	 4.0.2 Will the project discharge or drain to a special protection water (EV or HQ) or an EV wetland? 4.0.3 Will the project involve a construction activity that results 	Yes Yes	\boxtimes	No No
	in earth disturbance in the area of the earth disturbance that are contaminated at levels exceeding residential or non-residential medium-specific concentrations (MSCs) in 25 Pa. Code Chapter 250 at residential or non-residential construction sites, respectively?	163		NO
5.0	Does the project involve any of the following: water obstruction and/or encroachment, wetland impacts, or floodplain project by the Commonwealth/political subdivision or public utility? If "Yes", respond to 5.1-5.7. If "No", skip to Question 6.0.	Yes		No
5.1	Water Obstruction and Encroachment Projects – Does the project involve any of the following: placement of fill, excavation within or placement of a structure, located in, along, across or projecting into a watercourse, floodway or body of water?	Yes		No
5.2	Wetland Impacts – Does the project involve any of the following: placement of fill, excavation within or placement of a structure, located in, along, across or projecting into a wetland?	Yes		No

5.3	Floodplain Projects by the Commonwealth, a Political Subdivision of the Commonwealth or a Public Utility – Does the project involve any of the following: placement of fill, excavation within or placement of a structure, located in, along, across or projecting into a floodplain?	Yes		No
5.4	Is your project an interstate transmission natural gas pipeline?	Yes		No
5.5	Does your project consist of linear construction activities which result in earth disturbance in two or more DEP regions AND three or more counties?	Yes		No
5.6	Does your project utilize Floodplain Restoration as a best management practice for Post Construction Stormwater Management?	Yes		No
5.7	Does your project utilize Class V Gravity / Injection Wells as a best management practice for Post Construction Stormwater Management?	Yes		No
6.0	Will the project involve discharge of construction related stormwater to a dry swale, surface water, ground water or separate storm water system?	Yes		No
6.1	Will the project involve discharge of industrial waste stormwater or wastewater from an industrial activity or sewage to a dry swale, surface water, ground water or an existing sanitary sewer system or separate storm water system?	Yes		No
7.0	Will the project involve the construction and operation of industrial waste treatment facilities?	Yes	\boxtimes	No
8.0	Will the project involve construction of sewage treatment facilities, sanitary sewers, or sewage pumping stations? If "Yes", indicate estimated proposed flow (gal/day). Also, discuss the sanitary sewer pipe sizes and the number of pumping stations/treatment facilities/name of downstream sewage facilities in the <i>Project Description</i> , where applicable. 8.0.1 Estimated Proposed Flow (gal/day)	Yes		No
9.0	Will the project involve the subdivision of land, or the generation of 800 gpd or more of sewage on an existing parcel of land or the generation of an additional 400 gpd of sewage on an already-developed parcel, or the generation of 800 gpd or more of industrial wastewater that would be discharged to an existing sanitary sewer system? 9.0.1 Was Act 537 sewage facilities planning submitted and	Yes		No No
	approved by DEP? If "Yes" attach the approval letter.			
10.0	Is this project for the beneficial use of biosolids for land application within Pennsylvania? If "Yes" indicate how much (i.e. gallons or dry tons per year). 10.0.1 Gallons Per Year (residential septage) 10.0.2 Dry Tons Per Year (biosolids)	Yes		No
11.0	Does the project involve construction, modification or removal of a dam? If "Yes", identify the dam. 11.0.1 Dam Name	Yes		No
12.0	Will the project interfere with the flow from, or otherwise impact, a dam? If "Yes", identify the dam. 12.0.1 Dam Name	Yes		No

13.0	Will the project involve operations (excluding during the construction period) that produce air emissions (i.e., NOX, VOC, etc.)?		Yes		No
	13.0.1 If "Yes", is the operation subject to the agricultural exemption in 35 P.S. § 4004.1?		Yes		No
	13.0.2 If the answer to 13.0.1 is "No", identify each type of emission followed by the estimated amount of that emission.				
	Enter all types & amounts of			•	
110	emissions; separate each set with semicolons. Please refer to the emission of the emission o	ssion calcu		Attac	No
14.0	Does the project include the construction or modification of a drinking water supply to serve 15 or more connections or 25 or more people, at least 60 days out of the year? If "Yes", check all proposed sub-facilities. 14.0.1 Number of Persons Served		Yes		NO
	14.0.2 Number of Employee/Guests				
	14.0.3 Number of Connections				
	14.0.4 Sub-Fac: Distribution System		Yes		No
	14.0.5 Sub-Fac: Water Treatment Plant		Yes		No
	14.0.6 Sub-Fac: Source		Yes		No
	14.0.7 Sub-Fac: Pump Station		Yes		No
	14.0.8 Sub Fac: Transmission Main		Yes		No
	14.0.9 Sub-Fac: Storage Facility		Yes		No
15.0	Will your project include infiltration of storm water or waste water to	$\overline{\Box}$	Yes	$\overline{\boxtimes}$	No
10.0	ground water within one-half mile of a public water supply well,				
	spring or infiltration gallery?				
16.0	Is your project to be served by an existing public water supply?	П	Yes	\boxtimes	No
10.0	"Yes", indicate name of supplier and attach letter from supplier stating that	Ш	100		110
	it will serve the project.				
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	16.0.2 Letter of Approval from Supplier is Attached	<u> </u>	Yes		No
17.0	Will this project be served by on-lot drinking water wells?	<u> </u>	Yes		No
18.0	Will this project involve a new or increased drinking water withdrawal		Yes	\boxtimes	No
	from a river, stream, spring, lake, well or other water bod(ies)? If				
	"Yes", reference Safe Drinking Water Program.				
	18.0.1 Source Name	_			
19.0	Will the construction or operation of this project involve treatment,		Yes	\boxtimes	No
	storage, reuse, or disposal of waste? If "Yes", indicate what type (i.e.,				
	hazardous, municipal (including infectious & chemotherapeutic), residual)				
	and the amount to be treated, stored, re-used or disposed.				
	19.0.1 Type & Amount				
20.0	Will your project involve the removal of coal, minerals, contaminated		Yes	\boxtimes	No
	media, or solid waste as part of any earth disturbance activities?				
21.0	Does your project involve installation of a field constructed		Yes	\boxtimes	No
	underground storage tank? If "Yes", list each Substance & its Capacity.				
	Note: Applicant may need a Storage Tank Site Specific Installation				
	Permit.				
	21.0.1 Enter all substances &				
	capacity of each; separate				
	each set with semicolons.				

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I certify that I have the authority to submit this application on behalf of the applicant named herein and that the information provided in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and information.

For applicants supplying an EIN number: I am applying for a permit or authorization from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). As part of this application, I will provide DEP with an accurate EIN number for the applicant entity. By filing this application with DEP, I hereby authorize DEP to confirm the accuracy of the EIN number provided with the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue. As applicant, I further consent to the Department of Revenue discussing the same with DEP prior to issuance of the Commonwealth permit or authorization.

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