

Covanta Delaware Valley, LP (Covanta Del Val)

What is this about?

Located at 10 Highland Ave, Chester, PA 19013, Covanta Del Val is a permitted municipal waste incinerator. The company is seeking to renew its five-year Title V, also known as a State Operating Permit. The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is currently seeking public comment to help in reviewing this renewal request and coming to a decision.

How will this affect me?

There are no changes to operation of the plant through the renewal process. The permit renewal doesn't increase the permitted limits for the plant. The permit renewal will require the plant to meet current and any updated regulatory standards and laws as expressed in the review memo.

What is a Title V/State Operating Permit?

A Title V/State Operating Permit is a permit required under the federal Clean Air Act and issued to all large or "major" sources. The permit term lasts for five years and includes emission limits, monitoring, record keeping, and reporting requirements which enable DEP to verify compliance with the regulatory standards.

What is the review process?

DEP is now sharing its draft decision with the public and seeking comments and input on our website at www.dep.pa.gov > Resources > Southeast Region > Community Information > [Covanta Del Val Renewal](#). Covanta Del Val submitted their application for renewal on December 22, 2020. DEP determined that the application was administratively complete, which it did in February 2021. DEP reviewed the technical parts of the application to determine if the all the appropriate regulations and permit conditions would be met. Upon finishing its technical review, **DEP believes that all relevant regulations are met, incorporated and/or updated, and therefore has produced a draft permit and is seeking public comment.**

What can I comment on?

Now that DEP has created a draft permit, the public and interested stakeholders are invited to submit comments on the [renewal application](#), DEP's [technical review memo](#), and DEP's [draft decision](#). While all comments are welcome, it is important to focus comments on the permit documents, regulations, and special conditions DEP may be considering in a draft permit. It is important to understand that the permit process only allows us to address comments related to the permit renewal. This permit covers emission limits, monitoring, record-keeping, and reporting requirements, so comments on these topics are most applicable. Other comments related generally to the facility will be included in the comment response document but won't likely affect the final decision about this permit renewal. Comments can be submitted in writing to RA-EPSEROAQPUBCOM@pa.gov or to DEP's Southeast Regional Office, Air Quality Program at 2 E. Main Street, Norristown, PA, 19401 until October 4, 2021.

Will there be a public hearing?

Yes. Because of the significant community interest in this project and as the facility is located in an environmental justice community, DEP will be hosting a formal virtual public hearing on Wednesday, September 22, 2021, beginning at 6:30 PM. All comments provided during the public comment period are given equal weight, whether provided verbally at a hearing, sent electronically, or through the mail. Formal public hearings are an opportunity for DEP to hear from stakeholders; DEP staff will not be answering questions or presenting additional information during the event.

- If you wish to present comments at the hearing, please contact John Repetz at jrepetz@pa.gov or 717-705-4904 at least 24-hours prior to the start of the hearing. Contacting John will allow DEP to add to you to the list of speakers and be able to unmute you during the hearing to allow you time to provide comments.
- If you wish only to listen to the hearing but not present comments, the web address and additional information to access the hearing can be found by visiting www.dep.pa.gov > public participation > [virtual public hearings](#). You can [register using this link](#), but you can also call in to the phone number: 415-655-0003 using access code: 2632 771 5916. The hearing isn't expected to include visual elements that those on the phone would miss.

How can I learn more?

Some general information about the project is included in a [press release](#) and the Pennsylvania Bulletin Issue [Volume 51, Issue 34](#). If you wish to review the [complete application](#), draft [technical review memo](#), and [draft permit](#), they are available on our website at on our website at www.dep.pa.gov > Resources > Southeast Region > Community Information > [Covanta Del Val Renewal](#). If you are unable to get these documents from the website, please contact Janine Tulloch-Reid, Facilities Permitting Chief, by phone at 484-250-5920 or via email at RA-EPSEROAQPUBCOM@pa.gov. This is the same email used to submit electronic written comments.