

MEETING AGENDA
March 12, 2023
BET, 54 Regional Dr, Concord
Room 104.1
10:00 – 11:30 AM

Granite State Landfill (GSL)

- I. Introductions
- II. Purpose
- **III. Topics**

Overview of February 28, 2024 Incomplete Letter

Application Review Schedule

IV. Wrap Up

Notes:

List of Attendees attached.

NHDES stated the purpose of the meeting was to go over the February 28, 2024 incomplete application and request for additional information letter (<u>Incompleteness Letter</u>) to GSL's standard permit application and address any of the attendees' questions. Each comment in the Incompleteness Letter was addressed sequentially. Items from the letter where either GSL or NHDES had additional comments are summarized below.

- Item #1: GSL indicated that information required under Env-Sw 316 has been provided to NH DOJ and proof of notification will be provided to NHDES.
- Item #2: NHDES stated that any local approvals which *may* be required for the proposed facility must be identified. This does not need to include specific local electrical or building permits, but should include planning or zoning approvals if they are required or *may* be required.
- Item #3: NHDES reiterated that a legally binding and legible signed landowner agreement must be submitted in order for NHDES to evaluate the boundaries of the land being transferred as well as evaluating any co-existence with other facilities on-site. The applicant may submit the agreement as Confidential Business Information in accordance with Env-Sw 200, if applicable.
- Item #4: A discussion was held on the traffic study and how the proposed traffic numbers were generated. NHDES reiterated the reason for requiring information on the traffic is related to traffic requirements in rule as well as security, safety and the co-existence with other activities (such as sand and gravel pit traffic).

- Item #5a: In relation to the Site Report, CMA indicated that select sand will be used for the wetlands filling. In addition, CMA indicated that they plan to monitor groundwater elevations for a year following sand placement to ensure the 6 feet of separation requirement in rule is met.
- Item #7: CMA indicated that the dynamic and static stability calculations were included in the supplemental application submitted on February 8, 2024.CMA also indicated that they will submit information on the input data for the GeoStudio software separately from the text of the Geotechnical Report. Bearing capacity was also discussed.
- Item #8: NHDES stated that information available on the test pit data should also be included in the hydrogeological report. Sanborn Head indicated that they are compiling relevant data for a supplemental submittal.
- Item #10: NHDES stated that permanent litter fencing was not consistently identified in the plans and expressed concerns regarding litter entering adjacent the wetland areas. GSL described how waste haul trucks will remain tarped until they are at the active face. CMA indicated that a separate plan will be submitted that depicts where permanent litter fencing will be placed. According to the wind rose submitted with the application, the wind direction is predominantly from the west, northwest heading east, southeast.
- Items #11 and 14: NHDES requested additional detailed information for the Operating and Closure plans, specifically addressing the leachate management plan, landfill gas management and monitoring systems, and stormwater management systems. NHDES noted that the applicant may rearrange Operating Plan Section 5 to more readily identify inspection and monitoring requirements for the benefit of operators.
- Item #13: NHDES requested additional information on the details of landfill gas management systems such as the blower system and flare, as applicable. NHDES indicated that preliminary plans for the landfill gas system were adequate for the standard permit application.

NHDES asked GSL whether the Cleveland, Waters and Bass (GSL's attorney) <u>letter</u> to the department and dated February 27, 2024 regarding public benefit was provided to modify the application or was correspondence to the department, and not intended to modify the application. GSL stated that they would get back to the department with an answer. (Note: See follow-up Record of Telephone Conversation, dated March 12, 2024).

NHDES then discussed the next steps and schedule for the application review. Technical review of the application is on-going, however, once GSL responds to the Incompleteness Letter, NHDES will have 60 days to determine whether the application is complete. Once the application is determined complete, NHDES will finish the technical review and simultaneously coordinate with the applicant to schedule the public hearing. NHDES noted that the public hearing must be held in the host community (that is, Dalton). According to statute, for a standard permit application, a decision on the permit application is required within 180 days following the completeness determination, unless an extension is coordinated with the applicant. GSL discussed their intended schedule to initiate construction in 2025, and indicated that the NCES landfill may extend operations into 2027.

A plan to meet again on or around May 1, 2024 was tentatively scheduled. The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am.

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