



The State of New Hampshire  
**Department of Environmental Services**



**Robert R. Scott, Commissioner**

**VIA EMAIL ONLY**

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**SUBJECT: Proposed Granite State Landfill (GSL), 172 Douglas Drive, Dalton, NH**

**Incomplete Application – Request for Additional Information**

Standard Permit Application for Granite State Landfill, initially received October 31, 2023 and assigned Application No. 2023-66600

Dear Toni King:

The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, Waste Management Division (NHDES) has reviewed the above-cited application by which Granite State Landfill, LLC (GSL) seeks approval for a solid waste landfill in Dalton, NH. In accordance with the requirements of the New Hampshire Solid Waste Rules, Env-Sw 100 et seq. (Rules), NHDES has determined that the application is **incomplete**.

In addition to the documents listed in the NHDES letters dated February 28, 2024, June 24, 2024, and October 22, 2024 the subject application also consists of the following:

- Granite State Landfill, LLC. (26 November 2024). Response to NHDES Incomplete Application. Received November 26, 2024. Assigned WMD Log No. 2023-66600-16.

Please address the following comments to satisfy the provisions of Env-Sw 300, and clarify aspects of the application in support of making a review pursuant to Env-Sw 304.08:

1. Provide all relevant legal agreements and clearly identify all easements and rights-of-way in the plans pursuant to Env-Sw 314.03(a)(3), (a)(4), and Env-Sw 314.04 and as previously requested in NHDES' letters dated February 28, 2024, June 24, 2024, and October 22, 2024.
2. Filing notifications to abutters must be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, or delivered in hand, with a signed acknowledgment from the recipient in accordance with Env-Sw 303.05(b). NHDES has not received the required signature for the following:

- Whitefield Tax Map 243 Lot 20 (Avgerakis/McLure)
- Bethlehem Tax Map 406 Lot 3 (83 Airport Rd Solar, LLC)
- Bethlehem Tax Map 506 Lot 54 and Tax Map 405 Lot 55 (Dupont)
- Bethlehem Tax Map 406 Lot 6 (Bryan)
- Littleton Tax Map 25 Lot 10 (Pierce)

As required by Env-Sw 314.03(a)(2), provide signed certified mail, return receipt cards or, if hand delivered, signed acknowledgement from the recipients for these notifications. If delivery by certified mail, return receipt requested failed, provide proof of multiple delivery attempts by the U.S. Postal Service.

3. Chapter Env-Sw 300: Solid Waste Program: Permits, of the Rules was recently updated and became effective as of November 22, 2024.

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- a. Env-Sw 303.07(b)(1) requires the notice of filing be sent to the host municipality's town administrator or manager. Additionally, Env-SW 303.07(d) requires a copy of the application be sent to the host municipality's town clerk. Confirm that the Town of Dalton does not have a town manager or administrator. If the Town of Dalton has a town manager or administrator, then provide the required notice and proof of filing.
- b. Env-Sw 303.07(c)(3) requires the notice of filing be sent to the municipality(s) and district(s) in which abutters are required to be notified, and Env-Sw 303.07(d) requires a single copy of the application be sent to each municipality's clerk. Provide certified mail, return receipt requested or signatures of hand delivery for notices of filing sent to the Towns of Whitefield, Bethlehem and Littleton selectboards, clerks, and town managers or administrators (if present). Ensure a copy of the application is provided to each Town clerk.

Provide documentation that all notices of filing were delivered accordingly and the notices included information required by Env-Sw 303.05(d) and a copy of the application when required by Env-Sw 303.07(d).


4. On November 15, 2024, GSL provided NHDES with a Solid Waste Contact Change Request which included new contact personnel for the application and proposed facility. In accordance with Env-Sw 316.03, provide the NH Department of Justice (NHDOJ) updated personnel disclosure forms required by Env-Sw 316.04 as needed, for all individuals identified in Env-Sw 316.05.
5. Chapter Env-Sw 800: Landfill Requirements, of the Rules was recently updated and became effective as of December 21, 2024. Several significant changes were made to Parts Env-Sw 804 Siting Requirements, Env-Sw 805 Design and Construction Requirements, and Env-Sw 806 Operating Requirements. Update the application, including the site report required by Env-Sw 314.03(a)(5), and provide additional information as needed for the department to make a determination as to whether the proposed facility will comply with the requirements of Chapter Env-Sw 800, as required by Env-Sw 314.04.
6. Chapters Env-Sw 900: Management of Certain Wastes; Env-Sw 1000: Universal Solid Waste Facility Requirements, Env-Sw 1100: Additional Solid Waste Facility Requirements; and Env-Sw 1400: Financial Assurance were recently updated and became effective August 28, 2024, February 6, 2024, November 13, 2024, and August 28, 2024, respectively. Provide additional information as required by Env-Sw 314.04 for the department to make a determination as to whether the proposed facility will comply with the requirements of all updated Rules.
7. Provide a facility site plan that identifies all fuel storage locations and identify the status of registration requirements for above ground and underground storage tanks on-site as required by Env-Sw 314.04.
8. Ensure that a copy of all information submitted to complete the application has been provided to each person and entity identified in Env-Sw 303 to whom the applicant was required to provide a copy of the initial application. Pursuant to Env-Sw 304.06(b), provide to NHDES a written and signed statement attesting to the same.

Please address the above comments and submit your response by concurrently submitting one electronic copy to NHDES. Submit the electronic version through the NHDES OneStop Data Provider portal using the site code "123456789." Please also designate "Application No. 2023-66600" on the e-submittal.

Pursuant to Env-Sw 304.05, *Incomplete Applications*, review of your application is suspended until the additional requested information is received. Note that, pursuant to Env-Sw 304.06(d), all of the information needed to complete the application must be submitted within one year of the date of the first incomplete application letter issued (dated February 28, 2024) to avoid having the application become dormant and be deemed denied. As such, please provide the requested information as soon as practicable.

If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please contact me.

Sincerely,



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