



The State of New Hampshire
Department of Environmental Services

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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 John Gay:

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 and June 24, 2024, the subject application also consists of the following:

- Granite State Landfill, LLC. (23 August 2024). Response to NHDES Incomplete Application. Received August 28, 2024. Assigned WMD Log No. 2023-66600-15.

Please address the following comments to satisfy the provisions of Env-Sw 300, and clarify aspects of the application in support of making a technical review pursuant to Env-Sw 304.07:

1. The department has requested all relevant legal agreements pursuant to Env-Sw 314.09 in the department's February 28, 2024 and June 24, 2024 incomplete application letters. GSL has not provided the requested information, which is necessary to demonstrate that the applicant meets the landowner requirement under Env-Sw 804.06 and all easements and rights-of-way meet the requirements of Env-Sw 1003.02 and 1003.03. Provide relevant legal agreements, and clearly identify all easements and rights-of-way in the plans.
2. Filing notifications to the NH Department of Justice (NHDOJ) and 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 302.05(b) and 303.06(b). NHDES has not received the signed return receipts for the notices of filing sent to NHDOJ and the abutters identified in GSL's February 6, 2024 submittal (WMD No. 2023-66600-11). Provide return receipts or signatures denoting hand delivery for these notifications as required by Env-Sw 314.08.
3. In accordance with Env-Sw 1105.08(b), provide information that demonstrates the facility will not successfully operate within the normal window of 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., and the proposed alternative hours will not result in problems relating to safety, access control, or nuisances (e.g., noise, spills vectors, odors, insects, litter, dust). Note that the demonstration is to be part of the application, and not necessarily embedded in the operating plan.
4. The financial assurance plan provided contained inconsistencies between the various submittals. For example, the principal address is not stated consistently throughout the documents and there were

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two different cost estimates for closure between separate submittals. In accordance with Env-Sw 314.12 and Env-Sw 1403, resubmit the financial assurance plan with all supporting information including the closure and post-closure care cost estimates.

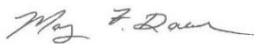
5. Ensure that a copy of all information submitted to complete the application has been provided to each person and entity identified in Env-Sw 303 to whom the applicant was required to provide a copy of the initial application. Pursuant to Env-Sw 304.05(b), provide to NHDES a written and signed statement attesting to the same.

Please address the above comments and submit your response by concurrently submitting one hardcopy and 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 both the e-submittal and the paper copy.

Pursuant to Env-Sw 304.04, *Incomplete Applications*, review of your application is suspended until the additional requested information is received. Note that, pursuant to Env-Sw 304.05(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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