

Vermont Agency of Natural Resources
Department of Environmental Conservation
Solid Waste Management Program

**Solid Waste Management Facility Certification
Responsiveness Summary**

FACILITY NAME: Worcester Transfer Station

FACILITY OWNER (PERMITTEE): Town of Worcester
Drawer 61
Worcester, VT 05682

FACILITY OPERATOR (PERMITTEE): Lamoille Regional Solid
Waste Management District
29 Sunset Drive, Suite 5
Morrisville, VT 05661

LANDOWNER (PERMITTEE): Town of Worcester

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: BR95-0099

SOLID WASTE FACILITY ID NUMBER: WA231

FACILITY LOCATION: 61 Calais Road
Worcester, VT

DATE OF RESPONSIVENESS SUMMARY: September 17, 2015

CERTIFICATION PERIOD: Date of Issuance to June 30, 2025

The application for Certification was received by the Solid Waste Management Program (Program) on May 7, 2015. It was reviewed in accordance with the Waste Management Act, 10 V.S.A. §6601 et seq., and the Solid Waste Management Rules, (eff. March 15, 2012) (“Rules”). The Application is on file in the offices of the Program in Montpelier, Vermont. The Draft Certification was issued on July 14, 2015 for public comment. A public information meeting was held on September 1, 2015. The comment period ended on September 16, 2015. Public comments are listed below along with the Program’s response.

Comments/Responses:

Condition 14: “No more than 200 tires may be stored uncovered at the facility at any time.”

1. How does the State relate to the Lamoille Regional Solid Waste Management District so the Transfer Station can be moved? Transfer Station has expanded from a truck to a station with 200 tires on-site near the historic bridge site. This is too many tires.

When the Town purchased the other property and moved the garage from the site, why didn't the Transfer Station move to? Property value for neighbors are impacted. No choice on the location at first but there is a choice now. Calling for the Select Board to move the Transfer Station location away from the river and have closure plan cover costs to re-build historic bridge.

Response: The State reviews the applications to determine whether a site meets the criteria of the Rules. The request to move the Transfer Station is not part of the recertification process. This is a discussion for the Town of Worcester Select Board.

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Condition 16: "In accordance with § 10 V.S.A. 6605(j)(3), the Permittee(s) shall offer parallel collection for organics (food residuals) at the facility by July 1, 2017."

2. Waste District is doing a good job operating the Station. The Transfer Station has expanded from fast trash to using compactors due to an increase in demand. Transfer Station has outgrown the site. The sand and salt shed is now empty and not safe for the public. The site should be converted to a public space along the river. In the past, the site was converted to a crushing site for a week. The current use is in sustainable. During last recertification, there was discussion about moving the Transfer Station with the Town Garage. The addition of composting by the State and the increase in tire storage are changes to the certification.

Response: The request to move the Transfer Station is not part of the recertification process. This is a discussion for the Town of Worcester Select Board.

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3. The site is expanding which seems to add to the cost. Concerned about the addition of composting to the site and having 200 tires uncovered on the site.

Response: The question of costs is not part of the recertification process. This is a discussion for the Town of Worcester Select Board. The composting is being added per Statute. The tires were uncovered during the previous recertification.

Condition g: "The Closure Plan for the Facility is based on the removal of all solid wastes and recyclable materials. The estimated closure cost is \$5,115.00. The Secretary approved the closure plan on June 10, 2015."

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4. Question about who maintains and pays for the closure of the Transfer Station. There are other Towns using the Transfer Station. How was 200 tires chosen?

Response: The Lamoille Regional Solid Waste Management District maintains the Transfer Station which has a \$5,115.00 closure plan. The District does not ask for identification when someone comes to the Transfer Station. The 200 tires quantity is for a collection event.

5. Extensive discussion about covering the costs of building a new site in another location, water quality study at site, and feasibility study for current and future sites. Discussion about change Waste Districts, reducing services at Transfer Station, and going to other Transfer Stations.

Response: This discussion is not part of the recertification process. This is a discussion for the Town of Worcester Select Board.

6. Discussion about changing the 10-year recertification length.

Response: It is possible to get an amendment at any time during the recertification.

Condition 12: "C&D Waste will be stored in an open container for a period not to exceed one hundred twenty (120) days from the date of receipt. The maximum on-site volume shall not exceed 800 cubic yard of C&D waste at any time."

7. The C&D waste total of 800 cubic yards seems to be a typographical error. This amount does not seem to be covered in the closure plan.

Response: The State will look at application under this section and make the necessary adjustments. It was found that there was an error in the total number of cubic yards listed in this Condition because it did not match the quantity in Appendix A.

8. The site seems to be within the floodplain.

Response: The State will look at site for confirmation. A review of the site plan as it relates to the current Flood Map is part of the application review. It was confirmed that the site is not in the floodplain.

Changes to the Final Certification/Reason:

Condition 12 has been changed to 66 cubic yards after finding the typographical error.

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Other minor changes may have occurred to correct typographical errors or to provide textual clarification, but these were not significant in their effect on the text as delineated in the Draft Certification.