

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

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY CERTIFICATION

FACILITY NAME: Waitsfield Solid Waste & Recycling
Drop Off

FACILITY OWNER (PERMITTEE): Casella Waste Management, Inc.
25 Green Hills Lane
Rutland, VT 05777

FACILITY OPERATOR (PERMITTEE): Casella Waste Management, Inc.
220 Avenue B
Williston, VT 05495

LANDOWNER (PERMITTEE): Casella Waste Management, Inc.

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: BR95-0168

SOLID WASTE FACILITY ID NUMBER: WA921

FACILITY LOCATION: 6911 Main St.
(Off of Route 100)
Waitsfield, VT

FACILITY PURPOSE/DESCRIPTION:

Transfer Station for the proper management of various solid wastes, recyclables and organic materials.

APPLICATION REVIEW:

The application for Certification was received by the Solid Waste Management Program (“Program”) on September 30, 2013. It was reviewed in accordance with the Waste Management Act, 10 V.S.A. §§6601 *et seq.*, and the Solid Waste Management Rules, (eff. 3/15/12) (“Rules”). The Application is on file in the office of the Program in Montpelier, Vermont.

CERTIFICATION PERIOD: Date of issuance to December 31, 2023

FINDINGS

- a) On March 16, 2016, the Permittee(s) submitted an application to the Program for a Certification Amendment pursuant to 10 V.S.A. §6605, and the Rules for change of

ownership and the continued operation of the Waitsfield Solid Waste and Recycling Drop Off.

- b) The Facility is located off of Route 100 in Waitsfield, VT at 44°09'40" North Latitude and 72°49'57" West Longitude.
- c) The operational units at the Facility include:
 - Transfer station
 - Recycling drop-off
 - Organics drop-off
 - Used Oil Collection
 - Scrap Metal Collection
 - Electronic Waste Collection
- d) The Facility accepts a variety of solids wastes, including MSW, tires, recycling, used oil, scrap metal, electronic wastes, leaf and yard waste collection and food residual collection.
- e) The Facility will accept materials from area residents and commercial haulers. The facility is open on Monday through Friday from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm and on Saturday from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm.
- f) Access control is provided by a locking gate on the access road.
- g) Based on the information in the application, the Program had determined that the Facility is capable of operating at a maximum operating capacity of 2,600 total tons of solid waste per year and 15 total tons of solid waste per day. The Operator will submit an application fee of \$825.00 which corresponds to an operating capacity of 1,100 total tons of solid waste per year and 15 total tons of solid waste per day. The facility will be certified at the maximum operating capacity 2,600 tons per year and 15 tons per day. However, the operating capacity at the time this certification is issued is limited to 1,100 tons per year and 15 tons per day until the additional application fees are submitted. The operating capacity is set forth in Appendix A, Material Acceptance and Storage Limitations.
- h) The Program will administratively increase the tonnage of solid waste to be managed by the facility up to the maximum operating capacity of 2,600 total tons of solid waste per year upon written request and submittal of additional application fees. No formal amendment or public process will be required. A request to increase the tonnage of solid waste beyond the maximum operating capacity will require an amendment of this certification in accordance with §6-305 of the Rules.
- i) The Closure Plan for the Facility is based on the removal of all solid wastes and recyclable materials. The estimated closure cost is \$10,781. The Secretary approved the closure plan on April 5, 2016.

- j) The Permittee(s) provided financial responsibility in the form of a Performance Bond in the amount of \$10,781.
- k) Pursuant to 10 V.S.A. §6605(c), the Secretary finds that the Facility is included in the Mad River Resource Management Alliance Solid Waste Implementation Plan, which was approved by the Secretary of the Agency of Natural Resources on July 25, 2016. The Secretary also finds that the Facility is in conformance with both the Central Vermont Regional Plan and the Waitsfield Town Plan, adopted pursuant to the requirements of 24 V.S.A. Chapter 117.
- l) Based on an evaluation of the information submitted by the Permittee(s), the Secretary has not found that:
 - 1) Casella Waste Management, Inc., or any person required to be listed on the disclosure statement pursuant to 10 V.S.A. §6605(b)(1), have been convicted of any of the disqualifying offenses set forth in that subdivision within the ten (10) years preceding the date of application; nor that
 - 2) Casella Waste Management, Inc., or any person required to be listed on the disclosure statement pursuant to 10 V.S.A. §6605f(b)(1) have committed more than one (1) violation of environmental statutes, rules, orders, certifications or permits issued by any jurisdiction, which have the potential to significantly harm the public health, public safety or the environment, giving due consideration to the size and scope of the applicant's business operations.
- m) A copy of the Application has been provided to the Town of Waitsfield, the Regional Planning Commission and the Mad River Resource Management Alliance, in accordance with the requirements of 10 V.S.A. §6605 (f).
- n) On April 5, 2016, the Program determined the Amendment Application to be administratively & technically complete.
- o) On **April 8, 2016** the Permittee provided notice of the draft certification pursuant to the requirements of Sections 6-305(b)(3) and 6-304(h)(1) of the Rules. The comment period ended on **April 23, 2016**.

CONDITIONS & REQUIREMENTS FOR CONSTRUCTION & OPERATION

1. The Permittee(s) shall construct, develop and operate the Facility in accordance with the terms of this Certification and with the applicable provisions of the State laws, including the Solid Waste Management Rules. Compliance with this Certification does not relieve the Permittee(s) from complying with all applicable Local, State or Federal Laws.

2. The following documents, submitted as part of the Application, are hereby incorporated by reference in this certification:

The March 16, 2016 Application for Amendment to the Certification of the Waitsfield Transfer Station due to ownership change submitted by Casella Waste Systems, Inc.

The March 2016 approved Facility Management Plan

Additions or alternation to the documents referenced above must be approved by the Agency prior to implementation. Material or substantial additions or alterations which justify the application of conditions, different or absent from the Certification will be cause for modification or amendment of this Certification.

Compliance Schedule

3. On or before January 31, 2016, January 31, 2018, January 31, 2020 and January 31, 2022, the Permittee(s) shall review the approved closure plan and closure cost estimates and shall submit documentation that provides that information required by §6-1006(a) – (c) if the Rules, consisting of either:
 - a. a report that certifies that the closure plan is consistent with current operations and regulations and either provides revised closure cost estimates or indicates that there have been no changes to the closure cost estimates; or
 - b. an application for modification or amendment to this Certification due to substantive changes to the Closure Plan.

Re-Certification

4. On or before June 30, 2023 the Permittee(s) shall either apply for re-certification of the Facility or submit a schedule for implementation of the closure plan.

Application Fees

5. The Operator shall submit to the Program the annual certification application fee equal to the operating capacity of 1,100 tons per year \$825.00 in accordance with 3 V.S.A. §2822. Subsequent annual application fees shall be submitted on or before December 31 each year during this certification. If the operator does not remit the required annual application fee, this certification will subject to revocation or suspension under §6-307 of the Rules.

Facility Operation

6. The Permittee(s) shall comply with all the facility operation standards, requirements and conditions specified in Subchapter 12 of the Rules, including but not limited to:
 - a. Practices and/or engineering controls pursuant to §6-1205(d) of the Rules with respect to preventing/controlling spills, nuisance dust, vectors, wind blown debris and odors; and
 - b. Practices that prevent the inclusion of hazardous wastes with the solid waste accepted by the facility, pursuant to §6-1205(e) of the Rules. Regulated hazardous wastes, include, but are not limited to, mercury containing bulbs and mercury added products that may be determined to be hazardous wastes from commercial sources, regardless of quantity. Hazardous waste produced by conditionally exempt and small quantity generators shall not be accepted as part of incoming solid waste at the facility. Hazardous wastes are identified or described by Chapter 2 of Vermont's Hazardous Waste Management Regulations. It is the responsibility of the Permittee(s) to ensure that all wastes disposed of as solid waste are non-hazardous.
7. The Permittee(s) shall maintain an up-to-date copy of this Certification and the Facility Management Plan, including all revisions, at the Facility in a location readily accessible to Facility personnel.
8. The Permittee(s) shall implement any or all of the approved contingency plan to ensure proper management of wastes or recyclable materials during planned and unplanned events when the facility is and is not in operation.

Materials Management

Solid Waste

9. All solid waste shall be transported to a certified treatment or disposal facility on a schedule adjusted to minimize odors from the waste.
10. All solid waste shall be stored in containers, except as otherwise specified herein for specific wastes. The Permittee(s) shall ensure that the facility is managed to minimize the possibility of an emission or discharge of contaminants from the containers.

Construction and Demolition Waste ("C&D waste")

11. All C&D waste shall be stored either in containers or in an enclosed or covered area.

Recyclable Materials

12. In accordance with §10 V.S.A 6605(j)(1), the permittee shall offer parallel collection of mandated recyclables at the facility.
13. Materials to be recycled, contaminated recyclable materials, and process residuals that may be dispersed by wind shall be stored inside buildings or other roofed structures, in box trailers, or other closed containers.

Lead Acid Batteries

14. All lead acid batteries shall be stored under cover on an impervious surface.
15. The Permittee(s) shall maintain at all times, a supply of absorbent materials and acid neutralizers sufficient to clean up a spill of up to 1 gallon of battery acid solution.
16. All batteries shall be transported off site in accordance with all applicable federal and state hazardous materials transport regulations.

Used Oil

17. The Permittee(s) shall manage used oil in accordance with Sub-Chapter 8 of the Vermont Hazardous Waste Management Regulations.

Tires

18. In accordance with the Facility Management Plan, tires will be stored in a roll-off box. No more than 50 tires may be stored uncovered at the facility at anytime.

Leaf and Yard Waste

19. In accordance with §10 V.S.A 6605(j)(2), the permittee shall offer parallel collection for leaf and yard waste at the facility. Leaf and yard wastes shall be managed at the facility in accordance with the facility management plan.

Food Residuals

20. In accordance with §10 V.S.A 6605(j)(3), the permittee is required to offer parallel collection for organics (food residuals) at the facility by July 1, 2017.
21. All food residuals and organics shall be transported to a certified or registered treatment facility on a schedule adjusted to control odors and vectors from the waste.
22. The Permittee shall store all food residuals in watertight, lidded containers. An adequate supply of wood shavings or saw dust shall be on hand to cover the food residuals to control vectors and odors.

Electronic Wastes

23. This facility is authorized to manage landfill banned electronic devices. Computers, computer monitors, computer peripherals, printers, and televisions shall be managed pursuant to the requirements of the Procedure for the Environmentally Sound Management of Electronic Waste for Collectors, Transporters, and Recycling Facilities. Specifically, Section 4. Standards for Collectors.

Please become familiar with this procedure which can be found at:

http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/e-waste/pdfs/Procedure_MgmtOfElecDevices.pdf

Universal Wastes

24. This facility is authorized to manage fluorescent bulbs as Universal Waste. All such materials shall be managed pursuant to the requirements in Sub-Chapter 9 of the Vermont Hazardous Materials Management Regulations.

HHW/CEG Collection Events

25. This facility is authorized to accept hazardous wastes from households (HHW) and hazardous waste from conditionally exempt generators (CEG) during scheduled collection events. Collection events shall be conducted pursuant to the requirements in 6-1206(d) of the Rules. The Facility shall submit the HHW/CEG Survey Form to the Solid Waste Management Program by January 15, of every certification year.

Other Wastes

26. Scrap metal shall be stored in a roll off container as described in the facility management plan. Scrap metal storage shall not exceed one year from the date of receipt. The maximum amount on-site shall not exceed 60 cubic yards.
27. Appliances may be stored uncovered on the ground until a qualified person, prior to further treatment of the appliances, has drained all refrigerants.

Record Keeping and Reporting

28. The Permittee(s) shall maintain all record pursuant to the requirements of §6-1209 of the Rules.
29. The Permittee(s) shall submit quarterly reports to the Program on or before **January 31, April 30, July 30** and **October 31** electronically on forms provided for this purpose by the Program.

30. Pursuant to 32 V.S.A. §5954(b), the Permittee(s) shall submit a copy of any tax return required to be filed with the Vermont Department of Taxes.

Closure Requirements

31. The Permittee(s) shall maintain financial responsibility equal to or greater than the closure cost estimates for the facility at all times pursuant to Sub-Chapter 9 of the Rules.
32. The Permittee(s) shall notify the Program within thirty (30) days after the date the final volume of waste is received at the Facility, pursuant to §6-1002(g) of the Rules.
33. The Permittee(s) shall close the Facility in accordance with the approved Facility Closure Plan.
34. The Permittee(s) shall provide certification of closure as part of the final closure of the Facility, pursuant to §6-1002(i)(1) and (2) of the Rules.

General Conditions

35. This Certification does not convey any property rights of any sort or any exclusive privilege, nor does it authorize any injury to private property or any invasion of personal rights.
36. This Certification is not alienable, transferable or assignable.
37. The Permittee(s) agree to allow Agency personnel access to the Facility during normal business hours to perform such inspections or other activities pursuant to 10 V.S.A. §6609 as may be required to ensure compliance with this Certification, with all applicable statutes and the Rules.
38. This Certification supersedes any and all previous authorizations issued to the Permittee(s) concerning the operation of the Facility.

Appeals

Any person aggrieved by this certification or permit may appeal to the Superior Court – Environmental Division within 30 days of the issuance of this permit in accordance with 10 V.S.A. Chapter 220 and the Vermont Rules Environmental Court Proceedings. If this certification or permit relates to a renewable energy plant for which a certificate of public good is required under 30 V.S.A. §248, any appeal must be filed within 30 days of the issuance with the Vermont Public Service Board in accordance with Board rules.

The Secretary's issuance of this Certification for the operation of this facility relies upon the data, judgment and other information supplied by the Permittee(s), the hired professional consultants and other experts who have participated in the preparation of the Application.

The Secretary makes no assurances that the facility certified herein will meet the performance objectives of the Permittee(s) and no warranties or guarantees are given or implied.

The Program staff has reviewed the Application, and has found that it conforms to current technical standards. It is recommended that the foregoing findings be made and this Certification be issued for the operation of the facility described herein.

I do affirmatively make the findings as recommended by the staff of the Program and approve the issuance of this Certification.

Dated this 26th day of July, 2016 at Montpelier, Vermont.

AGENCY OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Alyssa B. Schuren, Commissioner
Department of Environmental Conservation



By:

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Appendix A - Material Acceptance and Storage Limitations

Material Type	Amount Stored On-site (tons)	Amount Accepted per Day (tons)	Annual Amounts Accepted (tons)
Wastes Transferred for Incineration, Other Treatment or Disposal			
Solid Waste & C&D	60	15	1,100
Tires	50 units	---	1,200 units
Materials Accepted For Recycling			
Fibers and Containers	5,000	---	---
Appliances & Scrap Metal	60	60	---
Lead Acid Batteries	50 units	---	---
Electronic Waste	40 cubic yards	---	---
Used Oil	500 gallons	---	---
Organics			
Leaf and Yard Waste	40 cubic yards	---	---
Food Residuals	10 cubic yards	---	---