

# SWAC Solid Waste Facility Subcommittee – January 10, 2023



# Meeting Agenda

- Scope & Role of Workgroup
- Review Potential Issues to Discuss & Current Status
- Suggestions for Additional Issues to Discuss
- Prioritize Issues for Further Discussion



# Scope & Role of Workgroup

- Issues related to solid waste facility permitting, operations, and capacity
- Establish discussion forum and obtain stakeholder input on related MassDEP programs & policies





# Initial Discussion Topics

- Changes to MassDEP Reporting System for Compliance & Annual Reports
- Implementation of New Waste Bans
- Landfill Post-closure Monitoring & Maintenance
- PFAS Sampling & Response Approach for Landfills
- Waste Management Capacity Needs

# Reporting Changes

- For compliance reports & annual reports
- Reports uploaded via online portal
- <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/compliance-reports-upload-portal>
- <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/EEA/ComplianceReport/>



# Solid Waste Facility Waste Ban Requirements

- New waste bans effective November 1, 2022
  - Mattresses, textiles, food waste >1/2 ton/week
- Updated waste ban plans due August 1, 2022
  - If transfer station (not C&D) only required to submit certification form
  - <https://www.mass.gov/doc/presentation-waste-ban-webinar-for-municipal-transfer-station-operators-july-2022/download>
- Waste ban web pages updated, includes:
  - Solid waste facility guidance and sample forms
  - Third party inspection forms

# Unrecyclable Mattresses

- Contaminated mattresses not subject to waste ban
- Typically less than 5% of mattresses collected are unrecyclable
- Moldy, very wet, or bedbugs
- Certification form available at:  
[https://massgov.formstack.com/forms/contaminated\\_mattress](https://massgov.formstack.com/forms/contaminated_mattress)





# Landfill Post-Closure Care

- Will extend beyond initial 30 year post-closure period
- Need to establish framework for post 30 year requirements – either via policy or regulation
- MassDEP will not approve reductions of financial assurance mechanism (FAM) below 50% of original amount (pending further policy development)



# PFAS Sampling & Response @ Landfills

- Developing approach for establishing PFAS sampling & response requirements
- Have already begun at some landfills where existing concerns with PFAS contamination
- Will have more information on planned approach shortly

# Waste Management Capacity Needs

- Recognize in-state and regional capacity shortfalls
- Solid Waste Master Plan approach to maximize diversion to minimize capacity need
- MassDEP also open to permitting other in-state management capacity





# Next Steps & More Information

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