

SWAC Solid Waste Facility Subcommittee Update

January 26, 2023



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
- First meeting held on January 10, 2023

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/>

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

- Plan to advance regulation revisions in Spring 2023
- Priority discussion topics will be those that may require regulation changes
 - Landfill post closure care
 - Soils management at solid waste facilities

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