ON SITE TRAFFIC SAFETY

There have been a couple of accidents on site over the past few months and we’ve received complaints that some drivers are failing to obey traffic signs and speed limits on site.

As part of our response, on March 25, 2013, we began increased scrutiny of on-site safe vehicle practices. Activities being monitored include stopping at stop signs, obeying speed limits, safe spacing at the working face, and correct vehicle speed entering and exiting the scale area. We will be sending written notices to drivers and/or owners of observations of non-compliance. We have confirmed our commitment to on-site safety by notifying our employees in a separate notice that their compliance with traffic and safety guidelines is required and will be monitored as well.

If you witness an unsafe act, please prepare a written signed report and submit it to Ellen Montis. Make sure your report includes the date and time of your observation along with the details of the incident that you witnessed. The information that you provide will be reviewed with the driver, the owner of the company, and/or the employee of the County.

We don’t want to over-complicate the obvious, which is the importance of safety in and around moving equipment and trucks in order to prevent damage or injuries. We appreciate your business and are certain that together we can achieve our mutual goals of safe site operation so that we can all enjoy the benefits of our respective business.

WASTE TRANSPORTATION REGULATIONS

Rules that we ask our customers to obey when on site are in place mainly for one of the following reasons: (a) safety; (b) DEP regulations; (c) DEP permit conditions.

When a customer is observed who is not in compliance with any of the site rules, we address the infraction with the driver of the vehicle and, if necessary, with the owner of the hauling company.

As a reminder, below are some of the Department of Environmental Protection’s Waste Transportation regulations that are particularly relevant to how waste is contained while in transit or received or handled at the landfill:

285.211(a) & 299.211(a) Municipal (and/or residual) waste shall be completely covered during transportation and parking with a cover that meets the following requirements. The cover shall:
(1) Be water resistant.
(2) Be securely fastened
(3) Eliminate the potential for roadside littering, dust, leakage, discharge, attraction or harboring of vectors, or other nuisances.

285.213(c) & 299.213(c) Equipment used to transport municipal (residual) waste shall be...maintained by the operator to ensure that there is no release or leakage of waste during transportation.

285.214(a) & 299.214 Transportation equipment areas shall meet the following requirements:
(1) Drainage from equipment cleaning areas shall be managed to prevent surface water or groundwater pollution (this is why we request that you turn and clean out your containers only on lined areas of the landfill).

Thanks for your cooperation with our on-site safety and regulatory rules. Everyone’s cooperation makes the site a better place for all of us to work!
**Great American Cleanup of PA!**

Once again, this spring Pennsylvanians’ across the state will join others across the nation by participating in the *Great American Cleanup*. Saturday April 21 to Monday, May 7, 2012 have been established as “*Pick It Up PA Days*”. This event allows organizations to register to cleanup an area in their neighborhood. For more information or to find a registered event, visit the website at: [www.gacofpa.org](http://www.gacofpa.org)

To encourage participation in this effort, DEP, Brady Township, and the Lycoming County Commissioners have granted a *waiver of all disposal* fees for waste collected from registered events delivered to the landfill* during the designated time frame (4/20/13—5/7/13)

To qualify for the free disposal, a *Great American Cleanup PA! registration number* must be presented to the weighmaster upon arrival at the landfill.

*Please note that disposal and processing fees are not waived for white goods and tires.*

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**Update on Single-Stream Recycling**

As we announced in February, we are in the process of preparing our regional recycling facility to accept and process single stream recyclable materials. We began receiving single-stream loads on February 20th. Since that date, we have received loads on a regular basis from local participating hauling customers.

A request for proposals for equipment has gone out and bids are to be received by 4/19/13. The award will be made within a couple weeks of the 4/23/13 opening date. After the award there will be a 6—7 month build time followed by an approximate 2 month installation before final modifications to the facility are complete.

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**Help Us Keep You Informed**

At times we would like to communicate information to as many of our customers as possible as quickly as possible—times like during last 2011’s flood event. The internet and email are great tools to use in situations like this.

If you have your email address, we can contact you in case of emergencies or just to keep you up to date on happenings at the landfill or transfer station. It can be a company email or a personal email address, but it should be one that you check often.

To stay up-to-date, contact Ellen Montis with your email information. Ellen can be reached at (800)326-9571 or by email at ellen.montis@lcrms.com

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**Happy Spring!**