

Customer Newsletter

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Landfill Expansion Construction to Begin this Spring

Last May, the landfill received a permit from DEP to expand the landfill. The permit allows for the construction of two additional fields: Fields 11 and 12. The expansion will extend the life of the landfill to about 2025. Field 11 is planned to be approximately 14 acres and will run along the existing entry road and up onto the existing south face of the landfill. Construction to relocate the landfill access road was completed last year in order to make room for Field 11.

After a competitive bid process and review of the bids submitted by 10 companies, the contract for the work was awarded on January 27th to Ivyland, PA-based KC Construction Co. Construction is set to begin this spring and will be complete in approximately 4 months. DEP has to approve the construction prior to use, but we anticipate beginning the placement of select waste in the new field by the end of this year.



REGIONAL WASTE PLANNING NEWS

Regional joint-county solid waste planning is well underway.

As a reminder, the primary purposes of a solid waste plan are to:

1. *Ensure sufficient processing and disposal capacity for at least **10 years**.*
2. *Ensure a full, fair and **open discussion** of alternative methods of processing or disposal.*
3. *Ensure maximum feasible waste reduction and recycling.*

Five stakeholder groups were formed representing Municipal Officials, Citizens, Business & Industry, Haulers, Recycling. Three rounds of stakeholder meetings and a Recycling Subcommittee meeting have taken place. Information from each group was brought back to a Steering Committee, which is made up of county planners, the planning consultants, and a representative from each Stakeholder Group.

A Draft plan is being written and is scheduled for release to the Stakeholder groups for review and discussion February 8th, 9th, and 10th. Comments from those

meetings will be considered, the plan revised for review and discussion by the Steering Committee at a meeting scheduled for March 15th. The final plan will be submitted to DEP for their review and for public review sometime after that.

Information regarding the Regional 5-county Solid Waste Plan can be found at: <http://www.lrkimball.com/lycoming-county-regional-waste-plan.aspx>

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2010 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

(LANDFILL CLOSED)

- ◆ *Memorial Day: Monday, May 30, 2011*
- ◆ *Independence Day: Monday, July 4, 2011*
- ◆ *Labor Day, Monday, September 5, 2011*
- ◆ *Thanksgiving: Thursday, November 24, 2011*
- ◆ *Christmas: Monday, December 26, 2011*

USDOT Number Now Required for Intrastate Commerce

Late in 2010 it became mandatory that all Pennsylvania motor carriers engage in intrastate commerce must obtain a U.S. Department of Transportation number and display it and their business name on both sides of their vehicles. This requirement applies to any vehicle involved in intrastate commerce with a registered GVW over 17,000 pounds or over 10,000 pounds if the vehicle is crossing state line.

Previously this applied only to trucking firms engaged in interstate commerce. A new rule enacted earlier in the year provides for a uniform numbering

system, which will be used to identify unsafe carriers with serious safety violations discovered during roadside inspections or following truck crashes.

The goal of the new requirement was stated as improving motor carrier and driver safety. Once identified, unsafe motor carriers will be notified of their deficiencies and may undergo a review of their operations aimed at bringing them into compliance with laws and regulations.

Carriers can obtain a USDOT number by visiting www.fmcsa.dot.gov and completing the registration process. There is no cost for obtaining a USDOT number.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: COMPUTER RECYCLING

Effective January 23, 2011 Act 108—The Covered Device Recycling Act will ban the disposal of “covered devices” (applicable computers and televisions) in municipal waste landfills. **The disposal bans will be effective January 23, 2013.**

The following devices ARE covered by the act and will be banned from disposal : desktop or notebook computer or computer monitor marketed and intended for use by a consumer; any direct view or projection television with a viewable screen of 4 inches or larger whose display is based on cathode ray tube, plasma, LCD, LED or similar technology marketed and intended for use by a consumer for personal purposes. Mobile telephones are NOT covered.

Among other requirements, this legislation mandates that manufacturers of computers offered for sale in Pennsylvania shall develop plans to collect, transport, and recycle covered devices.

This is brand new legislation. There are still a lot of unknowns. DEP will be developing implementation plans and offering information sessions throughout the Commonwealth in the near future. We'll keep you informed as information becomes available.

CHANGES AT THE RECYCLING CENTER

Before long, you will be seeing some changes in the way that cardboard is processed at the Lycoming County Recycling Center. Currently loads of cardboard are dumped, sorted, and loaded into the baler in one area (*see photo at right*). When a truck is dumping a load, no sorting or baling can be done. Not only is it a very congested area, but it also very inefficient and unsafe for all parties involved. This is about to change.

A system has been designed that includes a belt conveyor system with a sort mezzanine. The existing baler will be relocated to another area in the center; loads will continue to be dumped in the current location. Material will be loaded onto a conveyer system that will deliver it to a sort line where junk mail (which can and will be recycled), chip board, corrugated cardboard, and trash will be sorted for processing or disposal. These changes will make turn around times for trucks shorter and processing more efficient. It also means that *once installation is complete* the Recycling Center *will be able* to accept and process **commingled loads of the three types of fiber materials.**

Requests for bids for the equipment will be going out in February. Larson Design Group of Williamsport is assisting with some of the required permits and final engineering. The system will be built by LCRMS personnel. At this time staff hopes to have the construction completed and the new system operational by the middle of the year.

LOOK FOR MORE RECYCLING NEWS LATER THIS YEAR!

