

Follow-Up to April 22nd, 2021 Environmental Justice Meeting regarding proposed permit modification of Waste Connections 50th Street Transfer Station

Meeting Participants –

In order to assist you in providing formal comments to NYSDEC during the public comment period that ends on May 22, 2021, Waste Connections is providing you with the locations in the repository where materials asked about in the meeting can be found and have added certain other items asked for during the meeting in response to your inquiries. Below you will find details on where information can be found.

Please note that while Waste Connections will be providing a summary to NYSDEC of the discussion held during the EJ meeting as part of the completion report for the Public Participation Plan, it is recommended that you also provide formal comments to NYSDEC prior to the end of the public comment period, May 22, 2021.

Please send comments on the application to:

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Thank you,

Waste Connections

Request:

Clarification question: is the tonnage not changing from the 1075 tons it currently stand at or is it just not surpassing the 2000 limit?

Response:

The tonnage (or throughput) is not changing. It will remain at 1,075 tons per day. Waste Connections is requesting a permit modification that will allow it to accept a combination of PSW and C&D not to exceed 1,075 tons per day.

Refer to the Section 3.1 of the 50th St. Engineering Report Amendment and Section 3.1 of the 50th St. Facility Manual Amendment located on our website at www.wasteconnectionsny.com/resources.

Request:

The 2018 Waste Equity Law prevents community districts from handling any more than 10% of City's waste - Community District #7 (home to Sunset Park) is near the 10%, threshold and therefore should not accept any more waste handling capacity - certainly not additional, new C & D material

Response:

The facility location, 110 50th Street, is not located in an "impacted community district" as defined in Local Law 152 of 2018.

Request:

Leachate Collection, please explain for us civilians.

Response:

Leachate refers to liquid generated from rainfall or water that is filtered through the Putrescible Solid Waste to a leachate collection system. The Facility's leachate collection system's job is to direct the leachate to collection trenches, sumps and an oil-water separator so it can be properly discharged into the New York City Department of Environmental Protection ("NYCDEP") combined sewer system. Waste Connections maintains an industrial discharge permit from the NYCDEP.

Refer to the Section 3.5.5 of the 50th St. Engineering Report Amendment and Section 4.4.4 of the 50th St. Facility Manual Amendment located on our website at www.wasteconnectionsny.com/resources.

Request:

Specs on vehicles your company uses + what are the specific routes into + away from the facility?

Response:

The facility currently utilizes and will continue to utilize the following mobile equipment to handle PSW and C&D Debris:

- (2) Caterpillar Wheel Loaders (Model 966H);
- (1) Caterpillar Wheel Loader (Model 962G);
- (1) Bobcat Skid Steer Loader (Model S630);
- (1) Caterpillar Skid Steer Loader (Model 262D).

All truck traffic entering and leaving the site are to use only authorized New York City Department of Transportation ("NYC DOT") truck traffic routes. More information on New York City Truck Routes can be found on the NYC DOT's website at:

<https://www1.nyc.gov/html/dot/html/motorist/truckrouting.shtml>.

Waste Connections has prepared a Transportation Plan that details the authorized truck routes that Tipping Vehicles (*transporting solid waste or other material into the Facility*) and Transfer

Trailers (*transporting solid waste of other material out of the Facility*) utilize. This Plan has been tentatively approved by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. This Plan is included as Appendix I of the 50th St. Facility Manual Amendment located on our website at www.wasteconnectionsny.com/resources.

To the extent possible, Waste Connections implements active management of Facility traffic to reduce the potential need for Tipping Vehicle and Transfer Trailer queuing and promote efficient operations. Elements of this management include:

- Scheduling the arrival and departure of Tipping Vehicles and Transfer Trailers to minimize vehicular trips per hour by taking advantage of the permitted, 24 hour operating schedule;
- Utilizing off-peak hours to schedule the delivery of maintenance/operations equipment and materials and the export of recovered recyclable materials;
- As necessary, assign a traffic manager to control traffic on 1st Avenue and 50th Street to ensure queuing only occurs in the areas described above.

For information on mobile equipment used at the Facility refer to the Section 5.10 of the 50th St. Engineering Report Amendment and Section 4.9 of the Addendum to the Facility Manual Amended July 2020 Amendment located on our website at www.wasteconnectionsny.com/resources.

Requests:

What happens if a storm appears out of nowhere? What is the protocol then?

Where can the public find the facility's detailed emergency and extreme weather mitigation plans

Where are these protocols, in writing?

Response:

Waste Connections has developed a Contingency Plan that is part of the Facility Manual. The plan includes procedures that will be followed during severe weather such as snow, sleet, hail, wind and extreme heat or cold. In the event of a major impending hurricane, the transfer station will cease operations and not accept any inbound material. All outbound material that is being stored will be removed regardless of quantity of material.

Refer to Section 8.0 of the 50th St. Engineering Report Amendment and Sections 10.6, 10.7 and 10.8 of the 50th St. Facility Manual Amendment located on our website at www.wasteconnectionsny.com/resources.

Request:

The question was specifically about traffic and truck modeling and analysis. how and when was your traffic and truck analysis conducted? Was the scope Brooklyn-wide or for Sunset Park?

Response:

Appendix G of the Engineering Report presents the Traffic and Environmental Analysis in accordance with the City Environmental Quality Review. This study is based upon 1,075 TPD of PSW. Since the density of C&D Debris is greater than PSW, traffic will not change from what is currently permitted.

Refer to Appendix G of the 50th St. Engineering Report Amendment located on our website at www.wasteconnectionsny.com/resources.

Request:

Was the outreach done in multiple languages? Let it be noted for the record that the community outreach and engagement that the company reported is completely inadequate both in scope and content for our community.

All public outreach (written/voice) in Sunset Park must be in Spanish, Mandarin + Arabic, at minimum, as well as with much longer lead times.

Response:

The notice for the meeting and the fact sheet were published in English and Spanish. We have translated the fact sheet into Chinese and Arabic and they are available in the repository located at www.wasteconnectionsny.com/resources.

This document is also available in the repository located at www.wasteconnectionsny.com/resources.