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**Land Protection Branch**

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12/08/2020

Honorable Pete Stephens, Chairman  
Decatur County Board of Commissioners  
P.O. Box 726  
Bainbridge, GA 39818

Re: Horizontal and Vertical Expansion  
Decatur County Solid Waste Facility C&D Site #2  
Decatur County – Permit Number 043-011D (MSWL)

Dear Commissioner Stephens:

Your application for a Major Modification to your Solid Waste Handling Permit, including the necessary supplemental data for your operation, has been reviewed and approved.

Your permit, No. 043-011D (MSWL), is attached and includes conditions and limitations for your operation.

Personnel of the Environmental Protection Division will make periodic inspections of your operations. These inspections will be discussed with you or your personnel.

This permit is now in effect; however, under Georgia Law it is subject to appeal for thirty (30) days following issuance and is subject to modification or possible vacation if appealed. Should an appeal be received within the thirty (30) day appeals period, you will be immediately notified and further construction or operation under this permit may not be undertaken until such time as the appeals process is concluded.

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Keith Stevens at (404) 362-2539 or via e-mail at [Keith.Stevens@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:Keith.Stevens@dnr.ga.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Cook".

William Cook  
Manager  
Solid Waste Management Program

cc: Alan Thomas, Decatur County Administrator  
EPD Southwest District Office  
Michael Biers, IES  
John Sayer, EPD  
Keith Stevens, EPD

PERMIT NO.: 043-011D(MSWL)

ISSUANCE DATE: 12/08/2020



# GEORGIA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION

**LAND PROTECTION BRANCH**

**Solid Waste Handling Permit**

Permittee Name: **Decatur County Board of Commissioners**

Facility Address: **Post Office Box 726  
Bainbridge, Georgia 39818**

In accordance with the provisions of the Georgia Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act, and the Rules promulgated pursuant thereto, this permit is issued for the following operation:

**Decatur County – US Highway 27 Municipal Solid Waste Landfill, located approximately 5 miles south of Attapulgus, Georgia on U.S. Highway 27 in southeastern Decatur County (Latitude 30°43'5.36", Longitude 84°24'30.8").**

This permit is conditioned upon the permittee complying with the attached conditions of operation, which are hereby made a part of this permit.

All statements and supporting data submitted to the Environmental Protection Division of the Department of Natural Resources have been evaluated, considered and relied upon in the issuance of this permit.

This permit is now in effect; however, under Georgia law it is subject to appeal for 30 days following issuance, and is subject to modification or revocation on evidence of noncompliance with any provision of the Act or of the Rules promulgated pursuant thereto; or with any representation made in the above mentioned application or the statements and supporting data entered therein or attached thereto; or with any condition of this permit.



Richard E. Dunn, Director  
Environmental Protection Division

**Conditions for Permit 043-011D (MSWL) (Page 1 of 6):**

1. All previous solid waste handling permits and permit modifications are hereby superseded.
2. The Design and Operational Plan submitted by the Permittee and approved by the Division on July 14, 2020 for this facility is hereby made a part of this permit and the facility shall be operated in accordance with the Plan. Conditions of this permit supersede any provisions of the plan which may conflict.

**Conditions for Municipal Solid Waste Landfill**

1. The disposal facility shall be operated on only under the direct supervision of an operator duly certified in accordance with Rule 391-3-4-.18.
2. Solid waste unloading shall be restricted to the working face of the operation in such a manner that waste may be easily incorporated into the landfill with available equipment.
3. A uniform compacted layer of clean earth cover at least six (6) inches in depth shall be placed over all exposed solid waste by the end of each day's operation, or more frequently as may be determined by the Division. In no case shall waste be left uncovered for more than 24 hours.
4. A uniform compacted layer of clean earth cover not less than one (1) foot in depth shall be placed over each portion of any intermediate lift following completion of that lift.
5. A uniform compacted layer of clean earth cover not less than two (2) feet in depth shall be placed over the final lift no later than one month following the establishment of final grades. The final cover shall be consistent with the final cover system delineated in the approved facility Design and Operational Plan.
6. All-weather access roads shall be provided to the disposal facility and provisions shall be made for prompt equipment repair or replacement when needed.
7. Access to the landfill shall be limited to authorized entrances, which shall be closed when the facility is not in operation.
8. Signs shall be posted at the entrance to the facility stating the days and hours of operation and the type of material accepted for disposal.
9. The facility shall be graded and drained to minimize runoff onto the landfill surface, to prevent erosion, and to drain water from the surface of the landfill.
10. Site survey control shall be provided and maintained to ensure compliance with the approved Design and Operational Plan.

**Conditions for Permit 043-011D (MSWL) (Page 2 of 6):**

11. Erosion and sediment control devices shall be installed and maintained as necessary to control all surface water runoff from disturbed areas.
12. Operations shall be conducted at all times in such a manner as to prevent air, land, and water pollution and to prevent public health hazards.
13. Scattering of wastes by wind shall be controlled by fencing or other barriers, and the entire facility shall be policed daily.
14. Regulated quantities of hazardous waste shall not be disposed of at this facility.
15. Suitable measures to control fires that may start shall be provided. Stockpiled soil is considered to be the most satisfactory firefighting material.
16. The Permittee shall fully satisfy all applicable financial responsibility requirements for closure and post-closure care in accordance with Solid Waste Rule 391-3-4-.13. If a funded trust is used to satisfy financial responsibility requirements for this site, at no point shall the area of the disposal facility that has received waste and has not been closed exceed that area which could be properly closed using the funds available in the trust. The pay in period for annual trust fund payments shall be the lesser of the remaining design life of the facility or remaining capacity, as reported in accordance with Solid Waste Rule 391-3-4-.17.
17. The landfill shall be closed in accordance with Rule 391-3-4-.11 and the closure plan included in the approved Design and Operation Plan.
18. A minimum 50-foot undisturbed buffer shall be maintained between the waste disposal area and all wetlands, as defined by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, unless evidence is provided to the Director by the Permittee that the use of wetlands has been permitted under all applicable state and federal laws and rules. The owner or operator must also place a demonstration of compliance in the operating record and notify the Director that it has been placed in the operating record.
19. The Permittee shall compile and submit quarterly reports of all solid waste disposed at the facility no later than the 30th day after the beginning of each calendar quarter in accordance with Solid Waste Rule 391-3-4-.17(1).
20. Prior to receipt of waste, the Division shall be provided with written certification, by a professional engineer licensed to practice in Georgia, that a newly constructed cell or phase has been completed in accordance with the permit. Unless notified by the Division within 15 days of receipt by the Division of the written certification, the facility owner or operator may commence disposal of solid waste.
21. The Permittee shall record and retain in the operating records at or near the facility the record keeping requirements of Solid Waste Rule 391-3-4-.07(3)(u).

**Conditions for Permit 043-011D (MSWL) (Page 3 of 6):**

22. In accordance with O.C.G.A. 12-8-39(a) and (b), the Permittee shall provide a mechanism to collect a cost reimbursement fee upon each ton or the volume equivalent of a ton of waste received at the disposal facility regardless of its source. The cost reimbursement fee shall be paid into a local restricted account and shall be used for solid waste management purposes only.
23. In accordance with O.C.G.A. 12-8-39(e), the Permittee shall assess and collect on behalf of the EPD from each disposer of waste a surcharge per ton of solid waste disposed. Surcharges assessed and collected shall be due to the Environmental Protection Division on the first day of July of each year.
24. The Permittee shall comply with all other applicable state and local laws, rules, and ordinances.

**Conditions for Permit 043-011D (MSWL) (Page 4 of 6):**

**Conditions for C&D Landfill**

1. The disposal facility shall be operated on only under the direct supervision of an operator duly certified in accordance with Rule 391-3-4-.18.
2. Solid waste unloading shall be restricted to the working face of the operation in such a manner that waste may be easily incorporated into the landfill with available equipment.
3. No putrescible wastes shall be disposed of at this facility. Only construction/demolition waste, inert waste, and yard trimmings may be accepted at the facility. Regulated quantities of hazardous wastes shall not be accepted.
4. A uniform compacted layer of clean earth cover no less than one (1) foot in depth shall be placed over all exposed construction and demolition waste material at least monthly. Should the waste disposed be found to cause odors or be attractive to disease vectors or birds then daily cover shall be applied in accordance with rule 391-3-4-.07(3)(e).
5. A minimum 50-foot undisturbed buffer shall be maintained between the waste disposal area and all wetlands, as defined by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, unless evidence is provided to the Director by the Permittee that the use of wetlands has been permitted under all applicable state and federal laws and rules. The owner or operator must also place a demonstration of compliance in the operating record and notify the Director that it has been placed in the operating record.
6. A uniform compacted layer of clean earth cover not less than two (2) feet in depth shall be placed over the final lift no later than one month following the establishment of final grades. The final cover shall be consistent with the final cover system delineated in the approved facility Design and Operational Plan.
7. All-weather access roads shall be provided to the disposal facility and provisions shall be made for prompt equipment repair or replacement when needed.
8. Access to the landfill shall be limited to authorized entrances, which shall be closed when the facility is not in operation.
9. Signs shall be posted at the entrance to the facility stating the days and hours of operation and the type of material accepted for disposal.
10. The facility shall be graded and drained to minimize runoff onto the landfill surface, to prevent erosion, and to drain water from the surface of the landfill.
11. Site survey control shall be provided and maintained to ensure compliance with the approved Design and Operational Plan.

**Conditions for Permit 043-011D (MSWL) (Page 5 of 6):**

12. Erosion and sediment control devices shall be installed and maintained as necessary to control all surface water runoff from disturbed areas.
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14. Scattering of wastes by wind shall be controlled by fencing or other barriers, and the entire facility shall be policed daily.
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