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**RE: Hall County – GVAR C&D Landfill & Composting Facility
Transfer of Solid Waste Handling Permit from GVAR, LLC to
Waste Eliminator, LLC
Solid Waste Handling Permit No. 069-017D(C&D)
GEOS Submittal ID No. 764243**

Dear Mr. Cronan:

Your request to transfer Solid Waste Handling Permit 069-017D(C&D) from GVAR, LLC (Current Permit Holder) to Waste Eliminator, LLC (Proposed Permit Holder) has been reviewed and approved.

Permit No. 069-017D(C&D) is attached and includes conditions and limitations for your operation. Personnel of the Environmental Protection Division will continue to make periodic inspections of your operations. These inspections will be discussed with you or your designated representative.

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Keith Stevens at (470) 251-2515 or Keith.Stevens@dnr.ga.gov.

Sincerely,

William Cook
Program Manager
Solid Waste Management Program

Enclosures: Permit

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PERMIT NO.: 069-017D(C&D)
MAJOR MODIFICATION No. 2
ISSUANCE DATE: May 17, 2013



GEORGIA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
LAND PROTECTION BRANCH
Solid Waste Handling Permit

Permittee Name: **Waste Eliminator, LLC**

Permittee Address: **514 Main St. SW
Gainesville, Georgia 30501**

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:

Gainesville Waste and Recycling (GWAR) Construction and Demolition Landfill and Compost Facility, located in Hall County at 1602 Athens Highway (US 129 / GA 11), approximately ¾ of a mile east of US Interstate 985 in Gainesville, Georgia (Latitude 34° 16'35", Longitude 83° 47'35").

This Permit is conditioned upon the Permittee complying with the attached Conditions of Operations, which are hereby made a part of this Permit.

All statements in the application and supporting evidence, information, and 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: (i) with any provision of the Act or of the Rules promulgated pursuant thereto; or (ii) with any representation made in the above mentioned application or the statements and supporting data entered therein or attached thereto; or (iii) with any condition of this Permit.



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Environmental Protection Division

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Issued to: **Gainesville Waste and Recycling (GWAR)**
Construction and Demolition Landfill

Date: 05/17/2013

Conditions for the Construction/Demolition (C&D) Waste Disposal Facility (Facility):

1. The Design and Operational (D&O) Plan submitted by the permittee and approved by the Division for this Facility on **May 13, 2013** 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. The *Georgia Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act* (Act) and *Georgia's Rules for Solid Waste Management* (Rules) shall govern where any part or parts of the D&O Plan conflict with or are less stringent than the Rules or the Act, unless the Director of the Division has granted a variance specifically approving the conflicting part of the D&O Plan.
2. The Facility must excavate all pre-existing waste within the permitted landfill footprint and within landfill buffers, according to the procedures detailed in the Facility Waste Excavation Plan that is included in the D&O Plan.
3. A groundwater contamination assessment investigation shall be designed and completed under the direction of a qualified professional geologist registered to practice in the State of Georgia. The investigation shall be conducted to determine the presence and extent of groundwater contamination, if any, which may be associated with existing waste at the site. A report documenting the results of the groundwater contamination assessment investigation shall be submitted to EPD upon its completion.
4. Any groundwater contamination identified during the groundwater contamination assessment shall be addressed in a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) prepared by a qualified professional geologist or engineer registered to practice in the State of Georgia. The CAP shall be incorporated as a minor modification to the D&O Plan.
5. The permittee is responsible for any contamination discovered by waste excavation or environmental monitoring, regardless of whether the contamination source is from pre-existing waste at the Facility or from C&D waste taken subsequent to this Facility becoming operational.
6. The solid waste handling Facility shall neither accept, nor dispose of hazardous waste or putrescible waste.
7. The solid waste handling Facility shall accept for disposal only construction and demolition wastes as defined in the Rules for Solid Waste Management.
8. The solid waste handling Facility shall be operated only under the direct supervision of an operator duly certified in accordance with the Rules Section 391-3-4-.18.
9. At the working face of an active waste excavation site, a uniform compacted layer of clean earth cover at least six (6) inches in depth, or an approved alternate cover, shall be placed over all exposed solid waste by the end of each day's operation, or more frequently as may be deemed necessary by the Division. In no case shall solid waste be left uncovered for more than 24 hours.

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10. In C&D cells, a uniform compacted layer of clean earth cover at least one (1) foot in depth shall be placed over all exposed solid waste at least every 30 days, or more frequently as may be determined by the Division. In no case shall waste be left uncovered for more than 30 days.
11. 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.
12. A uniform compacted layer of clean earth cover not less than two (2) feet in depth shall be placed over the final lift not later than one month following placement of solid waste within that lift.
13. Solid waste unloading shall be restricted to the working face in such a manner that waste may be easily incorporated into the solid waste handling Facility with available equipment.
14. Solid waste shall be spread and compacted to its smallest practical volume before covering with earth.
15. If during construction or excavation of the site any springs or seeps are discovered, EPD shall be notified immediately and protective designs shall be incorporated into the Facility's D&O Plan, such that the spring or seep can be integrated into the Facility's groundwater monitoring system.
16. All-weather access roads shall be provided to the solid waste handling Facility and provisions shall be made for prompt equipment repair or replacement when needed.
17. A gate or other barrier shall be maintained at potential vehicular access points to block unauthorized access when the solid waste handling Facility is not in operation, and fences or other suitable barriers shall also be maintained around the site to prevent unauthorized access.
18. The disposal Facility shall be graded and drained to minimize run-off onto waste disposal areas, prevent erosion, and drain water from its surface.
19. Scattering of waste by wind shall be controlled by fencing or other barriers, and the entire Facility shall be inspected daily, and all litter removed.
20. Suitable measures to control fires that may start shall be provided. Stockpiled soil is considered to be the most satisfactory firefighting material.
21. All erosion control and sedimentation control best management practices proposed for the solid waste handling Facility shall conform to the Erosion and Sediment Control Act and Rules and be protective of ground and surface water.
22. The solid waste handling Facility shall be operated in such a manner as to prevent air, water, or land pollution as well as public health hazards or nuisances at all times.

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23. The solid waste handling Facility shall not be located in wetlands, as defined by the United States Corps of Engineers, unless evidence is provided to the Director, by the applicant, that use of the wetlands has been permitted or otherwise authorized under all applicable state and federal laws and rules. The owner or operator must place a demonstration of compliance in the operating record and notify the Director that it has been placed in the operating record.
24. 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 solid waste received at the disposal Facility regardless of its source. A minimum of \$1.00 per ton or volume equivalent of the cost reimbursement fee shall be paid into a local restricted account and shall be used for solid waste management purposes only.
25. In accordance with O.C.G.A. 12-8-39(e), the permittee shall assess and collect, on behalf of the Division, from each disposer of waste a surcharge per ton of solid waste disposed. Surcharges assessed and collected shall be due to the Division on the first day of July of each year.
26. 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).
27. The permittee shall comply with the following reporting requirements:
 - a) 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 Rule 391-3-4-.17(1).
 - b) The permittee shall report on July 1 of each year the remaining capacity of the Facility, the rate of filling, and the estimated completion date of the Facility, in accordance with Rule 391-3-4-.17(3).
28. Prior to a cell's construction, the Division shall be provided with written certification from a professional engineer licensed to practice in Georgia, that the cell construction area has been found cleared of pre-existing waste. Prior to receipt of waste in that cell, the Division shall be provided with written certification from a professional engineer licensed to practice in Georgia, that the Facility has been constructed 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.
29. Construction and fill of Cell 2 shall follow the sequence shown on Sheets 14 and 14A of the Design and Operational (D&O) approved by the Division for this Facility on May 13, 2013. Prior to receipt of waste in any sub-cell of Cell 2, the Division shall be provided with written certification from a professional engineer licensed to practice in Georgia, that includes an as-built plan demonstrating that Cell 2 construction and operation is following the approved sequence, and the cell or subcell has been constructed 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. During operation of Cell 2, no waste shall be placed in standing water.

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30. The solid waste handling Facility shall be closed in accordance with Rule 391-3-4-.11 and the closure plan included in the approved D&O Plan.
31. Before any waste is placed in the Facility, the permittee shall fully satisfy all applicable financial responsibility requirements for closure and post-closure care in accordance with Rule 391-3-4-13. The permittee shall thereafter maintain compliance with all requirements of this section of the Rules. If a funded trust is used to satisfy the 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.
32. This permit shall become null and void if construction of the permitted solid waste handling Facility has not commenced within one year from the effective date and if the disposal operation has not commenced within two years from the effective date, unless extended by the Director.

Conditions for Composting Processing Facility:

1. The Design and Operational Plan approved by the Environmental Protection Division for this Facility on **May 13, 2013** is hereby made a part of this permit and this Facility shall be operated in accordance with the approved plan. Conditions of this permit supersede any provisions of the plan, which may conflict.
2. Prior to receipt of waste, a professional engineer licensed to practice in Georgia shall provide the Division with written certification that the Facility has been constructed in accordance with the permit.
3. Operation and management of waste composting shall be under the supervision and control of a responsible individual properly trained in the operation of such processes at all times during operation.
4. All loading and unloading of waste shall be confined to areas as shown in the Design and Operational Plan. Litter, liquid runoff, vectors, dust, and odors must be controlled.
5. The Facility may only accept and process waste as described in the approved Design and Operational Plan.
6. Operations shall be conducted at all times in such a manner as to prevent air, water, and land pollution as well as public health hazards and nuisances.
7. Equipment for fire control shall be available in proper working condition near the designated composting areas at all times.
8. No waste may be buried at the Facility as part of the composting operation.
9. No regulated quantities of hazardous waste shall be stored, received, or processed at this Facility.

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10. Rodents, insects, and other such pests shall be controlled.
11. Access shall be limited to authorized entrances that shall be closed when the Facility is not in operation.
12. Signs shall be posted at the entrance to the Facility stating the days and hours of operation and the type of material accepted for composting.
13. All erosion control measures and/or diversion ditches shall conform to the Erosion and Sediment Control Act and be protective of ground and surface water.
14. The solid waste handling Facility shall not be located within fifty (50) feet of wetlands, as defined by the U.S. Corps of Engineers, unless the applicant provides evidence to the Director, that use of the wetlands has been permitted or otherwise authorized under all applicable state and federal laws and rules. The owner or operator must place a demonstration of compliance in the operating record and notify the Director that it has been placed in the operating record.
15. The Facility shall not restrict the flow of the 100-year flood, reduce the temporary water storage capacity of the floodplain, or result in a washout of solid waste or material so as to pose a hazard to human health and the environment.
16. Records documenting compliance with the Rules for Solid Waste Management shall be kept for a minimum of three (3) years from the date of the record and be in a form suitable for submission or inspection by the Environmental Protection Division.
17. Waste accepted for composting shall be covered at all times before mixing with yard waste, wood chips, or other approved materials. Mixing should typically occur within 24 hours from receipt of waste at the Facility or as necessary to control odors.
18. The amount of material to be stored and processed as listed in the Design and Operational Plan shall not be exceeded at any time.
19. The compost resulting from composting operations shall be nonpathogenic, free of offensive odors, biologically and chemically stable, free of injurious components or particles, and able to sustain plant growth. Rejects generated by the composting process shall be disposed of in accordance with the Rules for Solid Waste Management.
20. Person(s) responsible for waste operations shall notify the Environmental Protection Division thirty (30) days prior to closure of the operations. Following closure, representatives of the Division shall make an inspection and any corrective action found necessary shall be effected as directed by the Division.

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21. Coverage under this permit shall automatically terminate unless construction of the composting Facility has been commenced within one hundred eighty (180) days and completed within three hundred sixty five (365) days.
22. The existing permit, with all its conditions, shall remain in effect for the remainder of the life of the Facility.