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**SUBJECT: Laurens County – WestRock Southeast – Shad Cr Rd Industrial Landfill  
Permit Number 087-007D(LI)  
Post-Closure Permit Approval  
GEOS Submittal No. 715307**

Dear Mr. Kinsey:

Your application for a Post-Closure Permit for the Westrock Southeast – Shad Cr Rd Industrial Landfill, Solid Waste Handling Permit 087-007D(LI) has been reviewed and approved.

Your permit, Post-Closure Permit No. 087-007D(LI), is attached and includes conditions and limitations for the post-closure care period of this facility. Personnel of the Environmental Protection Division (EPD) will make periodic inspections of this facility. These inspections will be discussed with you or your designated representative.

This Post-Closure Permit is now in effect; however, under Georgia Law it is subject to appeal for a period of thirty (30) days following its 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 Spencer Nelson at (470) 604-9439 or [Spencer.Nelson@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:Spencer.Nelson@dnr.ga.gov).

Sincerely,

William Cook  
Program Manager  
Solid Waste Management Program

cc: Keith Stevens, Beverly Tipton, William Cook, EPD SWP (via email)  
File: GEOS 715307

Enclosures: Post-Closure Permit

PERMIT NO.: 087-007D(LI)  
ISSUANCE DATE: 11/27/2024



# GEORGIA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION

LAND PROTECTION BRANCH

Post-Closure Permit

Permittee Name: **WestRock Southeast LLC**

Permittee Address: **709 Papermill Road, East Dublin, GA 31027**

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:

**Laurens County - Westrock Southeast – Shad Cr Rd Industrial Landfill, located at 779 Papermill Rd East Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia (Latitude 32°29'57" Longitude 82°51'38")**

This permit is conditioned upon the Permittee complying with the attached conditions of post-closure care of the referenced facility, 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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**Conditions for Post Closure Care**

1. All previous solid waste handling permits and permit modifications, issued under this permit number, are hereby superseded.
2. The Permittee shall conduct post-closure care for a period of at least thirty (30) years, after the Director has issued the Post-Closure Permit. The Director may extend the period where necessary to adequately protect human health and the environment.
3. The area certified for closure and regulated by the conditions set forth in this document is that designated in the “LANDFILL DEED NOTICE” recorded by the Laurens County Clerk of Superior Court in deed book 2385 on page 104, on October 30, 2023.
4. The Post Closure Care Plan approved by the Division for this facility on July 1, 2003, is hereby made a part of this permit, and the facility shall be operated in accordance with the Plan. Any Division-approved Modifications to the Post Closure Care Plan shall also become part of this permit. Conditions of this permit supersede any provisions of the Post Closure Plan which may conflict.
5. As part of post-closure care, the Permittee shall maintain the integrity and effectiveness of the final cover system, including making repairs to the final cover as necessary to correct the effects of settlement, subsidence, erosion, or other events, and preventing run-on and run-off from eroding or otherwise damaging the final cover.
6. The Permittee shall inspect and perform maintenance activities in accordance with the approved post-closure care plan.
7. The Permittee must maintain the Facility Operating Record in good order, and appropriately update it to ensure compliance with the requirements of the Rules of Solid Waste Management. Location of the Facility Operating Record must be at the facility or at an alternate location approved by the Division.
8. Post-closure use of property shall not be allowed to disturb the integrity of the final cover, or any other components of the containment system, unless the Permittee demonstrates to the Division that:
  - a. the activities will not increase the potential threat to human health or the environment; or
  - b. the activities are necessary to reduce a threat to human health or the environment.
9. All-weather access roads shall be provided to the disposal facility and provisions shall be made for maintenance and prompt repair when needed.
10. Access to the solid waste landfill shall be limited to authorized entrances.
11. In accordance with the requirements of O.C.G.A. 12-7-6., Erosion and Sedimentation Control Best Management Practices (BMPs) within the entire permitted property shall be maintained to function as designed and in accordance with the latest edition of the Manual for Erosion and Sedimentation Control in Georgia, to ensure that no sediments leave the site.

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12. Stormwater control devices shall be maintained as originally designed to control all surface water runoff in accordance with the most recent edition of the Georgia Stormwater Management Manual, as applicable.
13. The Permittee shall fully satisfy all applicable financial responsibility requirements for post-closure care in accordance with Solid Waste Rule 391-3-4-.13.
14. The Permittee, or its designated agent, shall be responsible for conducting all monitoring in accordance with the approved groundwater monitoring and methane gas monitoring plans and Georgia Comprehensive Rules and Regulations Rule (hereinafter Rule) 391-3-4-.14. Changes to the groundwater monitoring system may be required under Rule 391-3-4-.14, as requested and/or approved by EPD during the post-closure care period. Such changes may be due to changing potentiometric conditions and evaluation of groundwater monitoring data.
15. Corrective action shall be implemented if environmental monitoring results indicate established standards have been exceeded or indicate a threat to human health or the environment. Notice shall be provided to the Director when a determination of elevated parameters has been made or if corrective measures are to be implemented by the Permittee. The Division, as a modification of this permit, must approve any corrective action plan.
16. If the Permittee is required to perform corrective action, a detailed written estimate, in current dollars, for hiring a third party to perform the corrective action must be prepared and submitted to the Division. The corrective action cost estimate must account for the total cost of the activities described in the corrective action plan for the entire period of time. The Permittee must annually adjust the cost estimate for inflation until the corrective action program is complete. Where corrective action is required to be performed, the Permittee must provide a financial assurance mechanism in an amount equal to the written estimate with annual updates as described above. Financial assurance must be provided continuously. The Permittee shall demonstrate that the remedy is complete through submittal of a written certification provided by a professional geologist or geotechnical engineer registered in Georgia. The Director shall release the Permittee from the financial responsibility requirement for corrective action upon concurrence of the remedy certification.
17. The Permittee or any subsequent owner or operator of this property must request and receive written approval from the Division to excavate and remove wastes, waste residues, or contaminated soils.
18. At the end of post-closure care, the Permittee must notify and submit to the Director a signed certification by a professional engineer, registered to practice in Georgia, verifying that post-closure care has been completed for this facility in accordance with Rules for Solid Waste Management, Subject 391-3-4, this Post-Closure Permit, and that no imminent threat to human health or the environment exists.
19. The Permittee shall comply with all other applicable state and local laws, rules and ordinances which are not incorporated as conditions of this permit, but which are separately enforced by the relevant state or local agency with jurisdiction.