



ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION

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05/19/2026

Mr. Josh Lee Evans, Managing Member  
Preston Inert Landfill, LLC  
2351 Preston Road  
Good Hope, GA 30641

**SUBJECT: Proposed Air Curtain Destructor Facility  
at Walton County, Preston Inert Landfill (PBR147-035IL)  
Permit No. 147-015P(ACD)  
Solid Waste Handling Permit Approval  
SW03 Application Submittal ID 831390  
SW06 Financial Assurance Submittal ID 993956**

Dear Mr. Evans:

Your application for a Solid Waste Handling Permit for the Air Curtain Destructor (ACD) at the Preston Inert Landfill, Solid Waste Handling (SWH) Permit 147-015P(ACD), has been reviewed and approved.

Your permit, No. 147-015P(ACD), is attached and includes conditions and limitations for the operation of the ACD 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 SWH 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 Keith Stevens at (470) 604-9439 or [Keith.Stevens@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:Keith.Stevens@dnr.ga.gov).

Sincerely,

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

William Cook  
Program Manager  
Solid Waste Management Program

Enclosures: SWH Permit

cc: Keith Stevens, Beverly Tipton, Claudia Montero, William Cook, GA EPD  
Derrick Williams, GA EPD NE District - Athens

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ISSUANCE DATE: 05/19/2026



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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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#### Solid Waste Handling Permit

Permittee Name: **Preston Inert Landfill LLC**

Permittee Address: **2351 Preston Rd  
Good Hope, GA, 30641**

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:

**The construction and operation of an Air Curtain Destructor (ACD) located at the Preston Inert Landfill, located in Walton County at 2351 Preston Road, Good Hope, Georgia 30641 (Latitude: 33.78899°, Longitude: -83.55199°)**

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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### **Conditions for Air Curtain Destructor (ACD) Operation**

1. The Air Curtain Destructor (ACD) shall be operated and managed at all times under the direct supervision and control of an operator who is certified in air curtain destructor operation by training, education or experience.
2. Only natural, untreated wood waste shall be incinerated in the ACD. Acceptable materials are limited to trees, logs, large brush, stumps, lumber, and land-clearing debris consisting solely of natural wood.
3. The following materials shall not be incinerated in the ACD: leaves, sawdust, paper products (including cardboard), yard trimmings, household waste, chemically treated, coated, painted, or impregnated wood, or any material not specifically authorized in Condition 2.
4. Hazardous waste shall not be accepted, stored, or incinerated at the facility.
5. The amount of material stored and processed on-site shall not exceed the quantities identified in the approved Design and Operational (D&O) Plan and associated closure cost estimate.
6. Dust, odor, and other nuisance conditions resulting from operations shall be controlled at all times in accordance with applicable provisions of the Georgia Solid Waste Management Rules Chapter 391-3-4.
7. The ACD shall be operated in accordance with the D&O Plan approved on January 30, 2026. The approved D&O Plan is incorporated into this permit by reference.
8. All waste handling, staging, and processing activities shall occur within the approved operational footprint shown on the approved D&O Plan.
9. Materials shall be stored and managed in a manner that prevents fire hazards and uncontrolled combustion.
10. The ACD shall not be located within 500 feet of any off-site dwelling.
11. No more than one ACD unit shall be operated at the facility at any time unless otherwise approved in writing by the Division.
12. The Permittee shall restrict unauthorized access to the facility and the ACD operating area through appropriate security measures.
13. The ACD shall not be operated when prevailing winds are directed toward nearby occupied dwellings or would reasonably be expected to cause off-site nuisance conditions.
14. During any air pollution episode (e.g., alert, warning, or emergency) declared by appropriate authorities, the ACD shall not be operated.
15. Visible emissions from the ACD shall not exceed 20 percent opacity, except during brief periods of startup or recharging consistent with applicable air quality requirements.
16. Ash and residue generated by the ACD shall be removed and transported for disposal at a permitted municipal solid waste landfill in accordance with the approved D&O Plan.
17. Ash or residue proposed for beneficial use as a recovered material shall comply with Rule 391-3-4-.04(7) and shall be reviewed, approved, and registered by the Georgia Department of Agriculture (GDA), as applicable.

### **Conditions for Air Curtain Destructor (ACD) Operation**

18. The ACD shall be operated in a manner that prevents air, land, or water pollution; minimizes safety and health hazards; and prevents nuisance conditions.
19. Adequate fire control equipment shall be maintained on-site at all times in sufficient quantity and condition to respond to potential fire events.
20. Emergency contact information, including the local emergency coordinator, shall be posted at the facility and maintained current at all times.
21. All applicable local ordinances and regulations governing the operation of an ACD shall be followed.
22. The Division shall be notified of any fires, explosions, or releases to the environment within 24 hours of occurrence by electronic communication, and a written report shall be submitted within five (5) days of the occurrence.
23. The operation of the facility shall be conducted in a manner protective of ground and surface waters and shall comply with:
  - a. O.C.G.A. § 12-5-20 (Georgia Water Quality Control Act).
  - b. O.C.G.A. § 12-7-1 et seq. (Georgia Erosion and Sedimentation Act).
  - c. Georgia Water Quality Rules Chapter 391-3-6.
  - d. Georgia Erosion and Sedimentation Rules Chapter 391-3-7.
24. Erosion and sedimentation control measures shall be installed, maintained, and implemented in accordance with the approved plans and applicable laws to prevent off-site sedimentation and impacts to state waters.
25. Records documenting compliance with the Solid Waste Management Rules, this permit, and the approved D&O Plan shall be maintained and shall be made available for inspection upon request by the Division.
26. Prior to receipt of waste, the Permittee shall submit written certification by a professional engineer licensed in the State of Georgia that the facility has been constructed in accordance with the approved permit and D&O Plan.
27. The Permittee shall maintain continuous compliance with all applicable financial assurance requirements in accordance with Rule 391-3-4-.13.
28. If conditions develop that could result in noncompliance with this permit, the ACD shall cease operation until such conditions are corrected.
29. The ACD unit must remain in operation until combustion is complete or all material is fully extinguished. Under no condition may partially burned waste be allowed to smolder while the ACD unit is not in operation.
30. This permit shall become null and void if ACD operations have not commenced within one (1) year of the effective date of the permit.