



# GEORGIA

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June 3, 2020

Douglas Sayers  
Sunbelt Medical Services, Inc.  
639 Vestal Road  
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RE: Draft Site Limitations for Sunbelt Medical Services  
639 Vestal Road, Sardis - Burke County, Georgia  
Proposed Biomedical Solid Waste Handling Facility  
Submittal No. 410230

Dear Mr. Sayers:

The Solid Waste Management Program of the Environmental Protection Division (EPD) has completed its review of the *Site Assessment Report*, prepared by EMC Engineering Services, Inc. (EMC), dated June 2019 and an August 6, 2019 response letter with additional site information from EMC. These documents can be accessed on the EPD web page at <https://epd.georgia.gov/public-announcements-0/land-protection-branch-public-announcements>.

Based on the data submitted, EPD has drafted "Site Limitations" which would form the basis for design of the proposed biomedical solid waste handling facility in a manner that complies with *Georgia's Rules for Solid Waste Management*. A copy of these is attached.

Comments on the proposed facility's site suitability report and the draft "Site Limitations" are welcome. However, if EPD is to consider such comments prior to determining if a Site Suitability Notice is warranted for this facility, they must be received prior to July 6, 2020. Please note that issuance of a Site Suitability Notice by EPD does not constitute a permitting decision for the proposed facility and comments regarding siting issues may be considered up to the time a final permitting decision is made.

Please feel free to contact Jim Guentert at 404-362-2556 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Charles J. Mueller, Chief  
Land Protection Branch

cc: Jim Guentert, Keith Stevens, John Sayer, William Cook, Susan Wood GA EPD  
EPD Northeast District – Augusta  
Merv Waldrop – Burke County Administrator

File: Burke Co – Sunbelt Medical Solid Waste Handling Facility, Permit

**Draft Site Limitations**  
**Burke County- Sunbelt Medical Services**  
**Proposed Solid Waste Handling Facility**  
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1. The area considered for acceptability includes only the 0.5-acre parcel (S01 389A) located at 639 Vestal Road in Sardis, Burke County, Georgia.
2. Solid waste handling operations shall not be conducted in any wetlands, as defined by the US Corps of Engineers, unless evidence is provided to the Director, by the applicant, that use of such wetlands has been permitted or otherwise authorized under all other applicable state and federal law and rules. A statement certifying that wetlands will not be impacted as a result of construction activities at the site shall be submitted. This statement shall be signed and stamped by the professional engineer responsible for the Design and Operational Plan for the subject site. Wetland areas shall be delineated on the Design and Operational Plan.
3. 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.