

Jul 11, 2025

Mr. Josh Lee Evans, Managing Member
Preston Inert Landfill, LLC
932 N 2nd Avenue
Rome, Georgia 30165

**SUBJECT: DRAFT Site Limitations for
Walton County – Preston Inert Landfill – Air Curtain Destructor
Proposed Air Curtain Destructor Facility
GEOS Submission ID: 831390**

Dear Mr. Evans:

The Solid Waste Management Program of the Environmental Protection Division (EPD) has completed its review of the *Site Assessment Report for the Proposed Air Curtain Destructor at the Preston Inert Landfill* prepared by Innovative Engineering Strategies, dated February 2025, and revised on February 6, 2025. These documents can be accessed on the EPD webpage 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 facility in a manner that complies with Georgia Comprehensive Rules and Regulations Subject 391-3-4, Solid Waste Management (Rules). These Rules can be accessed online at <https://rules.sos.state.ga.us/GAC/391-3-4>.

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 August 14, 2025. Please note that the 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 Keith Stevens at (470) 251-2515 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Sarah B. Visser, Chief
Land Protection Branch

cc: Keith Stevens, Beverly Tipton, William Cook, GA EPD
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1. The area considered for acceptability includes only the 66.605-acre parcel shown on Figure 1-02 of the *Site Assessment Report for the Proposed Air Curtain Destructor at the Preston Inert Landfill* prepared by Innovative Engineering Strategies, dated February 2025, and revised on February 6, 2025.
2. The solid waste disposal operation considered for acceptability includes only thermal treatment operations utilizing a trenchless air curtain destructor; that shall always remain above ground.
3. Solid waste handling operations shall not be conducted in any wetlands, as defined by the U.S. Army 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 laws and rules. A statement certifying that the facility has been designed so that implementation of the plans will not impact delineated wetlands delineated in December 2024, and shown in the Design and Operational (D&O) Plan shall be submitted. This statement shall be signed and stamped by the professional engineer responsible for the D&O Plan for the subject site. Wetland areas shall be delineated on the D&O Plan.
4. Solid waste handling operations at the Preston Inert Air Curtain Destructor 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. Solid waste handling activities shall not be performed in areas of the property considered to be within the 100-year floodplain.
5. Solid waste handling operations at the Preston Inert Air Curtain Destructor Facility shall conform to the Erosion and Sedimentation Control Act and be protective of the State of Georgia waters.
6. A minimum 50-foot undisturbed buffer shall be maintained between the solid waste handling operations and all streams and wetlands.