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

SUBJECT: Site Suitability Notice
Walton County, Preston Inert Landfill
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. These documents can be accessed on the EPD webpage at https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Public/Client/GA_GEOS/Public/Pages/PublicApplicationList.aspx, under GEOS Submission ID: 831390.

Based on the data submitted in addition to your application, EPD has determined that the applicable siting standards can be met in accordance with the *Georgia Comprehensive Rules and Regulations Subject 391-3-4, Solid Waste Management* (Rules) Rule 391-3-4-.05(1), Georgia Rules for Solid Waste Management, Rule 391-3-4-.05, provided the attached Site Limitations are met. This determination is based on information provided to date for EPD review and is subject to revision prior to permit issuance, should errors be found in the submitted information or new information be provided relevant to this determination.

This letter denotes only the demonstration of the ability to comply with siting standards for the proposed site and does not constitute approval to begin construction or operation of the Air Curtain Destructor site. This letter does not constitute a permit for the proposed solid waste handling facility.

Before a permit may be issued for the proposed Air Curtain Destructor, a Design and Operation Plan (D&O Plan), prepared in accordance with the Georgia Rules for Solid Waste Management, must be submitted for consideration by the EPD.

Additionally, the appropriate governing authority must hold a public hearing regarding the proposed processing facility no less than two weeks prior to the issuance of any permit. At least 30 days prior to the public hearing, notices of the public hearing must be posted at the proposed site and advertised in the legal organ of the county or counties in which the proposed solid waste processing facility will be located. A transcript of the public hearing proceedings, approval of the

financial assurance mechanism, and letters reaffirming zoning and consistency with the local or regional solid waste management plan must be submitted to EPD prior to a final decision regarding the issuance of a permit for the proposed solid waste processing facility.

After our review and evaluation of the D&O Plan, and other required submittals, a Solid Waste Handling Permit will either be issued or denied. This Site Suitability Notice shall terminate upon a final decision to issue or deny the requested permit. Failure to submit to EPD an approvable D&O Plan within one year from the date of this Notice may result in permit denial or termination of the permit application.

Please contact Keith Stevens at (470) 251-2515 or Keith.Stevens@dnr.ga.gov if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey W. Cown
Director
Environmental Protection Division

Enclosure: Final Site Limitations

cc: Keith Stevens, Beverly Tipton, Claudia Montero, William Cook, GA EPD
Derrick Williams, GA EPD NE District - Athens
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Site Limitations
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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 shall be submitted, certifying that the facility has been designed so that implementation of the plans will not impact wetlands delineated in December 2024 and shown in the Design and Operational (D&O) Plan. 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 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.