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**SUBJECT: Site Suitability Notice
Telfair County – CR 144 MSWL
Proposed Horizontal Expansion
Permit Number 134-015D(MSWL), Submission ID: 498688**

Dear Chairman Purvis:

The Solid Waste Management Program of the Environmental Protection Division (EPD) has completed its review of the following documents:

- *Site Acceptability Report, Proposed Lateral Expansion, Telfair County Subtitle D Solid Waste Landfill*, revised September 30, 2022 and prepared by Advanced Environmental Management (AEM)
- August 16, 2022, Response to EPD Comments submitted by AEM
- Revised Figure 2.1 submitted by Harbin Engineering, sealed June 23, 2025

Based on the data submitted in addition to your application, EPD has determined that the applicable siting standards can be met in accordance with *Georgia Comprehensive Rules and Regulations Subject 391-3-4, Solid Waste Management* (Rules) rule 391-3-4-.05(1), 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 disposal site. This letter does not constitute a permit for the proposed solid waste landfill.

EPD received the Design and Operational Plan (D&O Plan) dated July 3, 2025, and it is currently under review. Documentation demonstrating compliance with Rule 391-3-4-.02(3), along with evidence of the requirements of the facility issues negotiation process (O.C.G.A. 12-8-32) being completed, must also be provided to EPD.

Additionally, the appropriate governing authority must hold a public hearing regarding the proposed landfill 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 disposal facility will be located. A transcript of the public hearing proceedings and a reaffirmation of zoning consistency must be submitted to EPD prior to a final decision regarding the issuance of a permit for the proposed solid waste disposal facility.

After our review and evaluation of the D&O Plan, and the other required submittals, a Solid Waste Handling Permit will be either issued or denied. This Site Suitability Notice shall terminate upon a final decision to issue or deny the requested permit.

Sincerely,



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Attachment

cc: James Selph, Telfair County Landfill Director
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1. The area considered for acceptability includes only that within the line labeled as “Proposed Solid Waste Management Boundary” on Harbin Engineering’s (Harbin) Figure 2.1 sealed June 23, 2025.
2. Waste shall not be placed outside the area identified as “Limits of Existing Waste” and Limits of Proposed Waste” as shown on Harbin’s Figure 2.1 sealed June 23, 2025.
3. A liner and leachate collection system shall be constructed under all areas proposed for solid waste disposal. Since the seasonal high water table has not been determined, the liner shall be constructed at least 10 feet above the groundwater elevation contours shown on Harbin’s Figure 2.1 sealed June 23, 2025. Any perched groundwater zones encountered during excavation of the site shall be drained entirely.

Alternatively, an underdrain system shall be constructed beneath the waste to prevent the water table from rising to within 5 feet of the bottom of the liner system. The project engineer shall make periodic quality control inspections while the underdrain system is under construction and shall certify that it has been properly designed and installed to prevent groundwater from coming within 5 feet of the bottom of the liner system. The outfalls of the underdrain system shall be incorporated into the facility’s groundwater monitoring plan.

4. A minimum 200-foot undisturbed buffer shall be maintained between the waste disposal boundary and the permitted property boundaries.
5. A minimum 500-foot buffer shall be maintained between the waste disposal boundary and any adjacent residences and/or water supply wells in existence at the time these site limitations are finalized.
6. A minimum 25-foot undisturbed buffer shall be maintained between the waste disposal area and any on-site springs, intermittent or perennial streams or surface water bodies, except as permitted by the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and allowed by EPD.
7. A minimum 50-foot undisturbed buffer shall be maintained between the waste disposal boundaries and all wetlands, except as permitted by the USACE and allowed by EPD. A statement certifying that wetlands will not be impacted because 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 (D&O) Plan for the subject site. Wetland areas shall be delineated on the D&O Plan.
8. All erosion control measures and/or diversion ditches shall conform to the *Erosion and Sediment Control Act* and be protective of Horse Creek and its perennial and intermittent tributaries.
9. 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 to pose a hazard to human health and the environment.

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10. All soil borings, monitoring wells and piezometers that have been completed/installed at this site shall be plugged and abandoned in accordance with the Water Well Standards Act. Additionally, all soil borings, monitoring wells and piezometers located within the proposed waste footprint shall be abandoned by overdrilling and filling with a non-shrinking cement/bentonite grout mixture via tremie pipe from the bottom to within 10 feet of the base of the landfill. The remaining borehole shall be filled with hydrated bentonite. The abandonment of all borings/piezometers/monitoring wells shall be supervised by a professional geologist (PG) or professional engineer (PE) registered to practice in the State of Georgia. A report documenting the abandonment shall be submitted to EPD prior to cell construction. This documentation shall be signed and stamped by the responsible professional geologist or engineer registered to practice in the State of Georgia.

11. Groundwater, surface water, and methane monitoring systems shall be installed at the site. Sampling parameters, sampling schedules, monitoring well construction, and spacing shall adhere to the guidelines established in the EPD's *Rules of Solid Waste Management, Chapter 391-3-4*. The system design and monitoring requirements shall be detailed in a groundwater and surface water monitoring plan and methane monitoring plan that are prepared in accordance with the Georgia Manual for Groundwater Monitoring, EPD's September 2015 document, "Methane Monitoring at Solid Waste Disposal Facilities," and current USEPA Region IV guidance and are approvable by EPD.