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Date: Apr 06, 2026

Mr. Thomas J. Schmid  
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**SUBJECT: Application for Solid Waste Handling Permit Request for Site Suitability  
Draft Site Limitations  
Chattooga County – Trion RNG Facility  
Johnny Ingle Drive, Trion, Ga.  
GEOS Submittal ID No. 936257**

Dear Mr. Schmid:

The Recovered Materials and Abatement Program of the Environmental Protection Division (EPD) has completed its review of the *Final Site Assessment Report, Trion Renewable Natural Gas Facility, Trion Chattooga County, June 3, 2025, revised March 27, 2026 (addition of sealed Wetlands Delineation Report)*, prepared by Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. Based on the data submitted, EPD has drafted “Site Limitations” which would form the basis for design of the proposed solid waste handling facility in a manner that complies with *Georgia’s Rules for Solid Waste Management*, Chapter 391-3-4-.05(1). A copy of the draft site limitations 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, comments must be received no later than 30 days from the issuance of this letter.

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 Sarah Knapp at 470-524-0632 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Sarah B. Visser, Chief  
Land Protection Branch

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**Draft Site Limitations**  
**Trion RNG Anaerobic Digestion Facility**  
**Proposed Solid Waste Handling Facility**

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1. The area considered for acceptability includes only the 15.79-acre parcel shown on Figure 2 and 3 of the *Final Site Assessment Report, Trion Renewable Natural Gas Facility, Trion Chattooga County, June 3, 2025, revised March 27, 2026 (addition of sealed Wetlands Delineation Report)*, prepared by Stantec Consulting Services, Inc.
2. 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 law and rules. 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 Plan for the subject site. Identified wetland areas shall be delineated on the Design and Operational Plan, if applicable.
3. Solid waste handling operations at the Trion RNG Anaerobic Digester (AD) 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. Solid waste handling activities shall not be performed in areas of the property considered to be within the 100-year floodplain.
4. Solid waste handling operations at the Trion RNG AD Facility shall conform to the Erosion and Sedimentation Control Act and be protective of the State of Georgia waters.
5. A minimum 100-foot undisturbed buffer shall be maintained between the solid waste handling operations and the facility permit boundary.
6. A minimum 500-foot buffer shall be maintained between the solid waste handling operations and any adjacent residences and/or water supply wells.
7. A minimum 50-foot undisturbed buffer shall be maintained between the solid waste handling operations and all streams and wetlands.