

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE**

Docket No. 2010-02

**Application of the Androscoggin Valley Regional Refuse Disposal District for
Exemption from the Application and Certificate Requirements of
RSA 162-H**

**ORDER AND NOTICE
OF PUBLIC MEETING AND INFORMATIONAL HEARING**

It is Hereby Ordered that a site visit, public meeting and public information hearing by the Site Evaluation Committee for the State of New Hampshire shall be held on November 22, 2010, at the times set forth below:

Site Visit:

**1:00 p.m.
Commencing at:
Mount Carberry Landfill
Success, N.H.**

Public Meeting of the Committee:

**4:00 p.m.
Berlin City Hall
168 Main Street
Berlin, N.H.**

Public Information Hearing:

**6:00 p.m.
Berlin City Hall
168 Main Street
Berlin, N.H.**

The Application

The Androscoggin Valley Regional Refuse Disposal District (AVRRDD or Applicant) has filed an Application seeking exemption from the Certificate of Site and Facility requirements of RSA 162-H pursuant to RSA 162-H: 4, IV. The Applicant intends to construct and operate a blended landfill gas (LFG) and natural gas energy project which would include 1.) a landfill gas processing facility and associated compressor, dehydration unit, flares, and LFG meter at the eastern end of the Mt. Carberry Landfill located in

Success, Coos County; 2.) a natural gas metering and pressure regulation station (M&R Station) on AVR RDD property located in Berlin, Coos County, and near the existing Portland Natural Gas Transmission System (PNGTS) pipeline; 3.) an approximately 11,300 foot long, buried 8 inch diameter High Density Poly Ethylene (HDPE) LFG pipeline from the Landfill to the M&R Station in Berlin; 4.) an approximately 350 foot long, 2 inch diameter lateral pipeline from the existing PNGTS mainline pipeline to the M&R Station; 5.) an approximately 470 foot long, 8 inch diameter HDPE mixed LFG and natural gas pipeline from the M&R Station to the Androscoggin River; 6.) an approximately 300 foot long, 8 inch diameter segment of coated steel pipeline crossing the abandoned railroad bridge over the Androscoggin River; and 7.) an approximately 2,500 foot long, 8 inch diameter HDPE mixed LFG and natural gas pipeline from the west end of the Androscoggin River crossing to the Gorham paper mill.

Location of the Proposed Facilities

The proposed facilities will include a LFG processing facility and associated compressor, flares, dehydration unit, meters, and ancillary equipment at the Mt. Carberry landfill in Success, Coos County, N.H.

The proposed facilities will include a landfill gas pipeline that will commence at the Mt. Carberry landfill in Success, N.H. and travel approximately 11,300 feet from Success to the M&R Station located near the existing PNGTS pipeline in Berlin, Coos County. At the M&R Station the LFG will be blended with natural gas from the PNGTS pipeline via a 350 foot long lateral pipeline. The pipeline carrying a blend of LFG and natural gas will then travel for approximately 470 feet to the Androscoggin River in Berlin. The pipeline will cross the river from east to west for approximately 300 feet on an abandoned railroad bridge. From the west end of the bridge the pipeline will continue for approximately 2500 feet to the Fraser Paper mill located in Gorham, Coos County where the pipeline will terminate with an interconnection to the mill.

All of the proposed facilities are located within Coos County, N.H.

Nature of the Proposed Facilities

The proposed facilities will collect and transport LFG and natural gas in Success and Berlin and deliver LFG and natural gas to the facilities located in Gorham via a gas pipeline and associated facilities.

Notice of Site Visit

The Committee will conduct a site visit at 1:00 P.M. on November 22, 2010, weather permitting. The site visit will commence at the Mt. Carberry Landfill in Success, N.H.

Notice of Public Meeting

The Committee will meet in public on November 22, 2010, in the auditorium in the Berlin City Hall, 168 Main Street, Berlin, N.H., at 4 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing the

Application and determining, amongst other things, whether the Application provides sufficient information for the Committee to commence its review.

Notice of Public Hearing

A Public Information Hearing will be held on November 22, 2010, at 6 p.m. The hearing shall be for public information on the proposed facility with the Applicant presenting information to the Committee and the public. The proceedings shall be recorded and members of the public will be permitted to submit questions or give public comment.

The Public Information Hearing shall commence on November 22, 2010, at 6 p.m., in the auditorium in the Berlin City Hall, 168 Main Street, Berlin, N.H.

Upon completion of the public hearing the Committee may go into deliberative session to determine whether the Applicant's request for exemption is complete and may also deliberate and determine whether an exemption from the requirements of RSA 162-H should be granted or denied.

Written Comments

Written comments from the public will be accepted and considered by the Committee until **November 21, 2010**. Written comments should be addressed to the office of the Chairman of the Committee located at the Department of Environmental Services, 29 Hazen Drive, PO Box 95, Concord, N.H., 03302-0095.

Public Inspection

The aforementioned Application and all other correspondence and public records regarding this matter are available for public inspection at the office of the Chairman of the Committee located at the Department of Environmental Services, 29 Hazen Drive, Concord, N.H. The Application is also available on the Committee's website: www.nhsec.nh.gov.

It is **FURTHER ORDERED**, that the Applicant shall publish a copy of this Order and Notice of Public Meeting and Informational Hearing no later than **November 5, 2010**, in a newspaper of statewide circulation and in one or more newspapers having a regular circulation in Coos County. The applicant shall file an affidavit documenting publication on or before **November 17, 2010**.

By **ORDER** of the Site Evaluation Committee, this 27th day of October, 2010.



Thomas S. Burack, Chairman
New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee