

Phase I Application for Hazardous Waste Landfill No. 7 Under Review by DEP

Public Meeting and Hearing Announced by DEP

On September 28, DEP announced a public meeting and hearing about the Phase I application for proposed Hazardous Waste Landfill No. 7 as follows.

Meeting Date: December 1, 2022

Time: 6 PM - 9 PM

Location: Yukon Volunteer Fire Department Hall
124 Highway Street
Yukon, PA 15698

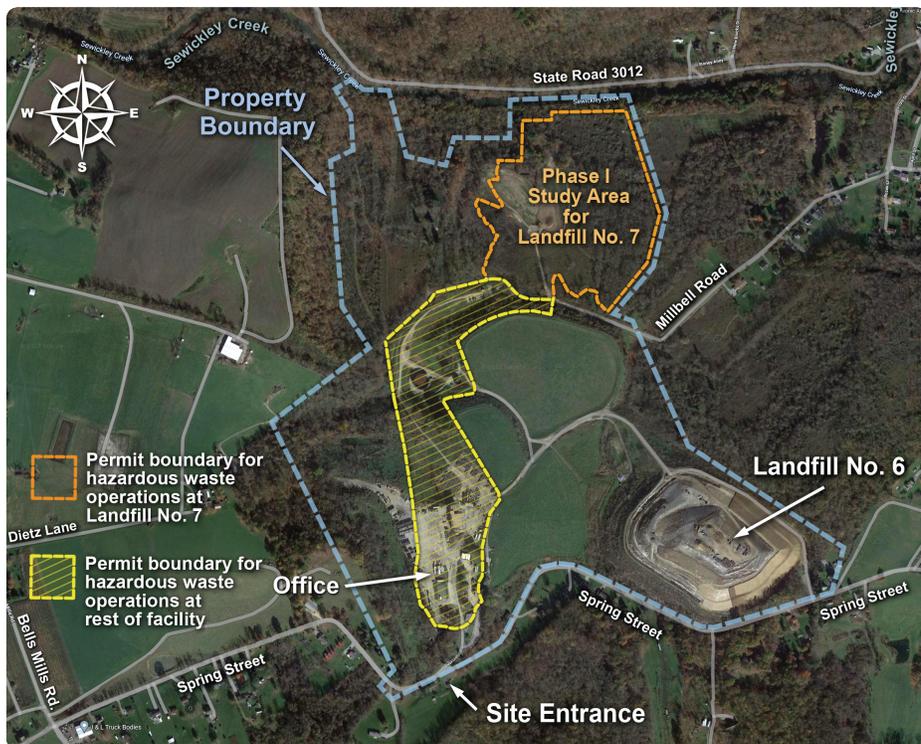
DEP posts information about the project and opportunities for the public to participate on its community information website at www.dep.pa.gov/southwest (scroll down to project name).

What is a Phase I Application?

A Phase I application evaluates whether a location is suitable for a hazardous waste landfill. Applicants submit information about the following features within and near the proposed construction site:

- Wetlands
- National natural landmarks
- Protected agricultural areas
- Watersheds with protected streams
- Floodplains
- Underground gas wells
- Waterways
- Water supplies
- Geology/underground conditions

If DEP determines that an applicant meets requirements for protecting these features, the applicant can then submit a Phase II application. The Phase II application provides more in-depth information about the proposed site and how the landfill would be constructed and monitored.



Hazardous Waste Landfill No. 7 will be located within the Phase I study area.

Technical Review Underway

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) accepted MAX's Phase I permit application for proposed Hazardous Waste Landfill No. 7 as administratively complete on September 21, 2022. This means that DEP has begun evaluating the technical merits of the application. The start of DEP's evaluation is a culmination of four years of extensive environmental assessments, legal evaluations and public outreach work, says MAX President Bob Shawver. "We are confident that the proposed landfill meets the DEP's location criteria, and we are looking forward to

moving the application process forward," he says.

Public Input Sought

Anyone interested in reviewing the Phase I application can visit the South Huntingdon municipal office or access a copy via DEP's website (see insert). DEP's website also provides information on the Department's public participation for the application.

"In addition to DEP's public participation process, we always welcome comments and questions on our proposal from the public," says Shawver. An updated **fact sheet** for the project may be found on MAX's **website** under the "Yukon Facility" tab.

Solar Panels May Offer Waste Sites Second Chance at Life

MAX explores solar panel project for closed impoundments.

MAX has engaged solar developer IMC Solar, LLC, to explore options for building solar projects on its closed impoundments. The project would be the first in the region to use solar panel arrays on landfills.

“MAX is in the business of managing end-of-life materials unfit for further waste minimization or reuse,” says Bob Shawver, company president.

“Putting closed waste disposal sites back to work generating renewable energy is a great fit with benefits all around.”

If the project proves viable, energy generated from the solar panels would be directed to local electricity “off-takers.” Ideal off-takers would be large consumers of electricity, such



Ballasts are used to support solar panels that are placed on landfills. This construction method avoids digging, and thus prevents damage to cap systems.

as industrial or commercial facilities, that lie within two miles of MAX’s facilities. As exclusive sourcing agent for the project, IMC Solar will work directly with potential off-takers and construction contractors. They will also work with MAX in seeking the required approvals through the

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission and Department of Environmental Protection.

“We are very excited to serve MAX Environmental and their desire to create renewable energy on land that has very limited uses,” says Rick Frio, managing partner at IMC Solar.

Annual Earth Day Event Hauls in Loads of Recyclables

MAX’s annual tire and e-waste Earth Day collection event helped the community to recycle about 400 tires and a full truck-load of e-waste.

In addition to wastes collected during a resident drop-off event in April, MAX also accepted tires collected during this year’s Great

American Cleanup event for Yukon hosted by the SNPJ 729 Silverstars of the Slovenian Club in Yukon.

The tires were sent to Penn Turf and the e-waste was sent to Westmoreland Cleanways for recycling.



MAX employees help residents unload unwanted tires for recycle at the Earth Day recycling event in April.

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