

# NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

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July 10, 2023

OCRRA  
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North Syracuse, NY 13212-4312  
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Dear Permittee:

Please find enclosed the renewed Amboy Compost Site Solid Waste permit for the operation of the existing facility. The effective date of the permit is July 10, 2023, and the expiration date is July 9, 2033.

Please read the attached permit carefully and note the special conditions that are included in it.

The permit is valid for only those activities expressly authorized therein. Work beyond the scope of the permit and the approved project plans may be considered a violation of the law and subject to appropriate enforcement action. Be advised, the Uniform Procedures Regulations (6NYCRR Part 621) provide that an applicant may request a public hearing if a permit is denied or contains conditions which are unacceptable to them. Any such request must be made in writing within 30 calendar days of the date of this permit issuance and must be addressed to the Regional Permit Administrator at the letterhead address. A copy should also be sent to the Chief Administrative Law Judge at NYSDEC, 625 Broadway, 1st Floor, Albany, NY 12233-1550.

**DEC PERMIT NO:** 7-3120-00137/00001  
**FACILITY NAME:** Amboy Compost Site  
**LOCATION:** T- Camillus, ONONDAGA COUNTY

If you have any technical questions regarding the permit, please contact Nicole Smith with the Department's Division of Materials Management, at 315-426-7517. If you have any questions regarding this permit renewal or your obligations under the permit, please contact me at 315-426-7445. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Trenderon Choe  
Environmental Analyst  
trenderon.choe@dec.ny.gov

Enc. Permit 7-3120-00137/00001  
cc: Steve Perrigo, Nicole Smith – DEC DMM  
Onondaga County Health  
Town Supervisor  
File



**PERMIT**  
**Under the Environmental Conservation Law (ECL)**

**Permittee and Facility Information**

**Permit Issued To:**  
ONONDAGA COUNTY RESOURCE  
RECOVERY AGENCY  
100 ELWOOD DAVIS RD  
NORTH SYRACUSE, NY 13212-4312

**Facility:**  
AMBOY COMPOST SITE  
  
6296 AIRPORT RD  
CAMILLUS, NY

**Facility Location:** in CAMILLUS in ONONDAGA COUNTY

**Facility Principal Reference Point:** NYTM-E: 396.733 NYTM-N: 4769.956  
Latitude: 43°04'31.0" Longitude: 76°16'06.6"

**Authorized Activity:** The applicant is authorized for a full scale system of aerated static pile (ASP) food waste composting at the Amboy Compost Facility. The facility is designed to process an average of 16,000 cy/year of food waste (9,600 tons/year) amended with 48,000 cy/year of yard waste to produce approximately 36,000 cy/year of finished compost product on an average annual basis. The approved design capacity is 40 dry tons/day (peak daily rate).

**Permit Authorizations**

**Solid Waste Management - Under Article 27, Title 7**

Permit ID 7-3120-00137/00001

(Solid Waste ID 34PP0046)

Renewal

Effective Date: 7/10/2023

Expiration Date: 7/9/2033

**NYSDEC Approval**

**By acceptance of this permit, the permittee agrees that the permit is contingent upon strict compliance with the ECL, all applicable regulations, and all conditions included as part of this permit.**

Permit Administrator: KEVIN M BALDUZZI, Deputy Regional Permit Administrator  
Address: NYSDEC Region 7 Headquarters  
5786 Widewaters Pkwy  
Syracuse, NY 13214 -1867

Authorized Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date 07 / 10 / 2023



## Permit Components

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## SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PERMIT CONDITIONS

**1. Conformance With Plans** All activities authorized by this permit must be in strict conformance with the permit application, plans and materials prepared by GHD Consulting Engineers, LLC on August 3, 2012, revised by submittals dated October 18, 2012, and November 16, 2012 submittals, and the permit renewal application dated July 29, 2022, and response to comments dated April 5, 2023.

**2. Submissions** Unless otherwise specified, all submissions required by this permit shall be sent to the NYSDEC Region 7 office and the NYSDEC central office in Albany, at the addresses provided below:

NYSDEC, Region 7  
Attn: Regional Materials  
Management Supervisor  
5786 Widewaters Pkwy, 1st Fl  
Syracuse, NY 13214

NYSDEC  
Attn: Supervisor, Organics Reduction  
and Recycling Section  
625 Broadway  
Albany, NY 12233

### OPERATIONS

**3. Operation of Facility** The operation of the facility shall be in accordance with the provisions of this permit, 6 NYCRR Part 360, 6 NYCRR Part 361, and the approved permit.

**4. Waste Sources** Types of waste processed at this facility shall be limited to:

- Yard waste/clean wood chips
- Unadulterated, uncontaminated wood
- Manure and agricultural waste
- Source-separated organics (SSO), as defined in 6 NYCRR Part 360.2 (b) (254)

**5. Removal of Inorganic Material** Any institution or establishment delivering organic waste to the facility must have an active recyclables collection program designed to remove inorganic materials from the waste stream. In addition, efforts should be made to recycle organic materials such as newsprint, office paper and cardboard.

**6. Unacceptable Materials** Material accepted that is not suitable for composting, or as cover material for windrows (e.g., plastic contaminants, utensils, screening overs), shall be disposed of weekly.



**7. Material On-Site** Material accepted shall not remain on-site for more than thirty-six (36) months from the time it was received.

**8. Final Compost Product On-Site** Final compost product may not remain on-site for more than twenty four (24) months.

**9. Leachate Storage Tank** The leachate storage tank shall be emptied, cleaned, and inspected every twelve (12) months.

**10. Waste Quantities** The facility may accept an average of 16,000 cubic yards per year (cy/year) of food waste (9,600 tons/year) amended with an average of 48,000 cy/year of yard waste to produce approximately 36,000 cy/year of finished compost product on an annual basis. The facility may not exceed the design capacity of 40 dry tons/day (peak daily rate). Storage shall not exceed the capacity of the Amboy Compost Facility of 13,420 cy for compost stockpile and 8,500 cy for finished compost and the Onondaga County Resource Recovery Agency's (OCRRA) Jamesville Facility capacity of 3,000 cy, which shall be used as an additional storage site.

**11. Vectors, Odor and Dust Concerns** The facility must be operated in a way that minimizes vector attraction, unacceptable and nuisance odor generation, and dust formation and migration. Should unacceptable or nuisance odors emanate from the facility, odor control measures outlined in the Contingency Plan in the permit application must be implemented immediately. If at any time the Department deems that measures being implemented under the Contingency Plan are not adequately controlling odors, vectors, or dust, then the Department may require cessation of waste acceptance and require the removal of all materials continuing to cause odors, vectors, or dust. In the event the Department requires removal of material, the permittee shall properly dispose of all designated material within seven (7) days.

## REPORTING

**12. Manuals, Plans, Reports, and Logs** All manuals, plans, reports and logs required by 6 NYCRR Part 360, Part 361, and this permit must be maintained and available for reference and inspection at the facility. These manuals, plans, etc. must be updated, at a minimum, upon each renewal of the permit to operate or when procedures change.

**13. Annual Report** An annual report must be submitted by the permittee by March 1st each year. Included in the report shall be a complete listing of all waste sources and approximate quantities of waste. Permittee shall use the most current annual report form posted on the Department's website each year. The permittee is encouraged to send an electronic copy of the annual report to Region 7 and Central Office using the email addresses provided in the form.

**14. Temperature Monitoring** Temperature monitoring records must be sufficient to demonstrate compliance with the pathogen and vector attraction reduction requirements of 6 NYCRR 361-3.7 for SSO.



**15. Sampling and Analysis** All sampling and analysis must be in accordance with the Operations and Maintenance Manual and these Special Permit Conditions. The compost product must be analyzed for the parameters listed in 6 NYCRR 361-3.9, Table 1. The frequency for analysis must be in accordance with 6 NYCRR 361-3.9, Table 5. The maximum allowable concentration limits for all compost products are provided in 6 NYCRR 361-3.9, Table 6. Each analysis must be performed by a laboratory certified by the New York State Department of Health for that type of analysis. The NYSDEC Region 7 Materials Management Supervisor shall be notified within 24-hours if any of the maximum allowable concentrations in 6 NYCRR 361-3.9, Table 6 are exceeded.

**16. Department Notification** The facility must notify the Region 7 Materials Management Engineer in writing (e-mail is acceptable) within 24 hours of receiving any complaint (odors or otherwise). The facility must send (e-mail is acceptable) a signed copy of a Complaint Log to the Region 7 Materials Management Engineer that includes the actions taken and follow-up with the complainant within 48-hours of receiving the complaint.

**17. Facility Notification** The Department will notify OCRRA Amboy Compost facility's Recycling Operations Manager, in writing (e-mail is acceptable) as soon as practical of NYSDEC receiving any complaint, observation, or inquiry made by the public, concerning the facility.

**GENERAL CONDITIONS - Apply to ALL Authorized Permits:**

**1. Facility Inspection by The Department** The permitted site or facility, including relevant records, is subject to inspection at reasonable hours and intervals by an authorized representative of the Department of Environmental Conservation (the Department) to determine whether the permittee is complying with this permit and the ECL. Such representative may order the work suspended pursuant to ECL 71- 0301 and SAPA 401(3).

The permittee shall provide a person to accompany the Department's representative during an inspection to the permit area when requested by the Department.

A copy of this permit, including all referenced maps, drawings and special conditions, must be available for inspection by the Department at all times at the project site or facility. Failure to produce a copy of the permit upon request by a Department representative is a violation of this permit.

**2. Relationship of this Permit to Other Department Orders and Determinations** Unless expressly provided for by the Department, issuance of this permit does not modify, supersede or rescind any order or determination previously issued by the Department or any of the terms, conditions or requirements contained in such order or determination.



**3. Applications For Permit Renewals, Modifications or Transfers** The permittee must submit a separate written application to the Department for permit renewal, modification or transfer of this permit. Such application must include any forms or supplemental information the Department requires. Any renewal, modification or transfer granted by the Department must be in writing. Submission of applications for permit renewal, modification or transfer are to be submitted to:

Regional Permit Administrator  
NYSDEC Region 7 Headquarters  
5786 Widewaters Pkwy  
Syracuse, NY13214 -1867

**4. Submission of Renewal Application** The permittee must submit a renewal application at least 180 days before permit expiration for the following permit authorizations: Solid Waste Management.

**5. Permit Modifications, Suspensions and Revocations by the Department** The Department reserves the right to exercise all available authority to modify, suspend or revoke this permit. The grounds for modification, suspension or revocation include:

- a. materially false or inaccurate statements in the permit application or supporting papers;
- b. failure by the permittee to comply with any terms or conditions of the permit;
- c. exceeding the scope of the project as described in the permit application;
- d. newly discovered material information or a material change in environmental conditions, relevant technology or applicable law or regulations since the issuance of the existing permit;
- e. noncompliance with previously issued permit conditions, orders of the commissioner, any provisions of the Environmental Conservation Law or regulations of the Department related to the permitted activity.

**6. Permit Transfer** Permits are transferrable unless specifically prohibited by statute, regulation or another permit condition. Applications for permit transfer should be submitted prior to actual transfer of ownership.



## NOTIFICATION OF OTHER PERMITTEE OBLIGATIONS

### **Item A: Permittee Accepts Legal Responsibility and Agrees to Indemnification**

The permittee, excepting state or federal agencies, expressly agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York, its representatives, employees, and agents ("DEC") for all claims, suits, actions, and damages, to the extent attributable to the permittee's acts or omissions in connection with the permittee's undertaking of activities in connection with, or operation and maintenance of, the facility or facilities authorized by the permit whether in compliance or not in compliance with the terms and conditions of the permit. This indemnification does not extend to any claims, suits, actions, or damages to the extent attributable to DEC's own negligent or intentional acts or omissions, or to any claims, suits, or actions naming the DEC and arising under Article 78 of the New York Civil Practice Laws and Rules or any citizen suit or civil rights provision under federal or state laws.

### **Item B: Permittee's Contractors to Comply with Permit**

The permittee is responsible for informing its independent contractors, employees, agents and assigns of their responsibility to comply with this permit, including all special conditions while acting as the permittee's agent with respect to the permitted activities, and such persons shall be subject to the same sanctions for violations of the Environmental Conservation Law as those prescribed for the permittee.

### **Item C: Permittee Responsible for Obtaining Other Required Permits**

The permittee is responsible for obtaining any other permits, approvals, lands, easements and rights-of-way that may be required to carry out the activities that are authorized by this permit.

### **Item D: No Right to Trespass or Interfere with Riparian Rights**

This permit does not convey to the permittee any right to trespass upon the lands or interfere with the riparian rights of others in order to perform the permitted work nor does it authorize the impairment of any rights, title, or interest in real or personal property held or vested in a person not a party to the permit.