Solid Waste Advisory Board Meeting
Agenda for October 21, 2026; 9:00 A.M.

Regulatory Updates

- Quarterly landfill gas monitoring for the Central Landfill Facility was completed in August. Four landfill gas monitoring probes had methane exceedances but the associated replacement probes (located away from the landfill but on County property) had no detection of methane. MDE continues to be ok with the replacement probe readings.

- Quarterly landfill gas monitoring for the Snow Hill, Pocomoke, and Berlin closed landfills was completed on 8/12/26. Pocomoke showed no methane concentration exceedances. Berlin continued to show methane exceedances in one landfill gas probe but the recently installed temporary landfill gas probes associated with each of these probes showed no methane detections. Snow Hill showed methane exceedances but at landfill gas probes not adjacent to the property line and not of concern to MDE.

- The semi-annual landfill gas monitoring report for the Central Closed Landfill and Snow Hill Closed Landfill was submitted to MDE on 9/30/26.

- The groundwater sampling for the Central Landfill Facility was completed during the week of 8/31/26. The semi-annual groundwater monitoring report will be submitted to MDE by 12/31/26.

- The groundwater sampling for the Pocomoke, Snow Hill, and Berlin closed landfill was completed during the week of 8/24/26. The semi-annual groundwater monitoring reports will be submitted to MDE by 12/31/26.

Central Site

- Cell 6 Preparation and Design – Shallow and intermediate groundwater monitoring wells have been installed. (Finished 10/20/2026) Monitoring of the wells to commence in November. EA is designing Cell 6 currently and permit applications anticipated in Q1 2027.

- BRIC grant application to fund generator at Solid Waste Administration Building / scales was completed. MDEM and FEMA are reviewing the applications.

- Final 10-Year Solid Waste Management Plan was prepared and submitted to MDE for review.

- County was notified by MDE to provide a Renewal Application for Title V, Part 70 State Permit by October 1, 2026. Current permit expires in September 2027. EA submitted the Renewal Application to MDE on 10/2/26.

Central Site Inactive Cells

- Cell 1 Pump Station Upgrades – Awarded to TK Construction; TK is approximately 75% complete with the first pump station rehabilitation. (They have gone in and pulled all the old pumps out, guard rails, cleaned the wet wells out, power washed & inspected them, they have the new top concrete pads poured on, so they are on the way to turning that back online)

Recycling

- Fencing and lighting at Whaleyville is complete. Public Works is extending fiber optic cable to serve the cameras at the site.

- Solar powered cameras have been installed at Berlin Walmart. Public Works is working with the camera contractor to address issues of limited nighttime visibility. Additional cameras may be needed to eliminate blind spots. They have put a second pole up because we are not getting the information we need off the cameras that we put in.

- On 4/27/26, the County was awarded $100,000 grant from the State to design an expansion to Recycling Building with the goal of adding a 2nd processing line. County held a bid solicitation for the work, and all received bid were overbudget causing the County to reject all bids. Going to put that project on hold.

--Commissioners did approve in the last meeting for us to put the new wire tier on. Hopefully in the next month or two

HOCC

- Berlin site rehab – AJT Homes, LLC was awarded the construction contract. The western wall and slab are completed with temporary operations switch to that side. Demolition of east side commenced and encountered a large amount of underground poured in place concrete behind and under the concrete blocks. County is reviewing a change order to perform the work.

Comments from the Board…

Was questioned as to all transfer stations being open 7 days, staff directed that the board write a letter of their opinion to the Commissioners expressing their concern.

Do you project any price increase for the 27 year? We are doing a rate study right now and we are looking at all the new additional cost that we have incurred with cell 6 into action and future cells.

There are a lot of wetlands around. A quarter of cell 6, all of 8 and portion of cell 7. Looking for options for future expansion and working with the state for a break.

Next meeting January 20, 2027