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## **FACT SHEET**

### **SOLID WASTE PERMIT NUMBER 1107-MSWLF-1996**

**FACILITY:** Buncombe County MSW Landfill  
**COUNTY:** Buncombe  
**CITY:** Asheville, North Carolina  
**DIN #:** 25338  
**OWNER & OPERATOR:** Buncombe County

#### **DESCRIPTION**

Buncombe County owns and operates the municipal solid waste (MSW) landfill facility, Permit number 1107-MSWLF-1996. The facility is located (911 address) at 85 Panther Branch Road in Alexander, North Carolina and includes a total area of approximately 605 acres. The facility is currently permitted to receive municipal solid (MSW) wastes, construction and demolition (C&D) wastes, and household hazardous wastes (HHW) wastes. The MSW landfill covers approximately 95 acres and is currently permitted to include seven (7) phases made up of ten (10) cells with a total disposal capacity of approximately 6.8 million cubic yards. Phases I and II, which include Cells 1 through 5, are currently inactive. Phase 3, Cell 6 is currently active and Phases IV through VII, which include Cells 7 through 10, have not yet been constructed. The C&D landfill covers approximately 39 acres and is currently permitted to include eight (8) phases with a total disposal capacity of approximately 2.6 million cubic yards. The household hazardous waste facilities only provide for temporary storage of materials prior to off-site shipment for proper disposal.

The County submitted a Permit amendment application on April 29, 2014. The application requested a permit to construct Phase IV, Cell 7 along with an increase in the MSW landfill post-settlement surface slopes of all MSW disposal units. The facility is currently approved for MSW landfill post-settlement surface slopes of 4 to 1 horizontal to vertical. The application requested an increase in MSW landfill post-settlement surface slopes to 3 to 1 horizontal to vertical. While this change adds no new area to the MSW disposal units, it increases the total disposal capacity to approximately 11.8 million cubic yards. The Division of Waste Management has determined that the application satisfied the requirements of the Solid Waste Management Rules as codified in 15A NCAC 13B .1601 through .1680. A draft permit has been prepared for public review.



## **PERMIT STRUCTURE**

The permit is divided into two parts, the Permit to Construct and the Permit to Operate. The permit includes a list of approved documents and specific conditions for the construction, operation, and monitoring of the landfill units. Permits to Operate are issued for 5-year increments of operation. Specific conditions are also included for the implementation, operation, and assessment of the groundwater Corrective Action Plan and post-closure care associated with any closed landfill units.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

North Carolina Solid Waste Management Rules requires the permitting process for certain activities to provide for public review of, and input to, permit documents containing the applicable design and operating conditions and shall provide for consideration of comments received and notification to the public of the final permit design. The 45-day comment period begins on December 21, 2015, and ends on February 4, 2016, at 5:00 pm. Persons wishing to comment on the draft permit or to object to the permit issuance should submit their comments in writing by 5:00 p.m., February 4, 2016. Comments should be sent to the Division contact address shown below and include the permit number. All comments received within the 45-day period will be considered in making the final determination regarding the permit.

The application and draft permit is available for review by appointment from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the Department of Environmental Quality Asheville Regional Office, 2090 US Highway 70, Swannanoa, NC 28778. The administrative record including the application, fact sheet, and draft permit can be found online at <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/wm/sw> . Select the “Documents” link from the list on the left side of the page. Once redirected, enter **1107-MSWLF-1996** in the “ID” field and then click the “Search” button.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

A public hearing has been scheduled for January 12, 2016 at 1:00 PM and will be held at the Buncombe County Permits Department Planning Board Meeting Room located at 30 Valley Street, Asheville, NC 28801. Interested parties may submit oral or written statements and data concerning the proposed changes to the facility Permit. Persons wishing to speak may register at the hearing. Speaking times will be allotted per speaker as time allows. Interested parties may submit written statements and data concerning the proposed changes to the facility Permit to the Division contact at the address shown below.

## **NOTIFICATION**

Persons who want to receive notice of the final permit decision should register with the Division contact.

**DIVISION CONTACT**

Comments and requests for additional information should be sent to:

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