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North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources

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May 30, 2007

Mr. Gary A. Bilbro
President, Innovative Recycling Services, Inc.
P.O. Box 872
Lewisville, North Carolina 27023

Dear Mr. Bilbro:

Enclosed is your permit to operate a Treatment and Processing Facility in Catawba County. Your permit number is 18-10. Please carefully read all permit conditions. Your operation plan, permit application, and the information on the site plan have been incorporated into the permit conditions.

A permit modification will be required to manage any additional types of material. Operation and Maintenance manual modification may be required if significant quantities of any type of waste are added to the waste stream.

Ms. Deb Aja, Western District Supervisor, is responsible for inspecting Solid Waste Management activities in Catawba County. Ms. Aja can be contacted at 828-296-4702.

Sincerely,

Ted Lyon, Supervisor
Composting & Land Application Branch

cc: Deb Aja, Western District Supervisor, Asheville Regional Office
Central File, Solid Waste Section
Craig Coker

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF WASTE MANAGEMENT
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Innovative Recycling Services, Inc.

is hereby issued a permit to operate

Solid Waste Treatment and Processing Facility

Located at

1230 13th Street SW
Hickory, NC

Permit Number 18-10

In accordance with Article 9, Chapter 130A, of the General Statutes of North Carolina and all rules promulgated thereunder and subject to the conditions set forth in this permit.

Paul S. Crissman 5-30-07

Paul S. Crissman, Chief — Date
Solid Waste Section

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Permit Conditions

1. Operation and maintenance of this facility shall be in accordance with the Solid Waste Management Rules (15A NCAC 13B, 0302), the permit application, the Operational Plan submitted with the permit application and the conditions of this permit. Failure to comply may result in compliance actions or permit revocation.

2. Any leachate generated at the facility shall be managed in such a manner that there will be no degradation of the ground or surface waters.

3. The facility owner and operator are responsible for meeting all applicable Department of Environment and Natural Resources rules and policies concerning runoff from this facility.

4. This facility shall be operated and maintained with sufficient dust control measures to minimize airborne emissions and to prevent dust from becoming a nuisance or safety hazard.

5. Construction and demolition waste may not be received at this facility. Pre-sorted scrap lumber that is unpainted, untreated, and unstained may be received. Engineered wood products may not be converted to mulch but may be ground for boiler fuel.

6. Piles of un-ground/unprocessed materials shall not exceed 30 feet in width and 15 feet in height, and shall be maintained in windrows.

7. Processing area windrows shall not exceed fifteen feet in width and 6 feet in height.

8. Product storage piles shall not exceed 24 feet in width and 12 feet in height.

9. In order to facilitate fire fighting activities, all piles and windrows shall be maintained far enough apart to allow for access by firefighting equipment.

10. All fires shall be immediately extinguished. A verbal notification must be made within 24 hours and submission of a written notification within 15 days of the occurrence to the Division of Waste Management.

11. All waste and all processed materials shall be maintained at least 50 feet from all property lines.

12. Waste with low Carbon to nitrogen ratios such as yard waste containing grass clippings or other green vegetation, cotton gin trash and manure or other processed or unprocessed nitrogen containing materials shall not be received at this facility

13. Potentially putrescible wastes shall not be received at this facility.

14. Construction and demolition waste ground or un-ground, shall not be received at this facility, except that source separated, unpainted and untreated wood waste may be received. Any wood waste containing engineered wood products must be diverted to boiler fuel.

15. This facility is not permitted to receive Petroleum contaminated soils.

16. Ground water monitoring wells may be required if there is indication of the potential for groundwater contamination.

17. The amount of waste or other materials received at this facility and the amount and type of products sold of otherwise distributed shall be reported to the Division of Waste Management by August 1st of each year for the previous July 1 to June 30.

18. No more than 10,000 cubic yards of material may be on site at this facility at any one time. Waste materials received shall be treated or processed and distributed within 12 months of their receipt.

19. This permit shall expire on March 1, 2012. Changes in facility capacity, process changes or receiving additional wastes shall require a permit modification.

20. Any modifications to the Treatment and Processing Rules will have to be addressed within 90 days of the effective date of those rules.

21. This permit is non-transferable. A change in ownership will require a new permit.

FAX: TED LYON
733 9810

State of North Carolina
Department of Environment
and Natural Resources
Division of Water Quality

Michael F. Easley, Governor
William G. Ross Jr., Secretary
Alan W. Klimek, Director

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NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

May 29, 2007

Mr. Gary A. Bilbro
Innovative Recycling Services, Inc.
900 Laurel Creek Lane
Lewisville, North Carolina 27023

Subject: General Permit No. NCG210000
Innovative Recycling Services, Inc.
COC NCG210382
Catawba County

Dear Mr. Bilbro:

In accordance with your application for discharge permit received on April 18, 2007, we are forwarding herewith the subject certificate of coverage to discharge under the subject state - NPDES general permit. This permit is issued pursuant to the requirements of North Carolina General Statute 143-215.1 and the Memorandum of Agreement between North Carolina and the US Environmental Protection agency dated May 9, 1994 (or as subsequently amended).

If any parts, measurement frequencies, or sampling requirements contained in this permit are unacceptable to you, you have the right to request an individual permit by submitting an individual permit application. Unless such demand is made, this certificate of coverage shall be final and binding.

Special provisions for Innovative Recycling Services, Inc. (IRS)

- IRS will maintain a waterproof cover over stockpiles of boiler fuel chips in which any chips have been in place for over 14 days. (IRS will provide cover on or before the 15th day.)
- IRS will maintain a waterproof cover over stockpiles of mulch chips in which any chips have been in place for over 2 days. (IRS will provide cover on or before the third day.)
- IRS will clean accumulated materials from the sediment ponds identified in the permit application site plan as needed to maintain the capacity of the ponds, but not less than monthly.
- IRS will submit a copy of the required Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SPPP) to the Stormwater Permitting Unit of DWQ within 30 days of its completion. The SPPP shall contain an updated site plan based on the permit application site plan and showing drainage ditches, sediment basins, topography, improvements, contributing areas, points of stormwater discharge from the property, operational areas, and any other surface features that may affect the surface flow of runoff.
- IRS will maintain in the SPPP a monthly log of visual inspections of each location where stormwater leaves the property boundaries of the IRS site. IRS shall record observations of any erosion features at the property line or on adjoining property, any deposition of site materials at the property line or on adjoining property, or other like impacts at the property line or on adjoining property, and shall record in the SPPP remedial actions taken in response to such observations. If remedial actions are indicated by the observed conditions, IRS shall contact the DWQ regional office in Mooresville to request DWQ staff consultation on the remedial response.

Please take notice that this certificate of coverage is not transferable except after approval of the Division of Water Quality. The Division of Water Quality may require modification or revocation and reissuance of the certificate of coverage.

This permit does not affect the legal requirements to obtain other permits which may be required by the Division of Water Quality or permits required by the Division of Land Resources, Coastal Area Management Act, or any other Federal or Local governmental permit that may be required.

If you have any questions concerning this permit, please contact Ken Pickle at telephone number (919) 733-5083 ext. 584.

Sincerely,

Ken Pickle
for Alan W. Klimek, P. E.

cc: Mooresville Regional Office
DWQ Central Files
Stormwater Permitting Unit Files
Craig Coker, via fax (540) 904-6732
Ted Lyon, DWM, via fax (919) 733-4810

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY

GENERAL PERMIT NO. NCG210000
CERTIFICATE OF COVERAGE No. NCG210382

STORMWATER DISCHARGES

NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM

In compliance with the provision of North Carolina General Statute 143-215.1, other lawful standards and regulations promulgated and adopted by the North Carolina Environmental Management Commission, and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended,

Innovative Recycling Services, Inc.

is hereby authorized to discharge stormwater from a facility located at

Innovative Recycling Services, Inc.
1320 13th Street SW
Hickory, North Carolina
Catawba County

to receiving waters designated as unnamed tributary to Longview Creek, a class C water in the Catawba River Basin in accordance with the effluent limitations, monitoring requirements, and other conditions set forth in Parts I, II, III, IV, V, and VI of General Permit No. NCG210000 as attached.

This certificate of coverage shall become effective May 29, 2007.

This Certificate of Coverage shall remain in effect for the duration of the General Permit.

Signed this day May 29, 2007.

for Ken Pickle
Alan W. Klimek, Director
Division of Water Quality
By Authority of the Environmental Management Commission

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May 1, 2007

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Dear Mr. Lyon:

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The current owner D.R. Banks, Inc. has been operating this facility for the past three years under permit #18-07. The site was permitted to accept wood waste for grinding into mulch for landscaping and boiler fuel. It is the intention of IRS to purchase this property from D.R. Banks, Inc. and to take over the existing business and markets Mr. Banks has amassed over the past three years.

The documentation attached includes a site plan we had developed for our proposed facility by McGill Associates of Hickory, NC.

Should you need any other information for this permit application, please let me know as soon as possible. We are trying to get this property closed as soon as possible; your quick response to this application will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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APPROVED
DIVISION OF WASTE MANAGEMENT
SOLID WASTE SECTION
DATE 5/3/07 BY

Gary A. Bilbro
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Property Information:

The facility is located at 1230 13th Street SW Hickory, NC 28602 in the County of Catawba. The parcel ID # is 279216735615 and the entire property consists of 9.16 acres of land. The processing area consists of just over 1.5 acres in the center of the property. Static piles and Finished Product storage consists of another 5 + acres. The rest of the acreage is used for offsets and roadways. Vicinity maps are included herein.

The roadway from 13th Street will be paved down to the proposed office trailer and the ten foot elevation of dirt on the North side of the site will be removed. The entire site will be on two levels. The first level coming into the property will be for raw material storage, processing and finished product storage. The lower part of the site will be for sales stockpiles.

All existing sediment ponds and storm water collection structures have been cleaned, upgraded to current standards, and put back into service. These structures and ponds are identified on the attached site plans. Historical inspection reports on these facilities are no longer available from the DENR-Mooresville Regional Office as they have a practice of returning "dead" files to the host jurisdiction; however Catawba County has no record of this information. IRS has asked Catawba County to inspect these structures anew; this inspection should occur prior to 3/31/2007.

Maps & Photos:

The attached **Aerial Photograph** (at a scale of 1" = 272') of the property and the surrounding area was provided by the Catawba County GIS On-line system. The site is in the Longview Township but is under the development plan of the City of Hickory. The site is bordered by mostly wooded tracts all of which are under the same zoning classification of I-1. IRS has received a Special Use permit from the City of Hickory Planning Board. The Special Use Permit was issued on March 1, 2007 (copy attached). We have also attached a **Vicinity Map** showing the location of this property in relation to local towns and cities, including major thoroughfares.

Site Plan:

The **Site Plan** that is attached shows the property and the layout of the facility, along with all features required by DENR: the processing areas, property lines, topography, sediment and erosion control structures, utilities, roadways and proposed office details.

The existing **Sedimentation and Erosion Control Plan** (dated 1/28/2003) used for this permit application conforms to all existing requirements from the City of Hickory and the State of NC DENR. The Storm Water coming from the processing areas will be captured and controlled within the ponds and the surrounding runoff has been controlled to conform to all local and state requirements.

Siting Criteria:

Setbacks – The setbacks from the property lines are as follows

North side of processing area = 50 feet from property line
West side of processing area = 50 to 75 feet from property line
South side of processing area = 50 to 80 feet from property line
East side of processing area = 60 to 105 feet from property line

West side of property line is 260 feet from Longview Branch
East side of property line is 800 feet from closest water supply well
West side of property line is 850 feet from closest residential building

100 Year Flood Plain – FEMA flood insurance maps (see attached) show this property is not in a flood plain and identifies the closest area to the property that is.

Depth to Groundwater - The facility is not located where the depth to the seasonal high water table is within 12 inches of the soil surface. All surrounding land is at least 30 feet below the surface of the processing area due to the emplacement of fill over the years. This site is underlain by Pacolet and Madison sandy loams, and depths to groundwater in these series is reported at > 5 ft. and > 10 ft., respectively.

Endangered or Threatened Species – Due to the extensive disruption of natural habitats by previous land uses, the property does not contain any endangered or threatened species, wildlife or plants and the continued use of the facility for land clearing debris processing will not cause any harm to any habitats.

Planning/Zoning – The property is zoned I-1 by the City of Hickory and is in their planning and zoning jurisdiction. A Special Use permit has been received and a copy included herein.

Legal Description – A copy of the existing NC General Warranty Deed for D.R. Banks, Inc on this property is attached to show the Legal Description of the property. This Deed is located in the Catawba County Register of Deeds in Book 2418, Page 1676.

Operation Plan:

This facility will process 8,000 to 12,000 tons/year of the following types of land clearing debris and woody wastes.

- Land Clearing Debris
- High Carbon:Nitrogen (C:N) Ratio Yard Waste (no leaves, grass, or shrubbery)
- Pallets and other Kiln Dried wood (no treated wood)
- Furniture manufacturers scrap wood (non painted, stained)
- Clean pre-sorted building scrap lumber (no treated, painted or stained wood)

This material will be processed to make mulch and boiler fuel. IRS will open the facility from the hours of 7:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday and from 7:30 am to 12:30 pm on Saturday. Wood waste will be brought in by varying sizes of trucks and/or trailers. The loads of debris will be visually inspected by the attendant for unacceptable materials. No C&D type waste or yard trash will be allowed on site. Small amounts of unacceptable materials in a commingled load will be manually removed to an onsite dumpster. Larger amounts of contamination in a load will result in the entire load being rejected. Once the load of wood debris has been approved it will be sent to the unloading area located on the Northeastern portion of the processing area.

IRS currently has contractual commitments to supply the following volumes of processed material from this Hickory site:

Month	Boiler Fuel (CY)	Mulch (CY)
January	5,800	1,500
February	5,800	3,700
March	5,800	9,800
April	4,400	9,800
May	4,400	9,800
June	4,400	1,500
July	4,400	1,400
August	4,400	3,200
September	4,400	6,800
October	4,400	5,700
November	4,800	300
December	6,200	300

Mixed loads of stumps, brush and miscellaneous land clearing debris will be sorted with the use of a 200 series Excavator. Stumps will be split and any dirt will be stored in a static pile located on the very Northern side of the Processing Area. IRS can accumulate up to 300 cubic yards of dirt in this area. Once the dirt has a chance to dry out, it will be sent through the Screening System and sold as clean fill dirt or will be mixed with bark/wood fines and sold as a blended

top-soil. It is anticipated less than 20 to 30 cubic yards of dirt will be accumulated, processed and sold in a given month.

All of the wood waste will be processed through a Grinder with 3 ½" to 4" screens in the Staging Area. The mulch will be immediately sent though the screening system to remove the dirt from the material. The mulch will be placed in static piles in the Processing Area for a first stage of processing. Each static pile will be six feet tall and fifteen feet wide. Static piles will range from 100 ft to 200 ft in length depending on the location of the static pile in this area. As soon as possible, the mulch will be sent through the Grinder again this time with 2" to 3" screens. This regrinding process will generate varying types of mulch products. This twice-ground mulch will be stored in the southern portion of the Processing Area for final processing (this process can take up to 30 days). Finished product will be stored on site in the Sales Area for anywhere from one (1) to three (3) months and will be covered to minimize any potential water quality impacts to Longview Branch. Market conditions and seasonal requirements will dictate how long the material will be on the site in static piles. None of the onsite storage piles will be larger than 12 feet deep by 24 feet wide so as to minimize the potential for a spontaneous combustion fire. The ultimate goal is to have the mulch processed and sold as soon as the product is ready for market.

Pallets and clean kiln dried wood will be separated and processed through a Grinder with 4" screens in the Staging Area. This ground wood will be put in a concrete bunker (with a capacity of 300 CY) in the Sales Area or put directly into a Walking Floor Trailer to be shipped to local customers as Boiler Fuel. Pallet nails, staples and other metal objects will be collected and captured in a metal box designated for this use. Full boxes of this metal will be sold to a local metal recycling customer. Any other foreign objects, such as plastics, paper and sometimes cardboard will be collected and placed in a front-load dumpster that will be emptied by a local refuse hauler.

In the Processing Area, as static piles are completed, the ground under which the static pile was placed will be scraped and prepared for another static pile to be built. Clean paths will be maintained between each static pile to allow for access to static piles in the event of a fire. Each static pile will be accessible by heavy equipment or a fire truck if necessary. In dry events, water from the pond will be used to control dust coming from the roadways and/or grinding area.

IRS understands that woody material processing has a risk of fires from both equipment and spontaneous combustion sources. IRS Fire Management Procedures include: operating fire extinguishers on all equipment; preventive maintenance on all equipment to minimize potentials for leaks of combustible fluids, monitoring ground mulch piles for temperatures in excess of 180° F., and coordination (and training) with the local fire department in the event their services might be needed.

IRS also understands that protecting the water quality of nearby Longview Branch (more than 250 feet west of westernmost site boundary) is important. IRS will not conduct any processing operations within fifty (50) feet of the property line. IRS has upgraded several sediment traps to current DENR standards and they will be periodically cleaned of accumulated sediment. In addition, for finished boiler fuel product piles still on-site after 15 days, IRS will cover the piles to prevent rainfall from leaching anything out of the wood waste. IRS will cover any woody

material piles intended for mulch markets immediately after grinding. This will also improve product quality, further enhancing it's rapid sale and movement off-site. As there are no sources of nutrients in the incoming materials that IRS processes, there is no risk of nutrient-laden runoff leaving the site. As there are no sources of pathogens in the incoming materials that IRS processes, there is no risk of fecal coliform contamination of runoff leaving the site. In addition, as IRS processes fresh wood waste, there is little risk of runoff containing high levels of Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) as might be encountered at a "managed decomposition" facility like a composting operation. IRS is confident these management practices will be protective of Longview Branch water quality.

In summary, the Operations Plan consists of accepting clean loads of land clearing and wood debris of varying sizes and types. The debris will be sorted and placed in different areas for processing. IRS will be grinding and screening the material and manufacturing both Mulch or Boiler Fuel products for direct shipment to end users (for boiler fuel) and to retail mulch yards (for mulch). IRS will be taking the ground Clean/Dried wood chips and in most cases shipping it directly to local markets. IRS anticipates accepting 20,000 to 30,000 cubic yards of material per three month period. Due to the space constraints of this facility, a combination of no more than 10,000 cubic yards of raw material, processed mulch or finished product should be on site at any one time.

Equipment to perform these operations consists of an Industrial Tub Grinder, a 200 series Excavator, a D6 sized Dozer, a Wheeled Loader with Grapple and Bucket and a Walking Floor Trailer and pulling Tractor. This equipment will be on site from four to ten days a month depending on the quantity of material required to be processed. A 200 series Excavator and Smaller Wheeled Loader will be on site 100% of the time for daily processing of incoming debris and mulch or boiler fuel products.

In the business of processing wood debris there are always going to be issues with equipment, weather and markets. IRS has a **Contingency Plan** to assist in the times equipment failure or inclement weather occurs or if unforeseen constraints affect product markets.

Local rental agencies have similar equipment available for daily to monthly leasing. Our company employs several qualified mechanics that can repair most malfunctions; however contracts are in place with Certified Manufacture Mechanics for most of the Equipment listed. Equipment failure is not the only problem that can occur.

The facility will not operate in heavy rain periods (more than 5" in a 24-hour period) or in icy or snowy conditions. The facility will close on all major Holidays and will not open if the weather conditions make it a hazard to operate the equipment or to be on the roads with the Tractor Trailers.

Other issues that need to be managed include the markets and the local and state permit requirements. Our markets will be constantly reviewed and enhanced. This facility will be successful as long as there is a need to have a place to bring this type of debris and there are strong markets for the mulch and boiler fuel products. In the event of unforeseen disruptions to IRS's markets for the processed material that causes unacceptable increases in inventory, IRS

will: 1) cease taking in new raw waste for processing until inventories can be cleared out and/or 2) negotiate wholesale distribution arrangements with one or more composting facilities in NC that need bulking agent. Local and State permit requirements may change from time to time, so it will be our responsibility to keep up with these changes and to keep our facility within the boundaries of these rules.

IRS will institute a training program for all facility employees. This training program will consist of; the proper use of the heavy equipment, DENR permit requirements, operations plan management, mulch and top-soil quality processing requirements, facility safety initiatives and other items of importance for our on-site staff. Each staff member will be trained in OSHA required first aid treatment in case of any on-site injuries.

The staff and management of IRS will keep records on the material being brought to the facility daily for Local and State **Reporting**. The amount of material on site at any one time will be recorded and the amount of product being shipped out daily will be tracked. Since IRS will not have a scale system to track tonnages, it will be the responsibility of the management to convert the material from Cubic Yards to tons. Periodic bulk density testing of ground material will be done to ensure IRS reports to DENR are based on the industry standard of 1 cubic yard = 400 lbs. A report will be generated and available for local inspection on a monthly basis. Daily records can also be reviewed by local inspectors if necessary. A full report of the facility volumes will be sent to the Division of Waste Management, Solid Waste Section each August with figures showing activity from the previous July 1st to June 1st time period. This report will include the tonnage received, tonnage distributed and the amount of material on site as of June 30 of that year. Additional records will always be available by contacting the management of IRS.

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1 March 2007

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RE: Special Use Permit Approved for Innovative Recycling Services, Inc.

Dear Mr. Bilbro,

The Hickory Regional Planning Commission approved your special use permit request for a wood recycling center at 1230 13th Street SW in Hickory. The special use permit was approved by a vote of 9-0 during the regular Planning Commission meeting of February 28, 2007. You may begin your operation of the recycling center at this facility after receiving the state and any other local permits required. I will send you a copy of the signed resolution approving the special use permit after the Planning Commission chair, Hickory Planning Director, and Hickory Staff Attorney have signed it. Please feel free to contact the Planning Department for more information.

Thank you,

Adrian T. Miller
Planner

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