

NOTICE of AIR POLLUTION COMMENT PERIOD and PUBLIC HEARING

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment (MDNRE) is holding a public comment period from January 27, 2010, until March 2, 2010, with a public hearing on March 2, 2010, on Waste Management's proposed installation and operation of eight landfill gas-fired reciprocating internal combustion engines and associated generator sets for electricity generation, two enclosed flares, and a back-up open flare. Additionally, the three existing open flares that were previously installed, but exempt from the requirement to obtain a permit, have been included in the proposed permit. The facility is located at 36600 29 Mile Road, Lenox Township, Michigan. The public comment period and hearing are to allow all interested parties the opportunity to comment on the Department's proposed conditional approval of a Permit to Install (PTI). It has been preliminarily determined that the installation of the engines and flares will not violate any of the Department's rules nor the National Ambient Air Quality Standards.

This proposal is subject to the federal Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) rules and regulations for a major modification to an existing major stationary source based on the emissions of carbon monoxide (CO), nitrogen oxides (NO_x), sulfur dioxide (SO₂), particulate matter (PM) and particulate matter less than 10 microns (PM₁₀). The proposed engines and flares will consume 5.6 percent of the available increment for NO_x, 29.5 percent for PM₁₀ (24-hour), 3.2 percent for PM₁₀ (annual), 7.8 percent for SO₂ (24-hour), 3.0 percent for SO₂ (3-hour), and 2.4 percent SO₂ (annual).

Additionally, the new engines and flares will require revisions to Renewable Operating Permit (ROP) No. MI-ROP-N5984-2008 (SRN N5984). This public comment period meets the public participation requirements for a future administrative amendment to the ROP.

Copies of the Department staff's analysis and proposed permit conditions are available for inspection at the following locations, or you may request a copy be mailed to you by calling 517-335-4607. Please reference PTI Application Number 233-09.

AIR QUALITY DIVISION (AQD) Internet Home Page - <http://www.michigan.gov/deqair>

SOUTHEAST DISTRICT: MDNRE, AQD, 27700 Donald Court, Warren (Phone: 586-753-2700)

LANSING: MDNRE, AQD, Constitution Hall, 3rd Floor, North Tower, 525 West Allegan Street (Phone: 517-335-4607)

LENOX TOWNSHIP: Lenox Township Hall, 63775 Gratiot, Lenox (Phone: 586-727-2085)

The public is encouraged to present written views on the proposed permit action. Written comments should be sent to Mr. William A. Presson, Acting Permit Section Supervisor, MDNRE, AQD, P.O. Box 30260, Lansing, Michigan, 48909-7760. All statements received by the conclusion of the public hearing on March 2, 2010, will be considered by the decision-maker prior to final permit action.

The public hearing will be held on March 2, 2010, starting at 7:00 p.m. in the Lenox Township Hall, 63775 Gratiot, Lenox, Michigan. Prior to the hearing, an informational session will be held from 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. also in the Lenox Township Hall, 63775 Gratiot, Lenox, Michigan. Staff will provide a brief introduction regarding the proposed project and will be available to answer questions.

The sole purpose of the public hearing will be to take formal testimony on the record. During testimony, questions will not be answered; however, staff will be available to answer questions outside the hearing room.

Individuals needing accommodations for effective participation at the hearing should contact Ms. Cari DeBruler at 517-335-4607 one week in advance to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance.

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT of NATURAL RESOURCES and ENVIRONMENT

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