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ENF Environmental Notification Form

The information requested on this form must be completed to begin MEPA Review in accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act, 301 CMR 11.00.

Project Name: Solid Waste and Recyclables Transfer Station		
Street: 31 Industrial Drive (off Route 10)		
Municipality: Bernardston	Watershed: Connecticut River	
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates:	Latitude: N42°40'06"	
	Longitude: W72°32'42"	
Estimated commencement date: Fall '03	Estimated completion date: Late fall '03	
Approximate cost: \$0.7 million	Status of project design:	100 %complete
Proponent: Volume Recycling Associates, LLC		
Street: 129 Elm Street, P. O. Box 12		
Municipality: Hatfield	State: MA	Zip Code: 01038
Name of Contact Person From Whom Copies of this ENF May Be Obtained: Jeffrey R. Folts		
Firm/Agency: Huntley Associates, P.C.	Street: 30 Industrial Drive East	
Municipality: Northampton	State: MA	Zip Code: 01060
Phone: (413)584-7444	Fax: (413)586-9159	E-mail:

- Does this project meet or exceed a mandatory EIR threshold (see 301 CMR 11.03)?
 Yes No
- Has this project been filed with MEPA before?
 Yes (EOEA No. _____) No
- Has any project on this site been filed with MEPA before?
 Yes (EOEA No. _____) No
- Is this an Expanded ENF (see 301 CMR 11.05(7)) requesting:
- a Single EIR? (see 301 CMR 11.06(8)) Yes No
 - a Special Review Procedure? (see 301CMR 11.09) Yes No
 - a Waiver of mandatory EIR? (see 301 CMR 11.11) Yes No
 - a Phase I Waiver? (see 301 CMR 11.11) Yes No

Identify any financial assistance or land transfer from an agency of the Commonwealth, including the agency name and the amount of funding or land area (in acres): None

Are you requesting coordinated review with any other federal, state, regional, or local agency?
 Yes (Specify _____) No

List Local or Federal Permits and Approvals: Town of Bernardston: Site Plan/Special Permit, Site Site Suitability Approval (Board of Health)

Which ENF or EIR review threshold(s) does the project meet or exceed (see 301 CMR 11.03):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Land | <input type="checkbox"/> Rare Species | <input type="checkbox"/> Wetlands, Waterways, & Tidelands |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water | <input type="checkbox"/> Wastewater | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy | <input type="checkbox"/> Air | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Solid & Hazardous Waste |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ACEC | <input type="checkbox"/> Regulations | <input type="checkbox"/> Historical & Archaeological Resources |

Summary of Project Size & Environmental Impacts	Existing	Change	Total	State Permits & Approvals
LAND				<input type="checkbox"/> Order of Conditions <input type="checkbox"/> Superseding Order of Conditions <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 91 License <input type="checkbox"/> 401 Water Quality Certification <input type="checkbox"/> MHD or MDC Access Permit <input type="checkbox"/> Water Management Act Permit <input type="checkbox"/> New Source Approval <input type="checkbox"/> DEP or MWRA Sewer Connection/ Extension Permit <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Permits <i>(including Legislative Approvals) – Specify:</i> <u>DEP: BWP SW 01 Site Suitability Report</u> <u>BWP SW 05 Auth. To Construct Large Handling Facility</u> <u>BWP SW 06 Authorization to Operate Large Handling Facility</u>
Total site acreage	10.45			
New acres of land altered		0.0		
Acres of impervious area	2.81	+0.09	2.90	
Square feet of new bordering vegetated wetlands alteration		0		
Square feet of new other wetland alteration		0		
Acres of new non-water dependent use of tidelands or waterways		N/A		
STRUCTURES				
Gross square footage	29,780	+0	29,780	
Number of housing units	0	0	0	
Maximum height (in feet)	46	+0	46	
TRANSPORTATION				
Vehicle trips per day	8,581	+240 (max.)	8,821	
Parking spaces	7	+29	36	
WATER/WASTEWATER				
Gallons/day (GPD) of water use	0	+625	625	
GPD water withdrawal	0	0	0	
GPD wastewater generation/ treatment	0	+625	625	
Length of water/sewer mains (in miles)	0 (water) 0 (sewer)	0 0	0 0	

CONSERVATION LAND: Will the project involve the conversion of public parkland or other Article 97 public natural resources to any purpose not in accordance with Article 97?

Yes (Specify _____) No

Will it involve the release of any conservation restriction, preservation restriction, agricultural preservation restriction, or watershed preservation restriction?

Yes (Specify _____) No

RARE SPECIES: Does the project site include Estimated Habitat of Rare Species, Vernal Pools, Priority Sites of Rare Species, or Exemplary Natural Communities?

Yes (Specify _____) No -- See Attachment 7

HISTORICAL /ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES: Does the project site include any structure, site or district listed in the State Register of Historic Place or the inventory of Historic and Archaeological Assets of the Commonwealth?

Yes (Specify _____) No -- See Attachment 6

If yes, does the project involve any demolition or destruction of any listed or inventoried historic or archaeological resources?

Yes (Specify _____) No

AREAS OF CRITICAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN: Is the project in or adjacent to an Area of Critical Environmental Concern?

Yes (Specify _____) No

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project description should include (a) a description of the project site, (b) a description of both on-site and off-site alternatives and the impacts associated with each alternative, and (c) potential on-site and off-site mitigation measures for each alternative (*You may attach one additional page, if necessary.*)

The site of the proposed transfer station is a developed, industrial-zoned parcel of land at 31 Industrial Drive off Route 10 (Church Street) in Bernardston, MA. The proposed facility will be housed in an existing metal manufacturing building formerly occupied by a plastic film manufacturer. The proposed facility will handle a maximum of 500 tons/day of solid waste, construction and demolition material and recyclable material collected from residential and commercial sources in western Massachusetts, primarily Hampshire and Franklin Counties. The site has rail access including a siding on the property.

The transfer station will be located on a 10.452-acre lot. The existing manufacturing building that will be used for the transfer station/waste handling facility has a total floor area of approximately 29,800 sf. Except for the 300 sf lunch room/restrooms area, the entire building space is available for waste and recyclable material handling, processing, sorting and transfer. All waste loading, unloading, and handling will take place inside the building. Roll-off containers may be temporarily stored outside on existing hard surfaces (concrete or asphalt). Three stationary compactors for paper, cardboard, and municipal solid waste will be installed in the existing loading dock area at the north end of the building. Offices will be housed in an existing 24 ft. x 56 ft. metal building located just to the west of the main building. A scale to weigh trucks entering and leaving the facility will be installed. Features of the site and building are shown on the Site Plan (Attachment #2).

The Town of Bernardston has discussed with the applicant the possibility of discontinuing use of its municipal transfer station and enabling town residents to deliver their solid waste and recyclables to the proposed facility. These plans have not yet been finalized.

The proponent proposed a similar facility to be located on Plain Road in Hatfield, MA (filed previously under EOE #12825). The Hatfield site has been assigned for use as a transfer station by the Hatfield Board of Health and Department of Environmental Protection. Plans for a transfer station at this site are currently on hold, in favor of the currently proposed site in Bernardston due to better access to both Route 5 and Route I-91 and the ability to utilize an existing unoccupied industrial building rather than construct a new facility.

The existing building is and will continue to be served by the Town of Bernardston water system. The building is equipped with a sprinkler system. Wastewater will be disposed on site in the existing subsurface sewage disposal system.