COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BUREAU OF WASTE PREVENTION

Western Regional Office 436 Dwight Street-5th floor Springfield, MA 01103

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Department of Environmental Protection, acting in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. chapter 111, Section 142A through 142E, will offer for public comment the following draft Operating Permit issued pursuant to 310 CMR 7.00: Appendix C.

The draft Operating Permit for the Ameresco Chicopee Energy LLC - Chicopee Landfill Gas-To-Energy is being issued in accordance with 310 CMR 7.00: Appendix C(6). The purpose of the draft Operating Permit is to codify all of the facility's applicable requirements under the state and federal Clean Air Act, including monitoring, record keeping requirements and emission limitations, into a renewable Operating Permit. This action is required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as stated in its final rule approving the Department's Operating Permit program (Federal Register Vol. 61, No. 95 Wednesday May 15, 1996).

The draft Operating Permit is for:

Ameresco Chicopee Energy LLC - Chicopee Landfill Gas-To-Energy
New Lombard Road Application # 1-0-05-011
Chicopee, MA 01020 Transmittal # W059384

The public comment period will extend until November 25, 2005. Under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 30A and 310 CMR 7.00: Appendix C(6)(f), a public hearing may be requested by any person by submitting a written request to the Regional Office, stating the nature of the issues to be raised at a public hearing. Based on the written request, the Department will determine if a public hearing will be held and a 30 day written notice will be given. The duration of the public comment period shall automatically extend to the close of the public hearing as provided for at 310 CMR 7.00: Appendix C(6)(g).

Comments may be presented in writing until 5:00 PM on November 25, 2005. Please submit three copies of any written testimony. Written testimony shall be submitted to:

Department of Environmental Protection
Western Regional Office
436 Dwight Street-5th floor
Springfield, Massachusetts 01103
Attention: Craig Goff, Permit Chief

A copy of the draft Operating Permit and the background information will be available for inspection at the Western Regional Office. Please call Marc Simpson at (413) 755-2115 for further information.

By Order of the Department Robert W. Golledge, Jr. Commissioner