

ENF Environmental Notification Form

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Executive Office of Environmental Affairs
 EOE No.: 13154
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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: BFI Pittsfield Solid Waste Transfer Station		
Street: Laurel Street		
Municipality: Pittsfield	Watershed: Housatonic	
Universal Tranverse Mercator Coordinates: N 4702039 E 647363 Zone 18	Latitude: 42° 27' 24" N	Longitude: - 73° 12' 26" W
Estimated commencement date: Aug 2004	Estimated completion date: Feb 2005	
Approximate cost: \$ 2,500,000	Status of project design: 20% complete	
Proponent: BFI of Massachusetts, Inc.		
Street: 845 Burnett Road		
Municipality: Chicopee	State: MA	Zip Code: 01020
Name of Contact Person From Whom Copies of this ENF May Be Obtained: Daniel N. Courcy, Project Manager		
Firm/Agency: Brown and Caldwell	Street: 48 Leona Drive, Suite C	
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- 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 (If EIR is Requested) 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): Not Applicable

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

List Local or Federal Permits and Approvals:
City of Pittsfield: Site Assignment, Special Permit and/or Site Plan Approval, Building Permits, Water and/or Sewer Permits or Approvals, as necessary.
Federal: NPDES Multi-Sector General Permit for Storm Water, NPDES General Permit for Storm Water from Construction Activities

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> Site Suitability (310 CMR 16.00) Authorization to Construct (310 CMR 19.000) Authorization to Operate (310 CMR 19.000) Limited Plan Approval (310 CMR 7.00)
Total site acreage	24.3			
New acres of land altered		6.0 Approx		
Acres of impervious area	0.4 Approx	2.6 Approx	3.0 Approx	
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		0		
STRUCTURES				
Gross square footage	0	16,000 SF	16,000 SF	
Number of housing units	0	0	0	
Maximum height (in feet)	0	38 approx	38 Approx	
TRANSPORTATION				
Vehicle trips per day	0	130-166	130-166	
Parking spaces	0	12 Approx	12 Approx	
WATER/WASTEWATER				
Gallons/day (GPD) of water use	0	1,500 Max	1,500 Max	
GPD water withdrawal	0	0	0	
GPD wastewater generation/ treatment	0	1,500 Max	1,500 Max	
Length of water/sewer mains (in miles)	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

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

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.*)

BFI of Massachusetts, Inc. of Chicopee, Massachusetts, is proposing to construct and operate a solid waste and recyclable transfer facility at a site off of Merrill Road and Laurel Street in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. BFI currently conducts curbside pick of recyclable materials in the City of Pittsfield and delivers the materials. BFI also transfers waste and recyclables from towns in the surrounding region for disposal or reuse. The proposed facility will enable BFI to centralize the delivery of waste and recyclables within the region and transfer the outgoing waste loads via rail, which allows BFI to efficiently move the waste over greater distances at lower costs per ton mile, while reducing truck trips on the local roadways and reducing overall air emissions. The proposed facility will include a 16,000 square foot waste transfer building with separate sections for waste and recyclable materials and a storage and maintenance area for site vehicles and equipment. The facility will also incorporate a scale and scalehouse, which will include a site office and sanitary facilities for the employees and vehicle drivers. BFI intends to accept 300 tons per day of Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) at the facility.

The proposed site for the facility is located on a 23.4 acre parcel of land in between the intersection of two sets of railroad tracks, approximately 1,100 feet southeast of the intersection of Merrill Road and Laurel Street, and is referred to as Adams Junction on USGS maps (see Figure 1). The site has been used in the past as a railway storage and maintenance area, but has fallen into disrepair over the years. The site is referred to on the local tax maps as Map #L11, Block #4, Lot #11. The East Branch of the Housatonic River borders the site property to the east. Unkamet Brook, a small tributary which feeds into the Housatonic River, crosses the site from the north to the southeast corner of the property, effectively splitting the property into two separate sections. The closed and capped Pittsfield Municipal Landfill is located to the east and south east of the site on the eastern side of the Housatonic River. The proposed site and surrounding properties are in areas zoned as general industrial, which is consistent with this type of facility.

No-Build Alternative

In the event that the facility is not constructed, the waste collection and transport operations in the City would continue as they currently operate, without the beneficial effects of the proposed facility. Waste and recyclables collected in the City would continue to be brought directly to disposal and reuse facilities in New York and around Springfield, thus preventing the increase in efficiency and reduction in truck traffic anticipated if the proposed facility is constructed.

Waste Transfer by Trailer Alternative

The proposed facility can be constructed without the use of rail for waste transport, if necessary. This option, however, would limit the efficiency of the waste transport process and would not greatly change the current waste collection operations within the City, except to allow a centralized location for waste transport by collection vehicles. Waste vehicles would collect the waste and recyclable materials and deliver them to the facility for transfer to New York or the Springfield area in larger trucks. This option would decrease the overall truck traffic in the region when compared to the No-Build Alternative, but would increase the number of vehicles entering and leaving the site, as well as on the surrounding roads, when compared to the project as proposed (with rail transfer).

Alternative Facility Location Alternative

Alternative locations for the proposed transfer station were investigated in the Pittsfield area by BFI over the past two years. These locations were systematically ruled out for various reasons, including dissimilar land uses in the area, lack of viable road and railway access, and insufficient size for operations.

The currently proposed location is ideal for the project since it is in a general industrial zone, is secluded from local streets and buildings, and will make functional use of a currently degraded site. Additionally, the traffic and emission impacts from the proposed facility will be minimal in Pittsfield and will improve in the region by reducing the number of trucks on the roads.