

PERMIT FACT SHEET

Applicant: US Ecology Burlington, Inc.
54 Avenue D, Williston, Vermont 05495

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Facility: US Ecology Burlington, Inc.
54 Avenue D
Williston, Vermont

Issuing Agency: Agency of Natural Resources
Department of Environmental Conservation

INTRODUCTION

As required under Section 7-506 of the Vermont Hazardous Waste Management Regulations (VHWMR), this Fact Sheet reviews the factual, legal, methodological, and policy questions considered in preparing the draft permit renewal for storage of hazardous waste at the Williston facility owned and operated by US Ecology Burlington, Inc. (USEB, a.k.a. ENPRO Services of Vermont, Inc. (EVI)).

A permit for this facility is required under VHWMR Section 7-504(a) which states, in part, "...certification from the Secretary (of the Agency of Natural Resources) is required for the treatment, storage, and disposal of hazardous waste as identified or listed under Subchapter 2 of the VHWMR." EVI has operated a hazardous waste management facility at the Williston site since August 2007. As a result of a parent-company level stock merger with US Ecology, Inc., EVI will be legally changing its name to US Ecology Burlington, Inc. for this permit renewal.

REGULATORY CONTEXT

In 1976, the United States Congress passed the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), which amended the Solid Waste Disposal Act. RCRA was passed to "provide technical and financial assistance for the development of management plans and facilities for the recovery of energy and other resources from discarded materials and for the safe disposal of discarded materials, and to regulate the management of hazardous waste." RCRA mandated the development of regulation governing the actions of owners or operators who generate, transport, treat, store, or dispose of solid (and hazardous) wastes.

On May 19, 1980, the EPA published hazardous waste management regulations. These regulations became effective on November 19, 1980, and are designed to protect human health and the environment from the improper management of hazardous waste. Subtitle C of the RCRA regulations address this issue, mandating the control of hazardous waste from its initial generation to its ultimate disposal. Subtitle C sets forth performance standards applicable to hazardous waste generators, transporters, and treatment, storage, and disposal facilities. On July

18, 1980, Vermont promulgated its own Hazardous Waste Management Regulations (Regulations) under the authority of 10 V.S.A. Chapter 159.

On January 7, 1985, the State of Vermont received final authorization (50 FR 775) to administer and enforce a hazardous waste program pursuant to section 3006(b) of RCRA. The EPA approved Vermont's hazardous waste program which was determined to be equivalent to and no less stringent than federal requirements. This authorization allowed Vermont to carry out its program in lieu of the Federal program.

States with final authorization have a continuing obligation to maintain hazardous waste programs equivalent to and no less stringent than federal requirements. Vermont has since become authorized for program revisions in August of 1993 (58 FR 31911), November of 1999 (64 FR 51702 and 64 FR 56174), October of 2000 (65 FR 64164), August of 2001 (66 FR 42962), June of 2005 (70 FR 36350), May of 2007 (72 FR 12568), March of 2014 (78 FR 79615), and June 2015 (80 FR 21650).

PERMIT REVIEW PROCESS

In order to meet the requirements of EPA and State of Vermont Regulations, USEB is seeking to renew its hazardous waste storage facility permit for its Williston facility. The Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has completed its review of the USEB application for renewal of its permit, and a copy of the draft permit is now available for public review and comment. Following a 45-day period for public review and comment and a public hearing (see below for additional information) on this request for a permit, the DEC will again review the record. A report will be prepared which summarizes all significant comments raised during the comment period and the DEC's response to those comments. Any changes made to the draft permit will be enumerated and the reasons for those changes given. After completion of the revisions made in response to public comment, the permit will take effect upon signature of the DEC Commissioner or his/her duly authorized representative.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment Period: July 12, 2021, through **September 3, 2021**

Public Hearing: **August 19, 2021**, at 6 p.m.
Williston Police Dept.
7928 Williston Road
Williston, Vermont

Review the Draft Permit: Williston Municipal Building
7900 Williston Road
Williston, Vermont

Review the Draft Permit on-line:

<https://dec.vermont.gov/waste-management/hazardous/permit-facilities>

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