



# INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

## Soil Solutions Waste Wood Grinding Facility New Solid Waste Facility Permit Application

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### Description

- The Soil Solutions Company submitted a solid waste processing facility permit application to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) on July 15, 2010, for approval to grind engineered waste woods.
- The Soil Solutions Waste Wood Grinding Facility is proposed to be located at 29861 Old US Highway 33, Elkhart, Indiana.
- The proposed permit application requires trucks to bring engineered wood waste (described as "B waste"), such as scrap particle board, plywood, and other such manufactured waste wood material, to the facility into a processing building using 20 to 50 cubic yard roll-off containers. After weighing, the trucks will proceed into the processing building where they will unload. The waste woods will then be ground and processed to produce animal bedding and mulch products. Natural wood materials will be ground outside. This fact sheet briefly describes the proposed facility and the solid waste permitting process.

### Permit History

- On July 15, 2010, IDEM's Office of Land Quality (OLQ) received a solid waste processing facility permit application for the Soil Solutions Company to grind engineered waste woods as described above.
- On October 20, 2010, IDEM issued a letter deeming the application complete and initiating the public participation process. During the permit process additional information and/or changes may be requested from the applicant.

### IDEM's Role:

- IDEM is responsible for protecting human health and the environment while providing for safe industrial, agricultural, commercial and governmental operations vital to a prosperous economy.
- IDEM's Office of Land Quality is responsible for administering the state's solid waste processing regulations found in the Indiana Administrative Code 329 IAC 11.
- IDEM will only issue a permit that complies with environmental regulations and provides effective protection for Hoosiers and our environment.

### Citizen's Role

- Individuals may submit written comments to IDEM about the permit application or proposed facility. As part of the formal public comment period for the permit application, IDEM will be accepting written comments from the public for an additional 18 days after the public hearing. Written comments must be postmarked by November 22, 2010.
- For individuals who submit comments to IDEM, please note that statements and technical comments relating to environmental protection under solid waste regulations and requirements are of most use to IDEM staff responsible for reviewing permit applications.

### Permitting Process

- By statute, IDEM has 180 days to act on a permit application for a new solid waste processing facility. If IDEM requires additional information to evaluate the application, a Request for Additional Information (RAI) is issued and the review clock is temporarily suspended until the requested information is submitted to IDEM.
- IDEM's Office of Land Quality staff engineers evaluate the permit application for compliance with regulations as part of the process to make the determination to grant or deny the permit.
- The permit manager for this application, is responsible for overseeing the permitting process and is available to answer your questions concerning this permit application or the permitting process at (317) 232-8871 or by e-mail at [jhale@idem.in.gov](mailto:jhale@idem.in.gov).

## **Public Hearing**

- The November 4, 2010, public hearing being held by IDEM is to provide an opportunity for the public to make statements and provide technical comments to IDEM. IDEM will consider public comments that are relevant to the environmental protection acts and the requirements of 329 IAC 11.
- IDEM permitting staff will review and respond to comments submitted by the public before reaching a final decision about the permit for the proposed facility.
- When IDEM issues its final decision (Notice of Decision) about the permit, it will make available for public review a formal response to all public comments received. Individuals who wish to receive a copy of IDEM's Notice of Decision should send a written request to IDEM and/or add their name and address to the public hearing sign-in sheet.
- Written comments and requests for IDEM's Notice of Decision should be sent to:
  - Indiana Department of Environmental Management
  - Office of Land Quality
  - Solid Waste Permits Section
  - Attn: John Hale
  - 100 North Senate Avenue, Rm. 1154 MC 65-45
  - Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2251
  - Or by fax to (317) 232-3403
  - Or by e-mail to: [jhale@idem.in.gov](mailto:jhale@idem.in.gov).

## **More Information**

- The permit application files can be found for review online through the IDEM Virtual File Cabinet (VFC) search utility, which can be accessed at <http://12.186.81.89/Pages/Public/Search.aspx>. Due to the large size of many of the drawings, plans, and narratives, VFC documents are best viewed with a high speed internet connection. The application is also available at the Elkhart Public Library, located at 300 South Second Street, Elkhart, IN.
- If you should need to make a public records request, view, have records copied, or VFC assistance in locating a document, please contact the IDEM Central File Room at:
  - Indiana Government Center North, Room 1207
  - 100 North Senate Avenue, MC 50-07
  - Indianapolis, IN 46204
  - Phone: (317) 232-8667
  - Fax (317) 233-6647
  - E-mail: IDEMFILEROOM at [ide.in.gov](mailto:ide.in.gov)
  - Office hours are 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding state holidays. Records obtained through the Central File Room may be subject to copying fees.
- The public may direct questions to John Hale, IDEM permit manager, toll free at (800) 451-6027 ext. 2-8871; directly at (317) 232-8871; or by e-mail [jhale@idem.in.gov](mailto:jhale@idem.in.gov)

Note: To search for the application files in the VFC, click the document search link entitled "Document Search" located in the upper left corner of the browser window. A rectangular box with a dropdown menu under a column heading labeled "Index" will appear. Click on this box, which will make the menu appear, then scroll down and click "SW Program ID." A rectangular box will then appear to the right under a column header labeled "Value." Enter the number "20-12" (without the quotes) in this box, and click the Search button. The files for Soil Solutions will then appear. Due to the large size of many of the drawings, plans, and narratives, VFC documents are best viewed with a high speed internet connection.

