

Two of Three Former Impoundments Permanently Closed

This summer, MAX capped and closed the remainder of former Impoundment 1. The project involved placing two feet of clean soil over top of a geomembrane cap and then seeding the surface with vegetation. Impoundment 1 is the largest of three old disposal areas that have been capped and closed.

The years-long project to build up and then cap the impoundments is often referred to as a “reclosure” because the areas were originally covered with soil after waste disposal ceased in the 1970s and 1980s. Because the waste in the impoundments consolidated over time, the soil covers subsided and did not effectively shed rainwater

and snowmelt. Under an agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, MAX began reclosing the impoundments in 2000. Impoundment 1A, a 5-acre parcel near Bulger Block Road, is the final area to be capped. This work is expected to be complete in 2022.



Impoundment 1A, shown in yellow, is the last of three former disposal areas on the Bulger property to be reclosed under an agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.

Public Comment Held for Corrective Action Permit

EPA proposes to formalize the current site-wide environmental controls in federal permit.

On October 5th, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) held a virtual public meeting to take comments on its proposed Corrective Action permit for the Bulger facility. EPA held the public meeting at the request of a resident and additionally extended a public comment period for the proposal until October 14, 2021.

The permit, which will outline EPA's final remedy for legacy environmental issues at the facility, was not requested by

MAX, and it will not authorize any new activities. Instead, the permit will combine various existing requirements for controlling environmental impacts from historical facility operations.

"While a Corrective Action permit will make reference to our operating requirements, it will be separate from the types of permits that regulate our current or future operations," says Environmental General Manager Carl Spadaro.

EPA's proposed final remedy requires that MAX complete its reclosure of the remaining former impoundments, continue pumping and treating leachate from collection systems around the



EPA's public outreach for the draft Corrective Action permit included a virtual public meeting on October 5, 2021.

reclosed impoundments, and continue monitoring groundwater at the site.

More information about the Corrective Action permit can be found on EPA's website or by contacting CDR Griff Miller at 215-814-3407 or miller.griff@epa.gov.

Annual Event Supports Community Recycling/Cleanup

MAX's annual Earth Day tire and e-waste collection event helped the community recycle more than 400 tires and a roll-off box

of e-waste. The resident drop-off event was held on May 1. Thank you to everyone who helped make the event a success.



MAX employees Rob Buttermore and Frank Messina help residents unload a large-screen TV during the annual tire and e-waste community recycling event

Phase I Landfill 3 Application Likely to be Resubmitted

The Phase I application for proposed Landfill 3 that was submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) in November 2020 remains under review.

Once MAX receives comments from the DEP, the application will be revised as necessary. MAX anticipates receiving and responding to DEP comments in the first quarter of 2022.

Complete copies of the response to DEP comments and any revised application will be made available for public review at the Smith Township Municipal Office and Heritage Public Library in McDonald.



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Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year!***