

MAX Geotechnical Investigation Work Plan Proposed

MAX submitted a geotechnical investigation work plan to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in March 2024.

This plan describes the geotechnical work for closed Impoundment 1, over which MAX

proposes to construct a new residual waste facility (Landfill 3). The plan was subsequently revised and resubmitted in May 2024, addressing comments from the agencies. “The geotechnical work is necessary to demonstrate the structural stability of Impoundment 1 and what, if any,

improvements would need to be made to ensure that Landfill 3 can be safely built over the impoundment,” said Environmental General Manager Carl Spadaro. “This type of new landfill construction is prevalent in Pennsylvania and has been accepted by DEP at other locations,” said Spadaro.

Earth Day Events Support Local Cleanup & Recycling Efforts

MAX was pleased to hold its annual tire and electronic waste collection event last spring to recognize Earth Day on April 27th, helping the local community recycle hundreds of used tires and a full truckload of obsolete e-waste in compliance with regulations. The tires and e-waste were sent to Westmoreland Cleanways for recycling.

Watch for details next spring about plans for MAX’s 2025 Earth Day cleanup event.

MAX employees Rob Buttermore, Ken Interval, Angel Barkley and Carl Spadaro recently participated to help neighbors unload tires and e-waste. ▶



Landfill 3 Environmental Assessment

In August 2024, MAX submitted a response to DEP’s July 2024 comments on the Landfill 3 Phase 1 application. “Our response addressed DEP’s comments requesting clarification on issues such as water supplies, potential traffic impacts from the new landfill

operation, and consistency with local zoning and land use laws. We believe we have adequately addressed these issues and have demonstrated compliance with DEP’s environmental assessment regulations,” said Spadaro.

NPDES Permit Renewal

DEP issued a draft National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit renewal for review and comment in October 2024. MAX submitted comments to DEP in November 2024. No changes to the Bulger facility’s wastewater treatment system are being proposed with this permit renewal.



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Solar Power Project Update

MAX approved plans for a solar power development company to submit an interconnection application in September 2024 to a utility company for of a future solar energy installation

at its Bulger facility. The size, power capabilities and related specifications of the solar farm continue to be evaluated and will be reported in future MAX Messengers.