

## Compliance with EPA Consent Orders

MAX has made significant progress in achieving various milestones established by last year's consent orders with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) concerning hazardous waste management and wastewater treatment at the Yukon facility. Repairs to the facility's containment building have been completed. Third-party engineering inspections of the building and hazardous waste container storage areas were completed at the end of 2024. Third-party sampling and testing of treated hazardous waste, completed by an EPA-approved consultant, has been ongoing since late spring and has indicated that the great majority of waste has been properly treated. "The few batches that did not meet required treatment standards were re-treated and tested, consistent



Yukon's containment building receives new application of siding on two bays

with our usual practice," said Environmental General Manager Carl Spadaro. A third-party auditor completed its on-site review of waste treatment and testing operations and will be preparing a report early this year.

MAX has also engaged a third-party contractor to sample wastewater and stormwater outfalls (samples are being tested by a third-party laboratory, which has been MAX's usual practice) and a third-party

consultant to evaluate the Yukon facility's wastewater treatment system for any needed upgrades or modifications. "We have fully complied with these consent orders and intend to see the various obligations through to their full completion. MAX will make any necessary changes to our operations to ensure compliance with our permits and applicable state and federal regulations," said Spadaro.

## Earth Day Events Support 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 Jason Oblack, Shane Sebek and Les Immel recently participated to help neighbors unload tires and e-waste.



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**Solar Power Project Update**

MAX approved plans in September 2024 for a solar power development company to submit an interconnection application to a utility company for a future solar energy installation at its Yukon facility.

The size, power capabilities and related specifications of the solar farm continue to be evaluated and will be reported in future MAX Messenger updates.

**MAX Submits Renewal Applications for Environmental Permitting**

MAX submitted a renewal application to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for its air quality permit in March 2024, proposing no changes to that permit. In August, MAX submitted a response to a July 2024 comment

letter from DEP on the Yukon facility's hazardous waste storage and treatment permit renewal application, which has been under review since 2014. MAX also submitted a renewal application to the Westmoreland Conservation District in October

for its soil borrow area NPDES permit. No changes have been proposed to that permit. MAX will continue to work with these regulatory agencies to complete and update these permits as necessary.