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Vernon County
SW/Correspondence

Ms. Stacie Sanborn
Vernon County, Director of Solid Waste
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Viroqua, WI 54665

Subject: Completeness Determination for the Feasibility Report for the Proposed Vernon County Landfill
Eastern Expansion, License #3268

Dear Ms. Sanborn:

The Department of Natural Resources (department) has reviewed, for completeness, the report titled "Feasibility Report – Proposed Eastern Expansion (WDNR License 3268): Vernon County Landfill: Viroqua, Wisconsin" dated September 11, 2023, and received by the department on September 15, 2023. The department has also reviewed the reports titled "Feasibility Report Addendum 01– Proposed Eastern Expansion (WDNR License 3268): Vernon County Landfill: Viroqua, Wisconsin", dated November 19, 2024 and received by the department on November 20, 2024, and "Feasibility Report Addendum 02– Proposed Eastern Expansion (WDNR License 3268): Vernon County Landfill: Viroqua, Wisconsin", dated June 17, 2026 and received by the department on June 18, 2026, and a memorandum dated July 27, 2026 with the subject heading "Vernon County Groundwater Exemption Requests" received by the department on July 27, 2026. The feasibility report and addenda were prepared for the Vernon County Solid Waste Department by Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc. (SEH).

The information and exemptions presented in this project summary is a reflection of what is proposed by Vernon County in the feasibility report. Based on our review, we have determined that the feasibility report is complete. This is not a determination of feasibility or a reflection of the department's position on the feasibility of the proposed landfill but does confirm that the minimum information required by chapter NR 512, Wis. Adm. Code, and s. 289.24(3), Wis. Stats., has been provided.

The department will publish the enclosed public notice on its website at <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Waste/Comment.html> and in the *Wisconsin State Journal* and in the *Vernon County Times* to invite public comments for a period of 30 days on the content and completeness of the feasibility report. The public comment period will begin when the public notice is posted on the department's website. The department will post electronic copies of the feasibility report, addenda and associated documents on its website. The department will also post this letter and the enclosed project summary and environmental analysis, as well as the feasibility report, on its website during the public comment period.

A solid waste feasibility determination is an integrated analysis action under s. NR 150.20(2)(a)7., Wis. Adm.

Code. Therefore, the environmental analysis is integrated into the project summary and a separate environmental analysis has not been completed.

Please note that upon receipt of this determination, s. 289.24(4) and s. 289.32, Wis. Stats., requires that the applicant immediately distribute printed copies of the feasibility report, addenda and any additional information submitted as part of the feasibility report to the clerk of each affected municipality and the main public library in each affected municipality. The addresses are provided in attachment 1 of this letter.

As the department continues its review of the feasibility report or if the department receives comments or questions during the public comment period, the department may request additional information to make a feasibility determination.

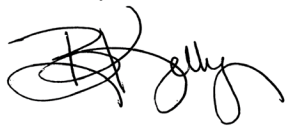
If you have any questions regarding this determination, please contact Mark Peters, Hydrogeologist, at 608-516-0820 or Mark.Peters@wisconsin.gov or Colin Maus, Waste Management Engineer, at 608-516-2462 or Colin.Maus@wisconsin.gov.

NOTICE OF APPEAL RIGHTS

If you believe that you have a right to challenge this decision, you should know that Wisconsin statutes and administrative rules establish time periods within which requests to review department decisions must be filed.

For judicial review of a decision pursuant to sections 227.52 and 227.53, Wis. Stats., you have 30 days after the decision is mailed or otherwise served by the department, to file your petition with the appropriate Circuit Court and serve the petition on the department. Such a petition for judicial review shall name the Department of Natural Resources as the respondent.

Sincerely,



Bridget Kelly
Waste and Materials Management Supervisor
South Central Region

Enclosures: Notice of Feasibility Report Completeness
Project Summary/Environmental Analysis

cc: Lorn Geode, Vernon County Board Chair (e-copy)
Nathan Torres, Administrative Coordinator- Vernon County
Jerry Pedretti, Clerk – Vernon County
Nathan Campbell, Clerk – Town of Viroqua
Brian Kent – Short Elliot Hendrickson Inc. (e-copy)
Bobb Beauchamp – Federal Aviation Administration (e-copy)

Paul Swart – Wisconsin Department of Administration (e-copy)
Joshua Cothren – Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) (e-copy)
Michael Menon – WisDOT (e-copy)
Daniel Schave – WisDOT (e-copy)
Brian Hayes – Wisconsin Waste Facility Siting Board (e-copy)
Beth Perk – DNR/Air Management (e-copy)
Carla Romano – DNR/Drinking Water and Groundwater (e-copy)
Sarah Murray – DNR/Waste and Materials Management (e-copy)
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Mark Peters - DNR/Waste and Materials Management (e-copy)
Tyler Sullivan - DNR/Waste and Materials Management (e-copy)
Nicholas Lindstrom – DNR/Wastewater (e-copy)
Trina Erickson, Director– McIntosh Memorial Library

Attachment 1: Addresses for Affected Municipalities and Associated Public Libraries

Vernon County Clerk's Office
400 Courthouse Square, Suite 108
Viroqua, WI 54665

Town of Viroqua Clerk's Office
E7560A County Road BB
Viroqua, WI 54665

McIntosh Memorial Library
205 South Rock Avenue
Viroqua, WI 54665

The department will provide a copy of the feasibility report (and any addenda) at:

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Fitchburg Service Center
3911 Fish Hatchery Road
Fitchburg, WI 53711
Contact: Colin Maus