



# INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

## Velpen Construction/Demolition Landfill Solid Waste Facility Major Modification Permit Application

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### «NAME» Description:

- Velpen Construction/Demolition (C/D) Landfill, Inc, is proposing a horizontal and vertical expansion at its existing landfill, located on State Road 257 near County Road 400 South, in Velpen, Pike County, Indiana.
- The landfill accepts only construction and demolition waste. The proposed facility expansion will contain approximately 763,000 cubic yards of airspace, increasing the disposal area by approximately 10.5 acres and extending the planned facility life by approximately 18.5 years.
- This fact sheet contains information about the proposed expansion, the process for issuing the permit modification, and opportunities for public participation.

### Environmental Impacts:

- The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (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.
- The proper disposal of regulated solid waste protects Hoosiers and our environment by preventing the accidental release of harmful pollutants to air, land, and water.
- IDEM's Office of Land Quality (OLQ) is responsible for administering the state's solid waste regulations, which are found in the Indiana Administrative Code under 329 IAC 10. Construction and demolition landfill owners and operators must comply with 329 IAC 10 to ensure the proper construction of landfills and the proper disposal of the waste.
- OLQ chemists, geologists, and engineers evaluate permit applications for compliance with the regulations before reaching a final decision about permits for proposed expansions. The proposed facility design is expected to meet or exceed the requirements of Title 329 IAC Article 10, Rules for Construction/Demolition Sites, by including a geosynthetic liner system and a compacted final cover system.

### The Permitting Process:

- In order to expand, the landfill was required to apply for a major modification to its solid waste disposal permit. By statute, IDEM has 365 days to issue a decision on the major modification permit application. If IDEM requires additional information to evaluate the application, it issues a Request for Additional Information to the applicant and the review clock is suspended until the applicant submits the requested information.
- The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) received the facility's application on December 2, 2010. On July 15, 2011, IDEM issued a letter deeming the application complete and initiating the public participation process.
- Permit application documents and information about the landfill are available for the public to review.
- Correspondence and information relative to the solid waste facility are available IDEM's Virtual File Cabinet at <http://12.186.81.89/Pages/Public/Search.aspx> under the Primary Name VELPEN TRUCKING & DISPOSAL COMPANY INCORPORATED.«PERMIT\_MANAGER»
- Written comments about the permit application may be mailed, faxed or e-mailed to IDEM by August 27, 2011.

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- IDEM will hold a public hearing if there is a significant degree of public interest in the proposed expansion.
- Petitions or other requests, such as requests to receive notification about the final decision, should be sent to Kelly Hall at the address given above for submitting public comments.
- IDEM appreciates all comments but, in its final decision, may only consider comments that are relevant to the environmental protection acts and the requirements of 329 IAC 10.
- When IDEM makes a final decision, a Notice of Decision will be mailed to individuals who submitted timely comments or requested notification and provided a mailing address. IDEM will provide a formal response to all public comments with its final permit decision.

**More Information:**

- A copy of the permit application can be reviewed online through the IDEM Virtual File Cabinet at: <http://12.186.81.89/Pages/Member/View.aspx?DocId=59719527>. Due to the large size of many of the drawings, plans, and narratives, VFC documents are best viewed with a high-speed internet connection. A copy of the application is also available at the Pike County Public Library located at 1104 Main Street, Petersburg, Indiana 47567.
- The public may direct questions to Kelly Hall, IDEM Permit Manager, toll free at (800) 451-6027, ext. 2-8596; directly at «PMPHONE»(317) 233-0449; or by e-mail at [khall@idem.IN.gov](mailto:khall@idem.IN.gov).
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