

AMENDED ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE APPROVAL

NUMBER 1641-CVZF3W
Issue Date: October 6, 2023

The Recycling Depot GP Inc. as general partner for and on behalf of The Recycling Depot LP
125 Villarboit Crescent
Vaughan, Ontario
L4K 4K2

Site Location: 195 Bethridge Road
City of Toronto

You have applied under section 20.2 of Part II.1 of the Environmental Protection Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. E. 19 (Environmental Protection Act) for approval of:

a soil processing facility, for the receipt and treatment of non-hazardous Contaminated Soil impacted with volatile organic compounds, comprising of the following processes and associated equipment:

- sorting, screening, blending, bulking and loading of soil;
- soil storage piles;
- bioremediation treatment utilizing Biocells;
- one (1) screener powered by a diesel engine rated at 90 kilowatts, exhausting into the air through a stack, having an exit diameter of 0.15 metre and extending 4 metres above grade; and
- one (1) stacker powered by a diesel engine rated at 94 kilowatts, exhausting into the air through a stack, having an exit diameter of 0.15 metre and extending 0.3 metre above grade;

all in accordance with the Environmental Compliance Approval Application submitted by The Recycling Depot GP Inc., as a General Partner for and on behalf of the Recycling Depot LP, dated December 31, 2021 and signed by George Kirchmair, Vice President; the supporting information, including the Emission Summary and Dispersion Modelling Report, submitted by O2E Inc., dated December 31, 2021, and signed by Jeff Campbell.

For the purpose of this environmental compliance approval, the following definitions apply:

1. "Approval" means this Environmental Compliance Approval, including the application and supporting documentation listed above;
2. "Best Management Practices Plan" means the document titled "Fugitive Dust Best Management Practices Plan (Version 2)" dated December 2021 and prepared by O2E Inc., which describes measures to minimize dust emissions from the Facility;
3. "Bioaugmentation Compound(s)" means non-pathogenic, non-toxic, specialized microbes used to enhance bioremediation. In this Approval, it means the compound(s) described in the Company's application, this Approval, and in the supporting documentation submitted with the application;
4. "Biocell" means a Contaminated Soil pile undergoing biological treatment with Bioaugmentation Compound(s) and/or Biostimulation Compound(s) and covered by an impermeable covering;
5. "Biocell Management Plan" means the document titled "Biocell Management Plan" dated December 31, 2021 and prepared by York1 Environmental Ltd., which describes measures to minimize the emissions from each Biocell and Contaminated Soil stockpile;
6. "Biostimulation Compound(s)" means any chemical amendment, nutrient amendment or pH adjustment chemical, other than a Bioaugmentation Compound used in the Process to enhance bioremediation. In this Approval, it means the compound(s) described in the Company's application, this Approval and in the supporting documentation submitted with the application;
7. "Company" means The Recycling Depot GP Inc., as general partner for and on behalf of The Recycling Depot LP, that is responsible for the construction or operation of the Facility and includes any successors and assigns;
8. "Contaminated Soil" means the incoming contaminated soil received at the site and destined for bioremediation at the site or transfer off-site;
9. "Director" means a person appointed for the purpose of section 20.3 of the EPA by the Minister pursuant to section 5 of the EPA;
10. "District Manager" means the District Manager of the appropriate local district office of the Ministry, where the Facility is geographically located;
11. "EPA" means the Environmental Protection Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.E.19, as amended;
12. "Equipment" means the equipment associated with the Process described in the Company's application, this Approval and in the supporting documentation submitted with the application, to the extent approved by this Approval;

13. "ESDM Report" means the Emission Summary and Dispersion Modelling Report which was prepared in accordance with section 26 of O. Reg. 419/05 and the Procedure Document by O2E Inc., dated December 31, 2021, and signed by Jeff Campbell, submitted in support of the application, and includes any changes to the report made up to the date of issuance of this Approval;
14. "Facility" means the entire operation located on the property where the Equipment is located;
15. "Manual" means a document or a set of documents that provide written instructions to staff of the Company;
16. "Maximum Acceptable Contaminant Concentration" means the maximum allowable contaminant concentration in the Contaminated Soil that can be processed at the Facility to ensure compliance with O. Reg. 419/05 and is not likely to cause an adverse effect;
17. "Minister" means the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks or such other member of the Executive Council as may be assigned the administration of the EPA under the Executive Council Act;
18. "Ministry" means the ministry of the government of Ontario responsible for the EPA and includes all officials, employees or other persons acting on its behalf;
19. "O. Reg. 419/05" means Ontario Regulation 419/05, Air Pollution – Local Air Quality, as amended;
20. "Procedure Document" means Ministry guidance document titled "Procedure for Preparing an Emission Summary and Dispersion Modelling Report" dated March 2018, as amended;
21. "Process" means the bioremediation process described in the Company's application, this Approval, and in the supporting documentation submitted with the application, to the extent approved by this Approval;
22. "Processed Soil" means the Contaminated Soil processed at the site, where processing is limited to screening and bioremediation of the incoming Contaminated Soil and bulking, mixing or blending of similar soils;
23. "Publication NPC-300" means the Ministry Publication NPC-300, "Environmental Noise Guideline, Stationary and Transportation Sources – Approval and Planning, Publication NPC-300", August 2013, as amended;
24. "Schedule" means the schedules attached to, and forming part of, this Approval, namely:
 - Schedule "A" - Maximum Acceptable Contaminant Concentration;
25. "Source Site" means the location of origin of the non-hazardous Contaminated Soil which is received at the site for treatment.

You are hereby notified that this environmental compliance approval is issued to you subject to the terms and conditions outlined below:

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

1. The Company shall ensure that the Equipment and Process is properly operated and maintained at all times. The Company shall:
 - a. prepare, not later than thirty (30) days after the date of this Approval, and update, as necessary, a Manual outlining the operating procedures and a maintenance program for the Equipment and Process, including:
 - i. major components of the Equipment to be used in the Process;
 - ii. routine operating and maintenance procedures in accordance with good engineering practices and as recommended by the Equipment suppliers;
 - iii. frequency of inspections and scheduled preventative maintenance of the Equipment and Process;
 - iv. procedures to record the operation of the Process including the quantity of Contaminated Soil received and treated in the Facility, the quantity of Contaminated Soil in each Biocell, and the total quantity of soil at the Facility;
 - v. procedures to verify and record the degree of contamination of the Contaminated Soil delivered to the Facility;
 - vi. procedures to verify and record the degree of contamination of the Contaminated Soil in each Biocell;
 - vii. procedures to verify and record the degree of contamination in the Processed Soil;
 - viii. procedures to maintain the moisture and oxygen content of the Biocells;
 - ix. procedures to prevent and/or minimize, monitor and record odour from the Facility and measures to address odour complaints resulting from the operation of the Facility;
 - x. procedures to prevent and/or minimize noise and fugitive dust emissions from all potential sources;
 - xi. contingency measures to address upset conditions; and

- xii. procedures to record and respond to environmental complaints;
 - b. implement the recommendations of the Manual.
- 2. The Company shall process no more than 4,000 tonnes a day of Contaminated Soil having contaminant concentrations less than or equal to the Maximum Acceptable Contaminant Concentration listed in Table 1 of Schedule "A".
- 3. The Company shall process no more than 500 tonnes a day of Contaminated Soil having contaminant concentrations less than or equal to the Maximum Acceptable Contaminant Concentration listed in Table 2 of Schedule "A".
- 4. The Company shall, upon receiving Contaminated Soil at the Facility with contaminant concentrations which exceeds the Maximum Acceptable Contaminant Concentration listed in Schedule "A", as measured at the Source Site, will immediately apply an initial dose of Biostimulation Compound and/or Bioaugmentation Compound to such Contaminated Soil and immediately place it into a Biocell.
- 5. The Company shall ensure that each Biocell and Contaminated Soil stockpile is maintained in accordance with the Biocell Management Plan.
- 6. The Company shall ensure that the Process and Equipment at the site is configured in accordance with the ESDM Report.
- 7. The Company shall ensure that no soil handling activities, including screening, transfer to storage piles or into vehicles, are carried out during windy conditions that could result in adverse off-site airborne impacts.

2. FUGITIVE DUST CONTROL

- 1. The Company shall,
 - a. within thirty (30) days after the date of this Approval implement the Best Management Practices Plan for the control of fugitive dust emissions resulting from the operation of the Facility;
 - b. review and update the Best Management Practices Plan annually or at the direction of the District Manager;
 - c. record the results of each review and update the Best Management Practices Plan within thirty (30) days of the completion of the review;
 - d. maintain the updated Best Management Practices Plan at the Facility and provide a copy to the District Manager within forty-five (45) days of the update; and

- e. implement, at all times, the most recent version of the Best Management Practices Plan.
2. The Company shall record, either electronically or in a log book, each time a specific preventative and control measure described in the Best Management Practices Plan is implemented. The Company shall record, as a minimum:
 - a. the date when each emission control measure is installed, including a description of the control measure;
 - b. the date when each new preventative measure or operating procedure to minimize emissions is implemented, including a description of the preventative measure or operating procedure; and
 - c. the date, time of commencement, and time of completion of each periodic activity conducted to minimize emissions, including a description of the preventative measure/procedure and the name of the individual performing the periodic activity.

3. COMPLAINT RESPONSE

1. The Company shall post on a sign in a prominent location at the Facility entrance a 24-hour telephone number to contact a designated representative to receive public complaints regarding emissions resulting from the operations at the Facility.
2. The Company shall respond to complaints according to the following procedure:
 - a. record and number each complaint, either electronically or in a log book, and shall include the following information:
 - i. the nature of the complaint;
 - ii. the name and the telephone number of the complainant (if provided); and
 - iii. the time and date of the complaint;
 - b. the Company shall immediately initiate an investigation of the complaint. The investigation shall include, as a minimum, the following:
 - i. a determination of the activities being undertaken in the Facility at the time of the complaint;
 - ii. meteorological conditions including, but not limited to the ambient temperature, approximate wind speed and its direction;
 - iii. an assessment of all the possible cause(s) of the complaint;

- iv. remedial action(s) to address the cause(s) of the complaint;
 - v. implementation of remedial action(s) to eliminate the cause(s) of the complaint.
- c. the Company shall document the response provided to the complainant, if known, and shall make the document(s) available for inspection by staff of the Ministry upon request. The response shall include,
- i. the results of the investigation of the complaint;
 - ii. the action(s) taken or planned to be taken to address the cause(s) of the complaint; and
 - iii. follow-up response(s).
- d. the Company shall, within two (2) business days of the complaint, submit a report to the District Manager which fulfils the requirements of Condition 5.

4. RECORD RETENTION

1. The Company shall retain, for a minimum of two (2) years from the date of their creation, all records and information related to or resulting from the recording activities required by this Approval, and make these records available for review by staff of the Ministry upon request. The Company shall retain:
- a. all records on the operation, maintenance, repair and inspection of the Process and associated Equipment;
 - b. all records on the operation of the Process, including:
 - i. quantity of Contaminated Soil received at the site;
 - ii. the concentration of the contaminants listed in Schedule A as measured in the Contaminated Soil at the Source Site;
 - iii. the quantity of soil in each storage pile and Biocell;
 - iv. the concentration of the contaminants listed in Schedule A in the Processed Soil; and
 - v. total quantity of soils at the Facility;
 - c. all records of any environmental complaints, including:
 - i. a description, time and date of each incident to which the complaint relates;

- ii. wind direction at the time of the incident to which the complaint relates; and
- iii. a description of the measures taken to address the cause of the incident to which the complaint relates and to prevent a similar occurrence in the future.

5. NOTIFICATION OF COMPLAINTS

1. The Company shall notify the District Manager in writing, of each environmental complaint within two (2) business days of the complaint. The notification shall include:
 - a. this Approval number;
 - b. a description of the nature of the complaint;
 - c. the time and date of the incident to which the complaint relates;
 - d. the wind direction at the time of the incident to which the complaint relates; and
 - e. a description of the remedial measures taken to address the cause of the incident to which the complaint relates and to prevent a similar occurrence in the future.

6. NOISE

1. The Company shall, at all times, ensure that the noise emissions from the Facility comply with the limits set out in Ministry Publication NPC-300.

SCHEDULE "A"

Table 1: Maximum Acceptable Contaminant Concentration

Contaminant	Chemical Abstract Service Number	Maximum Concentration (micrograms per gram of soil)
Acetone	67-64-1	454
Benzene	71-43-2	0.043
Bromodichloromethane	75-27-4	13
Bromoform	75-25-2	2.1
Bromomethane	74-83-9	51.41
Carbon Tetrachloride	56-23-5	0.09
Chlorobenzene	108-90-7	85.1
Chloroform	67-66-3	0.038
Dibromochloromethane	124-48-1	0.0076
1,2 - dichlorobenzene	95-50-1	952
1,3 - dichlorobenzene	541-73-1	1.9
1,4 - dichlorobenzene	106-46-7	3.63
1,1 - dichloroethane	75-34-3	6.3
1,2 - dichloroethane	107-06-2	0.077
1,1-dichloroethylene	75-35-4	0.38
Cis-1,2-dichloroethylene	156-59-2	4
trans-1,2-dichloroethylene	156-60-5	4
1,2-dichloropropane	78-87-5	91.66
Ethylbenzene	100-41-4	36
Ethyl Dibromide	106-93-4	0.11
Methyl Ethyl Ketone	79-93-3	38
Methylene Chloride	75-09-2	8.4
Methyl Isobutyl Ketone	108-10-1	46
Methyl-t-butyl ether	1634-04-4	267
Styrene	100-42-5	15
1,1,1,2-tetrachloroethane	630-20-6	0.019
1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane	79-34-5	0.0038
Toluene	108-88-3	76
Tetrachloroethylene	127-18-4	14
1,1,1 -Trichloroethane	71-55-6	4,387
1,2,2 - Trichloroethane	79-00-5	0.011
Trichlorethylene	79-01-6	0.46
Vinyl Chloride	75-01-4	0.038
Xylene	1330-20-7	28
Dichlorodifluoromethane	75-71-8	19,075
Dioxane, 1,4-	123-91-1	134
Hexane(n)	110-54-3	287

Trichlorofluoromethane	75-69-4	229.2
1,3-dichloropropane (cis+ trans)	542-75-6	0.048

Table 2: Maximum Acceptable Contaminant Concentration

Contaminant	Chemical Abstract Service Number	Maximum Concentration (micrograms per gram of soil)
Acetone	67-64-1	3,631
Benzene	71-43-2	0.34
Bromodichloromethane	75-27-4	107
Bromoform	75-25-2	17
Bromomethane	74-83-9	411
Carbon Tetrachloride	56-23-5	0.73
Chlorobenzene	108-90-7	680
Chloroform	67-66-3	0.31
Dibromochloromethane	124-48-1	0.06
1,2 - dichlorobenzene	95-50-1	7,617
1,3 - dichlorobenzene	541-73-1	15
1,4 - dichlorobenzene	106-46-7	29
1,1 - dichloroethane	75-34-3	50
1,2 - dichloroethane	107-06-2	0.61
1,1-dichloroethylene	75-35-4	3.1
Cis-1,2-dichloroethylene	156-59-2	32
trans-1,2-dichloroethylene	156-60-5	32
1,2-dichloropropane	78-87-5	733
Ethylbenzene	100-41-4	287
Ethyl Dibromide	106-93-4	0.9
Methyl Ethyl Ketone	79-93-3	306
Methylene Chloride	75-09-2	67
Methyl Isobutyl Ketone	108-10-1	367
Methyl-t-butyl ether	1634-04-4	2,140
Styrene	100-42-5	122
1,1,1,2-tetrachloroethane	630-20-6	0.15
1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane	79-34-5	0.03
Toluene	108-88-3	611
Tetrachloroethylene	127-18-4	110
1,1,1 -Trichloroethane	71-55-6	35,099
1,2,2 - Trichloroethane	79-00-5	0.092
Trichlorethylene	79-01-6	3.7
Vinyl Chloride	75-01-4	0.31
Xylene	1330-20-7	223

Dichlorodifluoromethane	75-71-8	152,603
Dioxane, 1,4-	123-91-1	1,070
Hexane(n)	110-54-3	2,292
Trichlorofluoromethane	75-69-4	1,834
1,3-dichloropropane (cis+ trans)	542-75-6	0.38

The reasons for the imposition of these terms and conditions are as follows:

1. Condition Nos. 1 and 2 are included to emphasize that the Equipment must be maintained and operated according to a procedure that will result in compliance with the EPA, the Regulations and this Approval.
2. Condition No. 3 is included to require the Company to respond to complaints resulting from the operation of the Facility, according to a procedure that includes methods for preventing recurrence of similar incidents and a requirement to prepare a written report.
3. Condition No. 4 is included to require the Company to keep records and to provide information to staff of the Ministry so that compliance with the EPA, the regulations and this Approval can be verified.
4. Conditions No. 5 is included to require the Company to notify/report to the Ministry so that compliance with the EPA, the regulations and this Approval can be verified.
5. Condition No. 6 is included to provide the minimum performance requirements considered necessary to prevent an adverse effect resulting from the operation of the Facility.

Upon issuance of the environmental compliance approval, I hereby revoke Approval No(s). 1951-BHHMWV issued on February 28, 2020

In accordance with Section 139 of the *Environmental Protection Act*, you may by written notice served upon me, the Ontario Land Tribunal and in accordance with Section 47 of the *Environmental Bill of Rights*, 1993, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, within 15 days after receipt of this notice, require a hearing by the Tribunal. The Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks will place notice of your appeal on the Environmental Registry. Section 142 of the *Environmental Protection Act* provides that the notice requiring the hearing ("the Notice") shall state:

- a. The portions of the environmental compliance approval or each term or condition in the environmental compliance approval in respect of which the hearing is required, and;
- b. The grounds on which you intend to rely at the hearing in relation to each portion appealed.

Pursuant to subsection 139(3) of the *Environmental Protection Act*, a hearing may not be required with respect to any terms and conditions in this environmental compliance approval, if the terms and conditions are substantially the same as those contained in an approval that is amended or revoked by this environmental compliance approval.

The Notice should also include:

1. The name of the appellant;
2. The address of the appellant;
3. The environmental compliance approval number;
4. The date of the environmental compliance approval;
5. The name of the Director, and;
6. The municipality or municipalities within which the project is to be engaged in.

And the Notice should be signed and dated by the appellant.

This Notice must be served upon:

Registrar*
Ontario Land Tribunal
655 Bay Street, Suite 1500
Toronto, Ontario
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OLT.Registrar@ontario.ca

and

The Minister of the Environment,
Conservation and Parks
777 Bay Street, 5th Floor
Toronto, Ontario
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and

The Director appointed for the purposes of
Part II.1 of the *Environmental Protection Act*
Ministry of the Environment,
Conservation and Parks
135 St. Clair Avenue West, 1st Floor
Toronto, Ontario
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* **Further information on the Ontario Land Tribunal's requirements for an appeal can be obtained directly from the Tribunal at: Tel: (416) 212-6349 or 1 (866) 448-2248, or www.olt.gov.on.ca**

This instrument is subject to Section 38 of the *Environmental Bill of Rights*, 1993, that allows residents of Ontario to seek leave to appeal the decision on this instrument. Residents of Ontario may seek leave to appeal within 15 days from the date this decision is placed on the Environmental Registry. By accessing the Environmental Registry at <https://ero.ontario.ca/>, you can determine when the leave to appeal period ends.

The above noted activity is approved under s.20.3 of Part II.1 of the *Environmental Protection Act*.

DATED AT TORONTO this 6th day of October, 2023



Nancy E Orpana, P.Eng.

Director

appointed for the purposes of Part II.1 of the
Environmental Protection Act

BR/

c: District Manager, MECP Toronto - District
Jeff Campbell, O2E Inc.