

AMENDED ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE APPROVAL

NUMBER 7602-CWXGTV
Issue Date: November 17, 2023

Premier Tech Home and Garden Inc.
1 Avenue Premier
Rivière-du-Loup, Quebec
G5R 6C1

Site Location: 3871 Concession 21
3871 Concession 21 St. Isidore
The Nation Municipality, United Counties of Prescott and Russell
K0C 2B0

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 blending and packaging facility, producing up to 610 tonnes of soil products per day, consisting of;

- soil, manure, and peat receiving and handling operations;
- up to 20,643 cubic metres per year of manure composted in windrows
- one (1) puls-jet type baghouse dust collector (source BAG_DC), to control emissions from the bagging area, equipped with 210.1 square metres of polyester filter bags, discharging into the atmosphere at a nominal volumetric flow rate of 7.08 actual cubic metres per second through a stack, having an exit diameter of 0.86 metre, extending 6.5 metres above grade;
- one (1) lime storage silo, having a nominal capacity of 63 tonnes;
- blending and packaging operations;
- propane gas heating equipment;
- three (3) diesel engines, each rated at 7.4 kilowatts to generate electricity for outdoor lighting;
- one (1) gasoline powered pump, rated at 3.7 kilowatts;
- maintenance welding operations;

all in accordance with the Application for Approval (Air & Noise) submitted by Premier Tech Home and

Garden Inc. dated January 31, 2023 and signed by Catherine Amelie-Renaud, Quality and Production Supervisor; the emails from Jeff Zywicki, Senior Air Quality Scientist, B.Sc.Eng (WSP Canada Inc.) dated September 15, 2023 and October 25, 2023; and all supporting information included.

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. "Acoustic Assessment Report" means the report, prepared in accordance with Publication NPC-233 and Appendix A of the Basic Comprehensive User Guide, by WSP Golder entitled *Acoustic Assessment Report, Premier Tech Home and Garden* dated December 2022, that documents all sources of noise emissions and Noise Control Measures present at the Facility;
3. "Company" means Premier Tech Home and Garden Inc. operating as Premier Tech Home and Garden Inc. that is responsible for the construction or operation of the Facility and includes any successors and assigns in accordance with section 19 of the EPA;
4. "District Manager" means the District Manager of the appropriate local district office of the Ministry, where the Facility is geographically located
5. "Emission Summary and Dispersion Modelling Report" means the report, prepared in accordance with section 26 of O. Reg. 419/05 and the Procedure Document by Jeff Zywicki, B.Sc. Eng. (WSP Canada Inc.) dated March 8, 2023 submitted in support of the application, and includes any changes to the report made up to the date of issuance of this Approval;
6. "'EPA" means the *Environmental Protection Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.E.19;
7. "Equipment" means the equipment described in the Company's application, this Approval and in the supporting documentation submitted with the application, to the extent approved by this Approval;
8. "Facility" means the entire operation located on the property where the Equipment is located;
9. "Manual" means a document or a set of documents that provide written instructions to staff of the Company;
10. "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;
11. "Publication NPC-233" means the Ministry Publication NPC-233, "Information to be Submitted for Approval of Stationary Sources of Sound", October, 1995, as amended;
12. "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.

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 is properly operated and maintained at all times. The Company shall:
 - a. prepare, not later than three (3) months after the date of this Approval, and update, as necessary, a Manual outlining the operating procedures and a maintenance program for the Equipment, including:
 - i. routine operating and maintenance procedures in accordance with good engineering practices and as recommended by the Equipment suppliers;
 - ii. emergency procedures;
 - iii. procedures for any record keeping activities relating to operation and maintenance of the Equipment;
 - iv. all appropriate measures to minimize fugitive dust, noise and odorous emissions from all potential sources; and
 - v. the frequency of inspection and replacement of the filter material in the Equipment;
 - b. implement the recommendations of the Manual.

2. 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 maintenance, repair and inspection of the Equipment; and
 - b. 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.

3. 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. a description of the nature of the complaint; and
 - b. the time and date of the incident to which the complaint relates.

4. 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.

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

1. Condition No. 1 is 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. 2 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.
3. Condition No. 3 is included to require the Company to notify staff of the Ministry so as to assist the Ministry with the review of the site's compliance.
4. Condition No. 4 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). 4910-8B8MKC issued on March 20, 2011.

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
M5G 1E5
OLT.Registrar@ontario.ca

and

The Minister of the Environment,
Conservation and Parks
777 Bay Street, 5th Floor
Toronto, Ontario
M7A 2J3

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
M4V 1P5

*** 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 17th day of November, 2023



Nancy E Orpana, P.Eng.

Director

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

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c: Area Manager, MECP Cornwall
c: District Manager, MECP Ottawa
Jeff Zywicki, WSP