

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE APPROVAL**

NUMBER 8219-D72JAZ

Issue Date: November 10, 2024

GFL Environmental Inc.  
48 Sluse Road  
East Gwillimbury, Ontario  
L9N 1G8

Site Location: 48 Sluse Road  
Town of East Gwillimbury, Regional Municipality of York  
L9N 1G8

*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:*

Waste Disposal Site

to be used for the transfer and processing of the following types of waste:

woodwaste

Note: Use of the site for any other type of waste is not approved under this environmental compliance approval, and requires obtaining a separate approval amending this environmental compliance approval.

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

"Adverse Effect" as defined in the EPA;

"Approval" means this Environmental Compliance Approval and any Schedules to it, including the application and supporting documentation listed in Schedule "A";

"Director" means any Ministry employee appointed in writing by the Minister pursuant to section 5 of the EPA as a Director for the purposes of Part II.1 of the EPA;

"District Manager" means the District Manager of the local district office of the Ministry in which the Site is geographically located;

"EPA" means Environmental Protection Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. E. 19, as amended;

"Fire Code" means Regulation 213/07 of the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997;

"Ground Cover" means mulch, landscaping material, or surfacing material for: trails or walkways for pedestrian use, trails or paths for use by livestock or other animals, pens or enclosures for livestock or other animals, playgrounds, parking areas, or private roads.

"Ministry" means the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks;

"Operator" means any person, other than the Owner's employees, authorized by the Owner as having the charge, management or control of any aspect of the Site and includes its successors or assigns;

"Reg. 347" means Regulation 347, R.R.O. 1990, made under the EPA, as amended; and

"Owner" means any person that is responsible for the establishment or operation of the Site being approved by this Approval, and includes Owner's Legal Name and its successors and assigns;

"Provincial Officer" means any person designated in writing by the Minister as a provincial officer pursuant to Section 5 of the OWRA, Section 5 of the EPA, Section 17 of the PA, Section 4 of the NMA, or Section 8 of the SDWA;

"Professional Engineer" means a Professional Engineer as defined within the Professional Engineers Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.28, as amended;

"Regional Director" means the Regional Director of the local Regional Office of the Ministry in which the Site is located;

"Residual Waste" means waste that is destined for final disposal or further processing at another approved waste disposal facility;

"Site" means the 11.39 hectare waste disposal site approved under this Approval, located at 48 Sluse Road, Town of East Gwillimbury, Ontario;

"Trained personnel" means personnel that have been trained through instruction and/or practice in accordance with this Approval.

"Woodwaste" means waste,

- a. that is a wood or wood product, including tree trunks, tree branches, leaves and brush,
- b. that is not contaminated with chromated copper arsenate, ammoniacal copper arsenate, pentachlorophenol or creosote, and
- c. from which easily removable hardware, fittings and attachments, unless they are predominantly wood or cellulose, have been removed,

but does not include the following:

- a. an upholstered article, or
- b. an article to which a rigid surface treatment is affixed or adhered, unless the rigid surface treatment is predominantly wood or cellulose.

*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. Compliance**

1. The Owner and Operator shall ensure compliance with all the conditions of this Approval and shall ensure that any person authorized to carry out work on or operate any aspect of the Site is notified of this Approval and the conditions herein and shall take all reasonable measures to ensure any such person complies with the same.
2. Any person authorized to carry out work on or operate any aspect of the Site shall comply with the conditions of this Approval.
3. The Site shall be operated and maintained at all times in accordance with the EPA, Reg. 347 and the conditions of this Approval. At no time shall the discharge of a contaminant that causes or is likely to cause an adverse effect be permitted.

### **2. Design, Develop, Build, Operate, Modify and Maintain in Accordance**

1. Except as otherwise provided for in this Approval, the Site shall be designed, developed, built, operated, modified and maintained in accordance with the application dated February 29, 2024, the Design and Operations Report as updated from time to time, and the other supporting documentation listed in Schedule "A".
2. Construction and installation of the covered building for the storage of woodwaste must be completed within twenty-four (24) months of the later of:
  - a. the date this Approval is issued; or
  - b. if there is a hearing or other litigation in respect of the issuance of this Approval, the date that this hearing or litigation is disposed of, including all appeals.
3. The Owner shall submit as-built drawings, stamped by a Professional Engineer, detailing and verifying all work performed, to the District Manager and the Director upon completion of construction.

### **3. Interpretation**

1. Where there is a conflict between a provision of any document referred to in this Approval, including the application, and the conditions of this Approval, the conditions in this Approval shall take precedence.

2. Where there is a conflict between the application and a provision in any documents listed in Schedule "A", the application shall take precedence unless it is clear that the purpose of the document was to amend the application and that the Ministry approved the amendment.
3. Where there is a conflict between any two documents listed in Schedule "A", other than the application, the document bearing the most recent date shall take precedence.
4. The requirements of this Approval are severable. If any requirement of this Approval, or the application of any requirement of this Approval to any circumstance, is held invalid or unenforceable, the application of such requirement to other circumstances and the remainder of this Approval shall not be affected thereby.

#### **4. Other Legal Obligations**

1. The issuance of, and compliance with, this Approval does not:
  - a. relieve any person of any obligation to comply with any provision of any applicable statute, regulation or other legal requirement including, but not limited to:
    - i. obtaining site plan approval from the local municipal authority;
    - ii. obtaining all necessary building permits from the local municipal authority Building Services Division;
    - iii. obtaining any necessary or applicable approvals from the Chief Fire Prevention Officer, local municipal authority: or
  - b. limit in any way the authority of the Ministry to require certain steps be taken or to require the Owner and/or the Operator to furnish any further information related to compliance with this Approval.

#### **5. Adverse Effect**

1. The Owner and Operator shall take steps to minimize and ameliorate any adverse effect on the natural environment or impairment of water quality resulting from the Site, including such accelerated or additional monitoring as may be necessary to determine the nature and extent of the effect or impairment.
2. Despite an Owner, Operator or any other person fulfilling any obligations imposed by this Approval, the Owner, Operator or any other person remains responsible for any contravention of any other condition of this Approval or any applicable statute, regulation, or other legal requirement resulting from any act or omission that caused the adverse effect to the natural environment or impairment of water quality.

## **6. Change of Owner**

1. The Owner shall notify the Director in writing, and forward a copy of the notification to the District Manager, within thirty (30) days of the occurrence of any changes:
  - a. the ownership of the Site;
  - b. the Operator of the Site;
  - c. the address of the Owner or Operator;
  - d. the partners, where the Owner is or at any time becomes a partnership and a copy of the most recent declaration filed under the Business Names Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. B.17 shall be included in the notification; and
  - e. the name of the corporation where the Owner is or at any time becomes a corporation, other than a municipal corporation, and a copy of the most current information filed under the Corporations Information Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. C.39 shall be included in the notification.
2. No portion of this Site shall be transferred or encumbered prior to or after closing of the Site unless the Director is notified in advance and sufficient financial assurance is deposited with the Ministry to ensure that these conditions will be carried out. In the event of any change in ownership of the Site, other than change to a successor municipality, the Owner shall notify the successor of and provide the successor with a copy of this Approval, and the Owner shall provide a copy of the notification to the District Manager and the Director.

## **7. Financial Assurance**

1. Within 30 days of issuance of the Certificate, the Owner shall submit to the Director financial assurance as defined in Section 131 of the EPA in the amount of \$58,304.00. This financial assurance shall be in a form acceptable to the Director and shall provide sufficient funds for site clean-up, monitoring, and the analysis, transportation and disposal of all quantities of waste permitted to be on-site at any one time.
2. Commencing July 31, 2029, and every 5 years thereafter, the Owner shall provide to the Director a re-evaluation of the amount of the financial assurance to facilitate the actions required under Condition 7(1). Additional financial assurance, if required, must be submitted to the Director within 30 days of written acceptance of the re-evaluation by the Director.
3. The amount of financial assurance is subject to review at any time by the Director and may be amended at his/her discretion.

4. If any financial assurance is scheduled to expire, or notice is received indicating financial assurance will not be renewed, and satisfactory methods have not been made to replace the financial assurance at least 60 days before the financial assurance terminates, the Owner shall forthwith replace the financial assurance with cash.

## **8. Inspections**

1. No person shall hinder or obstruct a Provincial Officer from carrying out any and all inspections authorized by the OWRA, the EPA, or the PA, of any place to which this Approval relates, and without limiting the foregoing:
  - a. to enter upon the premises where the approved works are located, or the location where the records required by the conditions of this Approval are kept;
  - b. to have access to, inspect, and copy any records required to be kept by the conditions of this Approval;
  - c. to inspect the Site, related equipment and appurtenances;
  - d. to inspect the practices, procedures, or operations required by the conditions of this Approval; and
  - e. to sample and monitor for the purposes of assessing compliance with the terms and conditions of this Approval or the EPA, the OWRA or the PA.

## **9. Information and Record Retention**

1. Any information requested, by the Ministry, concerning the Site and its operation under this Approval, including but not limited to any records required to be kept by this Approval shall be provided to the Ministry, upon request, within 3 business days.
2. The receipt of any information by the Ministry or the failure of the Ministry to prosecute any person or to require any person to take any action, under this Approval or under any statute, regulation or other legal requirement, in relation to the information, shall not be construed as:
  - a. an approval, waiver, or justification by the Ministry of any act or omission of any person that contravenes any term or condition of this Approval or any statute, regulation or other legal requirement; or
  - b. acceptance by the Ministry of the information's completeness or accuracy.
3. All records required by the conditions of this Approval must be retained on Site for a minimum period of 2 years from the date of their creation.

4. Any information relating to this Approval and contained in Ministry files may be made available to the public in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. F.31.

## **10. Service Area and Hours of Operations**

1. Only waste that is generated in the province of Ontario may be accepted at the Site.
2. Waste may be received and processed at the Site 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday to Sunday, unless otherwise restricted by local by-laws.

## **11. Signage and Security**

1. The Owner shall install a sign at the main entrance/exit to the Site on which is legibly displayed the following information:
  - a. the name of the Site, Owner, and Operator;
  - b. the number of this Approval; and
  - c. a 24-hour telephone number that can be used to reach the Owner in the event of a complaint or an emergency.
2. The Owner shall operate and maintain the Site in a secure manner, with access to the Site regulated and secured. The Owner shall ensure that the Site is secured against access by unauthorized persons at all times.

## **12. Waste Types and Waste Receiving**

1. Only solid non-hazardous waste shall be accepted at the site, limited to:
  - a. clean woodwaste, not including painted, stained, or dyed woodwaste, excepting 1(b); and
  - b. woodwaste marked with a non-toxic food colour dye as per Item 2 in Schedule "A".
2. No putrescible waste shall be accepted on-site.
3. The Owner shall ensure all incoming loads are inspected by a trained attendant to ensure only approved waste is received at this Site.
4. If any incoming waste load is known to contain unapproved waste, or is discovered to contain unapproved waste during receipt, that load shall be rejected.
5. If any unapproved waste is discovered on-site, that waste shall be immediately removed from the

Site for disposal in accordance with the EPA and Reg. 347.

6. Chipped wood, other than chipped painted wood, chipped treated wood or chipped laminated wood, transferred by a generator and destined for a site for use as ground cover, are exempt from Part V of the EPA in accordance with Section 3(2)4 of Reg. 347.
7. Waste wood, other than painted wood, treated wood or laminated wood, transferred by a generator and destined for a site at which it is to be chipped for eventual use as ground cover, are exempt from Part V of the EPA in accordance with Section 3(2)5 of Reg. 347.
8. Notwithstanding Condition 12 (6) and 12 (7) above, the Owner shall ensure that all woodwaste is managed at this Site in a manner that does not result in a nuisance, an adverse effect or a hazard to human health or the environment, and that the storage of all such woodwaste is carried out in accordance with any restrictions as described in applicable building permits or as imposed by the local fire service authority.

### **13. Approved Waste Quantities and Waste Storage**

1. The amount of waste received at the Site on any one day shall not exceed 500 tonnes.
2. The amount of waste present at the Site at any one time shall not exceed 1,250 tonnes, further subject to the following storage limitations:
  - a. a maximum of 112 tonnes woodwaste may be stored in Building D, with the following limitations:
    - i. a maximum of 109 tonnes on the 15 metre by 12 metre concrete pad; and
    - ii. a maximum of 3 tonnes in the 20 cubic metre hopper.
  - b. a maximum of 150 tonnes woodwaste may be stored in Building H, with the following limitations:
    - i. a maximum storage of 90 tonnes packaged wood waste;
    - ii. a total maximum storage of 60 tonnes located in the following containers:
      - i. Tank 1 with a maximum volume of 107 cubic metres;
      - ii. Tank 2 with a maximum total volume of 130 cubic metres; and
      - iii. shavings tank with a maximum total volume 147 cubic metres.
  - c. a maximum of 656 tonnes woodwaste stored on the 50 metre by 25 metre concrete pad;



- d. a maximum of 160 tonnes woodwaste, at 20 tonnes per trailer, in a maximum of 8 trailers;
  - e. a maximum of 172 tonnes coloured mulch stored in 3-sided outdoor storage bins located to the North of Building A;
  - f. a maximum of 1040 litres waste oil located in the waste oil storage tank in Building E; and
  - g. a maximum of 8 tonnes Residual Waste stored in a covered four-sided bin.
3. Waste shall be stored in accordance with the current Design and Operations Report and the supporting documentation listed in Schedule "A", and at a minimum the Owner shall ensure that all activities related to the unloading, storage, loading and other handling of waste on-site are conducted such that the operation of the Site does not result in a nuisance or an adverse effect.
  4. Waste shall be stored (including the design and construction of all storage areas) and transferred in accordance with the Ministry's publication "Guidelines for Environmental Protection Measures at Chemical and Waste Storage Facilities", dated May 2007 and with the supporting documentation listed in Schedule "A";
  5. In the event that the waste cannot be transferred from the Site and the Site is at its approved waste storage capacity, the Owner shall cease accepting additional waste. Receipt of additional waste may be resumed once such receipt complies with the waste storage limitations approved in this Approval.
  6. All waste shall be stored indoors, upon completion of construction of the covered building for the storage of woodwaste, and with the exception of the trailer storage in condition 13.2 (d), and mulch storage in condition 13.2 (e).
  7. The Owner shall ensure the following:
    - a. the height of any waste pile shall not exceed 6 metres;
    - b. all waste stored within a container/bin/tank shall be stored at a maximum height that is below the height of each container/bin/tank walls;
    - c. all storage containers/bins/tanks/trailers used to store waste are maintained in good condition;
    - d. all waste storage trailers located outdoors are closed and/or covered during storage unless adding or removing the waste; and
    - e. all lids or doors shall be kept closed during non-operating hours and during high wind or precipitation events.
  8. The Owner shall install a 6 metre tall pole on the concrete pad, or equivalent measuring device as

determined to be acceptable by the District Office, for gauging pile height.

9. Any instructions set out by the local Fire Department in writing shall take precedence over the above-noted conditions.
10. After receiving written instructions by the local Fire Department, the Owner shall notify the District Office forthwith of the required change to operations.
11. If carrying out written instructions from the local Fire Department would otherwise require an amendment to this Approval prior to implementation, the Owner shall submit an application to the Director within 30 days of receiving the written instructions from the local Fire Department requesting that change.

#### **14. Waste Processing**

1. The Owner shall ensure that all waste processing and storage are conducted indoors or within a enclosure at all times.
2. No processes other than the following shall be carried out at the Site:
  - a. the receipt, storage and transfer of waste;
  - b. the sifting, chipping, shredding, grinding, and/or size reduction of waste, provided the operation of any equipment used to carry out this processing is in accordance with the approval issued under Section 9 of the EPA.

#### **15. Stormwater**

1. The Owner shall ensure that all stormwater generated at the Site is managed in accordance with all applicable provincial requirements and municipal by-laws.
2. Within two (2) months of issuance of this approval, the Owner shall submit a temporary stormwater management plan to the District Manager and obtain written concurrence. Upon receiving written concurrence, the temporary stormwater management plan shall be implemented.

#### **16. Design and Operations Report**

1. The Company shall maintain an up-to-date Design and Operations Report for the Site, which shall contain at a minimum the information required by the Ministry's "Guide to applying for an Environmental Compliance Approval" as it applies to the Site.
2. The Design and Operations Report shall be:
  - a. kept up-to-date at all times so that it accurately reflects the ongoing Site activities as

approved under this Approval;

- b. retained at the Site;
  - c. available for inspection by a Provincial Officer upon request; and
  - d. updated and submitted with all future Environmental Compliance Approval applications for the Site, including a revisions tracking log.
3. Changes to the Site's Design and Operations Report that do not require an amendment to this Approval under Section 27 of the EPA shall be recorded in a revisions tracking log in the Design and Operations Report and submitted to the District Manager for record keeping.
  4. If not already updated during the Approval process, the Owner shall update the Design and Operations Report to include the approved items and the record of the change in the revisions tracking log within thirty (30) days from the date of the Approval.

## **17. Nuisance Control**

1. The Owner shall operate and maintain the Site such that dust, odours and litter do not result in a nuisance or an adverse effect.
2. If at any time problems such as odours, dust, litter, noise, vectors, vermin, rodents or other nuisances are generated at the Site, the Owner shall take appropriate, immediate remedial action to eliminate the problem.
3. The Owner shall develop a dust control plan, satisfactory to the District Manager, which shall detail all practical steps that the Owner shall implement to control dust at the Site.
4. The Owner shall control fugitive dust emissions from the Site. If necessary, the major sources of dust shall be treated with water and/or dust suppression materials to minimize the overall dust emissions from the Site.
5. The Owner shall ensure that vehicles leaving the Site do not drag out onto roads dirt, waste and/or other materials that may become a contaminant and cause an adverse environmental effect.

## **18. Site Inspections**

1. Trained Personnel shall carry out a visual inspection of the entire Site (including all waste handling facilities, the property line and the grounds) each day the Site is in operation to ensure that:
  - a. the Site is secure;

- b. no unapproved waste is present at the Site;
  - c. the operation of the Site is not the cause of any nuisances or Adverse Effects;
  - d. all equipment and facilities are in good working order and operated in a manner that will not negatively impact the environment;
  - e. waste storage, unloading and loading areas are orderly; and
  - f. the Site is being operated in compliance with this Approval.
2. Any deficiencies discovered as a result of an inspection carried out under Condition 18.1 shall be remedied immediately, with corrective measures including temporarily ceasing operations at the Site and/or removing all waste from the Site as necessary.
  3. A record of the inspections shall be kept in the daily log book that includes the following information:
    - a. the name and signature of person that conducted the inspection;
    - b. the date of the inspection;
    - c. a list of any deficiencies discovered;
    - d. any recommendations for action; and
    - e. the date, time and description of any actions taken.
  4. On a monthly basis, the Owner shall ensure an inspection of emergency response equipment by a Trained Personnel.
  5. The Owner shall develop and implement a preventative maintenance program for all on-Site equipment associated with the processing and managing of waste. The preventative maintenance program shall be maintained on-Site and shall be available for inspection by a Provincial Officer upon request.

## **19. Complaints**

1. If at any time the Owner receives complaints regarding the operation of the Site, the Owner shall respond to these complaints according to the following procedure:
  - a. The Owner shall 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, address and the telephone number of the complainant if the complainant will provide this information; and
  - iii. the time and date of the complaint;
  - iv. weather conditions at the time of the complaint; and
  - v. Site operations being carried out at the time of the complaint.
- b. The Owner shall inform the District Office of the complaint forthwith.
  - c. The Owner shall initiate appropriate steps to determine all possible causes of the complaint, proceed to take the necessary actions to eliminate the cause of the complaint and forward a formal reply to the complainant.
  - d. The Owner shall provide the District Office with a report written within one (1) week of the complaint date, listing the actions taken regarding the complaint and any recommendations for remedial measures, and managerial or operational changes to reasonably avoid the recurrence of similar incidents.

## **20. Emergency Response & Contingency Plan**

1. The Owner shall promptly take all necessary steps to contain and clean up any spills or upsets which result from this operation. All spills and upsets shall be recorded in a written log or an electronic file format, as to the nature of the spill or upset, and action taken for clean-up, correction and prevention of future occurrences.
2. All spills, as defined in the EPA, shall be immediately reported to the Ministry's Spill Action Centre at 1-800-268-6060 and to the local municipal authority.
3. Within thirty (30) days of the issuance of this Approval, the Owner shall prepare a Emergency Response & Contingency Plan for the Site, and submit a copy to the District Manager. The Emergency Response & Contingency Plan shall include, but not necessarily be limited to:
  - a. emergency response procedures to be undertaken in the event of a spill or process upset;
  - b. a list of equipment and spill clean up materials available in case of an emergency;
  - c. contingency procedures to be followed in the event of equipment malfunction, a labour disruption, transportation disruption, inability of receiving sites to accept waste or other business disruption to the operation;
  - d. notification protocol with names and telephone numbers of persons to be contacted, including

persons responsible for the Site, the Ministry's and Spills Action Centre, the local municipal fire department, the local municipal authority, the local Medical Officer of Health, the Ministry of Labour, and the names and telephone numbers of waste management companies available for emergency response.

4. The Owner shall review the Emergency Response and Contingency Plan on an annual basis as a minimum, and shall ensure that the names and telephone numbers of the persons to be contacted as required under Condition 20.3 are up-to-date, and that these numbers are prominently displayed and immediately available to all staff and emergency response personnel.
5. The District Manager shall be notified within thirty (30) days of any changes to the Emergency Response and Contingency Plan.
6. The equipment, materials and personnel requirements outlined in the Emergency Response and Contingency Plan are required to be kept on-site and shall be immediately available for use at all times. The equipment shall be kept in a good state of repair and in a fully operational condition.

## **21. Fire Safety Plan**

1. No later than three (3) months from the date of issuance of this Approval the Owner shall prepare and submit a Fire Safety Plan to the local fire service authority.
2. No later than 10 days after receiving written concurrence/approval for the Fire Safety Plan from the local fire service authority, the Owner shall submit a copy to the District Office.

## **22. Training**

1. Within thirty (30) days of the issuance of this Approval, the Owner shall develop and implement a training plan specific to the Site to ensure that all employees that operate the Site or carry out any activity required under this Approval are trained in its operation.
2. The training plan shall require and ensure through written records that all persons directly involved with activities relating to the Site have been trained with respect to:
  - a. relevant waste management legislation, regulations and guidelines;
  - b. major environmental concerns pertaining to the waste to be handled;
  - c. occupational health and safety concerns pertaining to the processes to be carried out and the wastes to be handled;
  - d. the Emergency Response & Contingency Plan, the Fire Safety Plan and any other procedures to be employed in the event of an emergency;

- e. specific written procedures for refusal of unacceptable waste loads;
  - f. contingency procedures;
  - g. specific written procedures for the control of nuisance conditions; and
  - h. the requirements of this Approval.
3. The Owner shall maintain on-site a written record of training which includes:
- a. the date of training;
  - b. the name and signature of the person who has been trained; and
  - c. a description of the training provided.
4. The Owner shall ensure that Trained Personnel are on duty at all times when the Site is open to carry out any activity permitted under this Approval.

### **23. Record Keeping**

1. The Owner shall maintain a daily record on-site, either electronically or in a log book, which shall include the following information:
- a. the type, quantity and source of all waste received at the Site, including the date and time of arrival, manifest information, and all supporting documentation submitted with the waste;
  - b. the type, quantity and destination of all waste transferred from the Site, including the date and time of transfer;
  - c. an inventory including volumes or tonnage of all waste stored at the Site;
  - d. a record of any waste refusals, including the type, quantity and source of any waste refused, reasons for refusal and a description of any further actions taken;
  - e. a record of the daily inspections required by this Approval;
  - f. a record of any complaints received; and
  - g. a record of any spills or process upsets at the Site, including the nature of the spill or process upset and the action taken for the clean-up or correction of the incident, the time and date of the spill or process upset, and for spills, the time that the Ministry and other persons were notified of the spill in fulfilment of the reporting requirements in the EPA.

## **24. Annual Report**

1. By March 31 on an annual basis, the Owner shall prepare a written annual report covering the previous calendar year. The report shall be maintained on-site, and shall include, at a minimum, the following information:
  - a. a summary of the information required under Condition 23.1(a) and 23.1(b), including an annualized reconciliation between all wastes received at the Site and all wastes transferred from the Site;
  - b. a summary of the information required under Condition 23.1(c), 23.1(d), 23.1(e), 23.1(f) and 23.1(g) above; and
  - c. any recommendations to minimize environmental impacts from the operation of the Site and to improve Site operations and monitoring programs in this regard.

## **25. Closure**

1. No less than three (3) months prior to the permanent closure of the Site, the Owner shall submit to the District Manager written notification of the decision to cease waste management activities at the Site and a schedule for the cessation of activities. In the event of an unplanned permanent closure of the Site or indefinite cessation of Site activities, the Owner shall submit the above noted information to the District Manager forthwith.
2. Within ten (10) days after closure of the Site, the Owner shall notify the Director and the District Manager, in writing, that the Site is closed and that the decommissioning activities have been completed.



## **SCHEDULE "A"**

*This Schedule "A" forms part of this Environmental Compliance Approval:*

1. Application for an Environmental Compliance Approval for a Waste Disposal Site dated February 29, 2024, and signed by Matteo Vasappollo Operations Manager-Garden Products Facility, including all supporting documentation.
2. Documents titled "Response to Request for Additional Information", dated June 26, 2024 and August 15, 2024, and signed by Peter Piersol, including all supporting attachments.
3. Documents titled "Review of Draft ECA", dated October 3, and October 10, 2024, and signed by Peter Piersol, including all supporting attachments.

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

The reason for the definitions section is to simplify the wording of the subsequent conditions and to define the specific meaning of terms as used in this Approval.

The reason for Conditions 1.0, 3.0, 4.0, 5.0 and 9.0 is to clarify the legal rights and responsibilities of the Owner and the Operator.

The reason for Condition 2.0 and 16.0 is to ensure that the Site is operated in accordance with the application and supporting documentation submitted by the Owner, and not in a manner which the Director has not been asked to consider.

The reasons for Condition 6.1 are to ensure that the Site is operated under the corporate name which appears on the application form submitted for this approval and to ensure that the Director is informed of any changes.

The reasons for Condition 6.2 are to restrict potential transfer or encumbrance of the Site without the approval of the Director and to ensure that any transfer of encumbrance can be made only on the basis that it will not endanger compliance with this Approval.

The reason for Condition 7.0 is to ensure that sufficient funds are available to the Ministry to clean up the Site in the event that the Owner is unable or unwilling to do so.

The reason for Condition 8.0 is to ensure that appropriate Ministry staff have ready access to the Site for inspection of facilities, equipment, practices and operations required by the conditions in this Approval. This condition is supplementary to the powers of entry afforded a Provincial Officer pursuant to the EPA, OWRA and PA.

The reason for Condition 10.1 is to specify the approved service area from which waste may be accepted at the Site.

The reason for Condition 10.2 is to specify the hours of operation for the Site.

The reason for Condition 11.1 is to ensure that users of the Site are fully aware of important information and restrictions related to Site operations, access and emergency response under this Approval.

The reason for Condition 11.2 is to ensure the controlled access and integrity of the Site by preventing unauthorized access when the Site is closed and no site attendant is on duty.

The reason for Condition 12.1 is to specify the types of waste that may be received at the Site.

The reason for Condition 12.2 is to ensure that all wastes received at the Site are properly identified and

classified to ensure they are managed in accordance with Reg. 347 and in a manner that protects the health and safety of people and the environment.

The reason for Condition 13.0 is to specify the maximum amount of waste that may be received and stored at the Site and to specify the manner in which waste may be stored at the Site, and to ensure that waste storage is carried out in accordance with all applicable spill protection standards.

The reason for Condition 14.0 is to specify the types of processing that may be carried out at the Site.

The reason for Conditions 15.0 and 17.0 is to ensure that the Site is operated in a manner which does not result in a nuisance or a hazard to the health and safety of people and the environment.

The reasons for Condition 18.0 are to ensure that inspections of all Site grounds and infrastructure are carried out on a regular basis, and that detailed records of Site inspections are recorded and maintained for compliance and information purposes.

The reason for Condition 19.0 is to ensure that any complaints regarding Site operations at the Site are responded to in a timely manner.

The reasons for Conditions 20.0 and 21.0 are to ensure that an Emergency Response Plan and a Fire Safety Plan are developed and maintained at the Site, and that staff are properly trained in the operation of the equipment used at the Site and emergency response procedures.

The reason for Condition 22.0 is to ensure that the Site is operated by properly Trained staff so that the operation of the Site does not result in a hazard or nuisance to people or the environment.

The reason for Condition 23.0 is to provide for the proper assessment of effectiveness and efficiency of site design and operation, their effect or relationship to any nuisance or environmental impacts, and the occurrence of any public complaints or concerns. Record keeping is necessary to determine compliance with this Approval, the EPA and its regulations.

The reason for Condition 24.0 is to ensure that regular review of site development, operations and monitoring data is documented and any possible improvements to site design, operations or monitoring programs are identified. An annual report is an important tool used in reviewing site activities and for determining the effectiveness of site design.

The reason for Condition 25.0 is to ensure that the Site is closed in accordance with Ministry standards in a manner that protects the health and safety of the public and the environment.

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.

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](http://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 10th day of November, 2024




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Mohsen Keyvani, P.Eng.  
Director  
appointed for the purposes of Part II.1 of the  
*Environmental Protection Act*

EG/

c: District Manager, MECP York-Durham  
Peter Piersol, BCX Environmental Consulting