

US EPA ARCHIVE DOCUMENT

Section 7

Stakeholders Involvement Plan

The USEPA intends for the modifications of regulatory requirements allowed through Project XL to meet the needs of the local communities while protecting the environment. For this reason, all XL projects require the participation of stakeholders. Stakeholder is the title given to any individual or organization in the local community and regional area who believe they are affected by the project and desire to participate. Stakeholder participation ensures that the project will remain open and accountable to the community. It provides an avenue for feedback regarding concerns and it allows interested parties to learn about all aspects of the project.

Stakeholder involvement has played an essential role in the development of the Buncombe County Solid Waste Management Facility from its inception and will be critical to the success of the bioreactor project. As stated in the FPA on page 23, the County has selected the following list of stakeholders to participate in this project:

- Buncombe County General Services Department
- Buncombe County Board of Commissioners
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- The North Carolina Chapter of the Solid Waste Association of North America
- Western North Carolina Regional Air Pollution Control Agency (Title V Permit Issuer)
- North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources Waste Management Division
- Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League
- Local Residents

The stakeholders list was created by identifying groups with ongoing involvement in various environmental issues in the local area and inviting local citizens to participate. Additional stakeholders may participate in the project upon request and may include any individuals, government or neighborhood organizations, academic centers, or businesses interested in the performance of the project.

A Stakeholders Report will be prepared and submitted semi-annually that updates the stakeholders on the progress of the project. The report will include information regarding:



- An update of the project schedule
- Status of implementation of system components
- Operational status for the cells with bioreactor components
- A running total of liquid quantities applied for each trench, well, and direct application method.
- Status of instrumentation installation
- General observations, issues, problems, proposed modifications to the design or procedures, etc.
- Evaluation of the wetting process effectiveness and the accelerated decomposition process
- Summary of monitoring data for the reporting period for:
 1. Leachate quality from each cell
 2. Gas quality, quantity generated, and flow rates
 3. Landfill temperatures
 4. Waste moisture content
 5. Settlement rates
 6. Liquid quantities in the leak detection sumps

The stakeholders will meet with Buncombe County and CDM annually in Asheville to discuss the project and provide comments on the Stakeholders Reports. The meeting date will be set at least 60 days in advance to provide ample notice. The annual meeting will be an open forum that will be designed to be interactive and dialogue-based. A portion of the meeting will focus on issues directly related to the project such as presentation of monitoring data and assessment of the project performance. Time will also be allotted for stakeholders to discuss issues associated with but not directly related to the project that may be of concern. The stakeholders will be given the opportunity to offer suggestions for modifications to the project.