



Division of Environmental Quality
GENERAL PERMIT
FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A
SOLID WASTE TRANSFER STATION – A, B, C, & D
CAPACITIES

PERMIT NUMBER: 0000-STSW- (A, B, C, & D)

AUTHORITY: In accordance with the provisions of The Arkansas Solid Waste Management Act (Act 237 of 1971), Ark. Code Ann. §8-6-201 et seq., as amended, and Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission (“PC&EC”), 8 CAR pt. 60, the Division has the authority to issue general permits for certain classes of solid waste processing facilities as defined in 8 CAR § 60-106. Pursuant to that authority, the Division has chosen to permit solid waste transfer stations using a general permit program.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 31, 2027

EXPIRATION DATE: May 31, 2032

LIMITATIONS: Owners or operators of solid waste transfer stations within the State of Arkansas who fail to make a written request to the Director to be covered by this general permit and/or submit the required documentation are not authorized to operate under the general permit.

Signed this X day of Month, 20XX

Bryan Leamons, P.E.
Office of Land Resources
Division of Environmental Quality

PART I COVERAGE UNDER THIS PERMIT

SECTION A. PERMIT AREA

The area covered by this general permit includes all areas within the State of Arkansas.

SECTION B. ELIGIBILITY AND AUTHORIZATION

1. Owners or operators of solid waste transfer stations meeting the requirements described herein and in 8 CAR pt. 60 herein referred to as "Part 60", and conforming to the definition of solid waste transfer stations in 8 CAR § 60-106 may be covered under this general permit subject to the following conditions.
 - a. The facility shall be permitted to accept a maximum annual throughput of:

5,200 tons (A capacity);
10,400 tons (B capacity);
20,800 tons (C capacity); or
31,200 tons (D capacity);

of solid waste per calendar year. Source-separated recyclables accepted at the facility are excluded from the maximum annual throughput.
 - b. Prior to applying for coverage under the general permit, the facility must have been approved through a Certificate of Need (CON) from the appropriate regional solid waste management district or have been approved through successful completion of a process of appeal of the district certificate of need denial through the Director of DEQ. A CON is not required for an existing facility to continue coverage under this permit.
 - c. Facilities which accept industrial wastes or special wastes shall maintain a section in the operating plan identifying each waste stream covered under this general permit.
2. The Director reserves the right to require the owner or operator of a transfer station to seek coverage under an individual permit. Notice of the decision to require coverage under an individual permit and the rationale for the decision will be provided to the owner/operator within thirty (30) days of receipt of a notice of intent to become permitted. In considering whether to require individual permitting, the Director may consider:
 - a. The compliance history of the owners and operators of the facility;
 - b. The size or capacity of the facility;
 - c. Whether the facility was in existence prior to the effective date of amendments to Part 60;
 - d. The nature of the solid waste or method proposed for processing the solid waste or the methods proposed for storage, handling, or otherwise transfer of any materials or solid waste, or;
 - e. Other overriding environmental or public participation issues.

Household hazardous waste storage or processing centers as defined by A.C.A. 8-6-203 and which require permitting, shall not be eligible for coverage under this permit. Those facilities exempted from permitting by the same section may coexist at facilities which are otherwise eligible and properly covered by this permit.

3. Owners or operators of solid waste transfer stations located within the State of Arkansas and meeting the requirements to be covered under this general permit must submit a notice of intent (NOI) to the Division indicating their intent to be covered under the terms of the general permit. Timelines for submittal are discussed in Part I, Section D.1. Facilities are covered by this permit only after receipt of the coverage letter.

SECTION C. NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI)

1. Notices of Intent and other required documents may be submitted by electronic application using ePortal/SEEK (or any successor system): <https://seek.ec.arkansas.gov/>
2. Applicants may apply for a waiver from electronic reporting if unable to use the electronic submittal system for one of the reasons detailed below:
 - a. Waivers from electronic reporting may be granted based on one of the following conditions:
 - (i) The operational headquarters is physically located in a geographic area (i.e. zip code or census tract) that is identified as under-served for broadband internet access in the most recent National Broadband Map from the Federal Communications Commission (available online at <https://broadbandmap.fcc.gov/>): may apply for temporary waivers (up to five years);
 - (ii) The applicant is from an area where available computer access or computer capability is limited: may apply for a temporary waiver (up to five years); or
 - (iii) The applicant is from a religious community that chooses not to use certain modern technologies: may apply for a permanent waiver.
 - b. In order to apply for a waiver from electronic reporting, the applicant must submit the required information in the form and manner required by the Office of Land Resources (OLR):
 - (i) Facility Name;
 - (ii) OLR permit number (if applicable);
 - (iii) Facility address;
 - (iv) Name, address, and contact information for the owner, applicant, or duly authorized facility representative;
 - (v) Brief written statement regarding the basis for claiming such a temporary waiver; and
 - (vi) Any other information required by OLR.
 - c. If DEQ grants a waiver approval to use a paper form, and the applicant elects to use it, the applicant must use the approved form developed by DEQ.
3. The notice of intent shall be signed by an authorized individual as defined in 8 CAR § 60-301(h) and signed and stamped by the registered professional engineer retained by the facility as required by 8 CAR § 60-301(i). The NOI contains a section designated *Applicant Responsible Official Certification – Professional Engineer Waiver*. This section allows that applicants which have retained coverage under the previous version of this general permit and which do not currently require design or operational changes may certify that there are no changes requested to permitting documents. With this certification, the facility may forgo the review and certification of the professional engineer under 8 CAR § 60-301(i). The requirements to complete and submit the NOI form in full shall remain in effect.

SECTION D. DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTAL

1. Notice of Intent (NOI) for coverage under this General Permit shall be submitted:
 - a. Existing facilities may submit their NOI upon issuance of this general permit. Existing facilities must submit their NOI at least one hundred eighty (180) days prior to the effective date to ensure no lapse in coverage from the previous general permit to this general permit. Existing permittees that meet this deadline will be considered to have administratively continued coverage under the previous general permit until DEQ issues the new notice of coverage letter.
 - b. For new or planned facilities, those facilities must submit their NOIs a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to commencement of construction. This provision in no way grants new or planned facilities coverage under this general permit without complying with Section B.1.b found herein.

SECTION E. TERMINATION OF COVERAGE

1. Owners or operators shall notify the Director if the facility ceases operation and/or if coverage under the general permit is no longer necessary. The Division shall be notified in writing sixty (60) days prior to the proposed termination date of the coverage under the general permit.
2. Within ten (10) days of ceasing operations, all wastes shall be removed from the site and disposed at a properly permitted facility, and the facility and equipment shall be brought to a sanitary condition. The operator shall then arrange for a final cleaning of any containers, equipment, machines, floors, and facility surfaces having come in contact with solid waste. All closure activities shall be completed no later than forty-five (45) days after the termination date of facility operations unless otherwise approved by DEQ.

PART II PERMIT CONDITIONS

1. The solid waste transfer station shall be maintained and operated in accordance with the conditions of this permit and in compliance with all applicable provisions of the Arkansas Solid Waste Management Act (Act 237 of 1971), Ark. Code Ann. §8-6-201 et seq., as amended, Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission (PC&EC), 8 CAR pt. 60, and all other applicable rules and regulations.
2. This general permit may be administratively changed, modified, revoked and reissued, or terminated for cause in accordance with the requirements of 8 CAR pt. 11 and 8 CAR pt. 60. The filing of a request by a covered permittee for a facility modification does not stay any permit condition. Approval of any NOI which is in conflict with any permit condition or applicable regulation shall not be considered valid; covered permittees are bound to compliance with this permit, Part 60, and other applicable regulations.
3. The permit holder shall pay an annual permit fee as specified in 8 CAR pt. 12.
4. The facility shall select a capacity designation as provided on the NOI form.
 - a. A Capacity (A) – The facility shall not process in excess of 5,200 tons of solid waste per calendar year.
 - b. B Capacity (B) – The facility shall not process in excess of 10,400 tons of solid waste per calendar year
 - c. C Capacity (C) – The facility shall not process in excess of 20,800 tons of solid waste per calendar year.
 - d. D Capacity (D) – The facility shall not process in excess of 31,200 tons of solid waste per calendar year.

Selected throughput capacities are the maximum permitted limits and shall not be exceeded within any calendar year. Should a facility reach the permitted capacity within a calendar year, activities shall cease until such time the facility is properly covered by this general permit as a larger capacity designation or under a final approved individual permit. In the interim period of inactivity, the facility shall implement clean-up activities in accordance with Part 1 Section E of this permit.

5. The facility shall maintain financial assurance to cover the amount specified below based on the capacity selection of the applicant on the NOI form.

A Capacity (A)	\$12,500
B Capacity (B)	\$24,500
C Capacity (C)	\$48,500
D Capacity (D)	\$72,500

Financial assurance shall be in a mechanism allowed by 8 CAR § 60-1405. Financial Assurance is waived for state and federally owned facilities only. Generally, no other waivers will be allowed without extensive and acceptable rationale which demonstrates an alternative means for coverage should the owner or operator become financially incapacitated. Previous waivers are not valid under this permit revision.

6. The facility shall not store more than three (3) consecutive days of waste at any time. This does not apply to source-separated recovered materials discussed in condition 16 herein.
7. Any change in ownership or control of the operation of the facility will require submittal of a disclosure statement in accordance with 8 CAR pt. 11. Transfer of this permit will require a new NOI for coverage in accordance with Part I, Section C. Failure to notify the Division of a change in ownership or control, or a change in responsibility for the operation of the processing facility will be cause for termination of coverage under this general permit.
8. The Division has no responsibility for the adequacy or proper operation of the transfer station. Nothing contained herein shall be construed as releasing the permittee from any liability for damage to persons or

property by reason of the installation, maintenance, or operation of the transfer station. The transfer station shall be operated by properly licensed personnel and maintained in good condition at all times.

9. Whenever it shall be necessary for the purpose of implementing or monitoring the enforcement of any permit condition, law or regulation duly adopted by the Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission, any authorized employee or agent of the Division may enter the facility property for the purpose of obtaining information, conducting investigations or inspections, taking of samples, or examining and copying records pertaining to the operation of the facility. Investigations or inspections by authorized employees or agents shall be conducted without interference or delay from the permittee or the property owner at a time necessary to observe the suspected violation or unauthorized conduct.
10. The facility shall be operated in accordance with the provisions of the site-specific Operating Plan as approved by the Division and which meets the requirements of 8 CAR § 60-904. The Operating Plan shall address specific facility operations in accordance with 8 CAR § 60-904. Facilities which accept any industrial or special waste as defined by Part 60 shall have a section in the Operating Plan discussing special handling or storage provisions necessary for each material. Areas used for storage of source-separated recovered materials shall be depicted in facility plans and described in the operating plan. All changes to the site-specific Operating Plan must be approved in writing by the Division.
11. The facility shall be constructed in accordance with the Design Narrative and Permit Plans and Specifications as approved by the Division. Any changes to the approved design for the facility must be approved in writing by the Division prior to implementation.
12. The approved NOI and required attachments shall be considered an integral and enforceable part of this general permit. Any modification to facility design or operation shall be updated through submittal of revised NOI forms and all necessary revised attachments. The forms and attachments shall be submitted to the Division for approval prior to making changes at the facility. It shall be the sole decision of the Director whether the proposed changes constitute a modification of such a nature which requires re-permitting the facility under an individual permit, see Part I, Section B-2.
13. Coverage under this general permit may be terminated at the discretion and upon notification by the Division if construction of the facility has not commenced within one hundred eighty (180) days and completed within three hundred sixty five (365) days from the date of coverage provided under the general permit. Coverage under this general permit may be terminated at the discretion and notification by the Division if the facility fails to operate for sixty (60) consecutive calendar days. If the facility discontinues operations for sixty (60) consecutive calendar days, the facility shall provide written notification to DEQ of the outage and implement the procedures under Part I, Section E of this permit.
14. This permit shall be posted in a conspicuous location at the transfer station during all operating hours. A sign shall be posted at all access points indicating the hours of operation and what materials the facility will accept and not accept. A suitable enclosed office or pay station with potable water available and restroom facilities shall be provided for employees.
15. All operations shall be performed by a licensed on-site operator who has been certified in accordance with 8 CAR pt. 62.
16. Facilities that extract and recover recyclable materials from mixed solid waste must obtain an individual Waste Recovery Facility (WRF) permit. No recovery activities from mixed solid waste may be allowed under this permit. Storage of source-separated recovered materials is authorized under this general permit in accordance with the approved operating plan, which meets the requirements of 8 CAR § 60-904. Timeframes for storage of source-separated recovered materials shall be limited to one (1) year retention time.
17. All solid waste passing through the facility must ultimately be recycled or disposed of at a properly licensed or permitted solid waste management facility.

18. Solid waste shall not be stored onsite in a manner that becomes a nuisance or a sanitary or environmental problem.
19. All operational and storage areas shall exhibit positive drainage, shall be free of standing water, and shall route waters in accordance with an approved stormwater permit or individual discharge permit, whichever may be applicable.
20. Restricted access to the site shall be maintained through the use of fences, gates, warning signs, natural barriers or other means as described in the approved NOI attachments.
21. The transfer station shall be operated so as to prevent the attraction, harborage, or breeding of insects, rodents and other vectors.
22. The transfer station shall be designed and operated so that all liquids which come in contact with solid waste are collected and properly treated or disposed as leachate.
23. Recordkeeping Requirements
 - a. Required Records - The owner or operator must record and retain an operating record at the facility or in an alternative location approved by the Director, the following information as it becomes available:
 - (i) The current approved 8 CAR pt. 60;
 - (ii) This general permit;
 - (iii) The most recently updated NOI for the facility, all required attachments to the NOI, and any other associated documents;
 - (iv) The Certificate of Need for the facility;
 - (v) Any required location restriction demonstrations of the permitted facility;
 - (vi) Approved operations plan;
 - (vii) Waste receipt and disposal records;
 - (viii) Approved design narrative;
 - (ix) Records of any periodic inspections required by regulation or permit conditions;
 - (x) Approved closure plans;
 - (xi) Any cost estimates and financial assurance documentation; and
 - (xii) Any other records required by Part 60.
 - b. Access to Records - All information contained in the operating record must be furnished upon request to the Division or be made available at all reasonable times for inspection by the Division.
 - c. Waste Receipt Records - All owner or operators shall provide an adequate means of recording the amount of waste that is received by the facility.
 - d. Retention Period - The records required under this section shall be maintained by the owner or operator until destruction of the records is authorized by the Director following completion of closure of the facility.

24. The facility owner or operator shall prepare and file with the Division annual reports by March 31 covering the period from the previous January through December. Contents of the reports shall, at a minimum, include the information in the eportal form available in the following link, the SEEK form once available, or included in the electronic waiver authorization from DEQ.
<https://eportal.adeg.state.ar.us/app/#/formversion/3a750169-2dc0-48f3-a045-13d777c9202c>
25. Upon termination of facility operations, owners or operators shall perform facility closure in accordance with the requirements of the approved closure plan.
26. Fire protection services for the site shall be assured and documented in the operating records through notification to local fire protection authorities. A fire safety survey shall be conducted by the local fire protection authorities annually.
27. Communication equipment shall be maintained to ensure that the operator can contact local fire protection and emergency authorities in case of a fire.

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STATEMENT OF BASIS AND RATIONALE FOR PERMIT CONDITIONS

**GENERAL PERMIT FOR CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A
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 Permit No. 0000-STSW-(A, B, C, & D)**

The Code of Arkansas Rules (CAR), 8 CAR § 60-903(a), and Ark. Code Ann. §8-4-203 provides that the Director of DEQ may establish a general permit program for construction and operation of solid waste transfer stations. This document discusses authority, permit procedures and requirements as authorized primarily by 8 CAR pt. 60, but also the Solid Waste Management Act, Ark. Code Ann. §8-6-202 et seq. and the Code of Arkansas Rules. Certain discussion items below are not directly referenced or mandated by statute or rule and represent design or operational limits or permitting choices made by the Director to best fit the general permit program. Facilities are not required to obtain coverage under this particular general permit and may apply for a site-specific individual permit. Certain large capacity facilities, non-traditional waste transfer facilities, and *solid waste recovery facilities* as defined by Part 60 are not eligible for coverage under this general permit.

Part I – Coverage Under this Permit	
Condition No.	
A	This permit is intended for applicable transfer stations within the boundaries of the state of Arkansas. Certain location restrictions will limit individual site locations. This will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. [8 CAR § 60-902 and 8 CAR § 60-903(a)]
B-1	<p>This permit is eligible for transfer stations only as defined by 8 CAR § 60-106 and Ark. Code Ann. §8-6-202 et seq. It is not intended for <i>solid waste recovery facilities</i> as defined in 8 CAR § 60-106 or other facilities which operate outside the scope of the traditional transfer station as defined. Under the terms of this permit, the Director has the final decision to determine if a particular site is eligible or ineligible for coverage. [8 CAR § 60-903(a)]</p> <p>The Director has chosen to restrict the capacities eligible for coverage under this permit based on annual waste throughput. Various size designations are established under this permit, primarily to provide for incremental financial assurance requirements. Larger facilities, those larger than the “D” designation under this permit, will be required to hold an individual permit. [8 CAR § 60-903(a)]</p> <p>In accordance with Ark. Code Ann. §8-6-706, facilities are required to obtain a Certificate of Need (CON) with the Regional Solid Waste Management District. A CON is not required for an existing facility to continue coverage under this permit.</p> <p>Facilities which transfer industrial wastes or special wastes as defined by Part 60 must have an operating plan which incorporates specific handling, storage, or otherwise transfer requirements. Transfer activities of industrial or special wastes may be grounds for the Director to require an individual permit. [8 CAR § 60-903(a)]</p>
B-2	<p>Under the terms of this permit and the general permit procedures established herein, the Director has the discretion to determine if a site is ineligible for this permit including but not limited to the list in the permit section B-2 or any other unforeseen environmental or public health consideration. [8 CAR § 60-903(a)]</p> <p>Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) storage or processing centers as defined by Ark. Code Ann. 8-6-203 are not covered under this permit due to the unique operations and site-specific permit conditions. HHW facilities that are not exempt from permitting requirements must obtain an individual permit.</p>
B-3	This permit will cover new or operating facilities after timely submittal of a completed NOI on the most

Part I – Coverage Under this Permit	
	recent forms including all necessary attachments. Coverage begins only upon DEQ issuance of the official coverage letter signed by the Deputy Director of the Office of Land Resources or other authorized signatory delegate of the Director in accordance the DEQ signatory policy. This general permit no longer includes provisions for automatic coverage during the periods of Division review and Notice of Deficiency delays. It is anticipated that this permit will be issued many months before the effective date allowing ample time for NOI submittal, DEQ review, and DEQ coverage before the effective date. [8 CAR § 60-303(d), 8 CAR § 60-903(a)]
C-1	The permittee shall submit all information and attachments required by the NOI forms or the facilities will not be considered covered under this permit. Adequate information for certain NOI items may exist in the Solid Waste on-line facility files. Proper reference to the correct on-line Document ID must be made on the NOI or information may be resubmitted and attached to the NOI in order to properly reference the files to this permit coverage. [8 CAR § 60-303(d)]
C-2	The facility representative and the representative engineer must both sign the NOI, or the NOI will be considered incomplete and the facility will not be covered under the permit. [8 CAR § 60-301] Facilities which were covered by the previous version of this general permit may certify through their responsible official that no facility design or operational changes were made and no changes are necessary to previous plans and specifications already on file with the Division. Through this certification, the applicant will not be required to employ the services of a professional engineer and the Division may re-issue the previous coverage to the unchanged facility as constructed and operated according to previously submitted plans. Any changes to the facility design, operation or maintenance plans may trigger review and certification requirements for a professional engineer. This responsible official certification does not limit the Division in any way from requesting information or requiring professional services for changes in facility construction or modified operational plans. The certification form has been added to the NOI for this general permit. When the completed the NOI section labeled <i>Applicant Responsible Official Certification – Professional Engineer Waiver</i> is completed and signed, the previous NOI section requiring professional engineer certification may be left blank.
D-1	This section discusses timelines for submittals under the general permit program. Failure to complete NOI forms, including required attachments, will cause facilities to exist without coverage under this permit. Operating without a permit is a violation of Ark. Code Ann. §8-6-205. [8 CAR § 60-303(d), 8 CAR § 60-903(a)]
E-1	8 CAR § 60-906(d)
E-2	8 CAR § 60-906(d)

Part II – Permit Conditions	
Condition No.	Conditions
1.	This condition references the general applicability of Part 60 and the Solid Waste Management Act. Any updates to Part 60 or and other regulations or statutes affecting this permit shall cause the facility to update the NOI forms and attachments to properly address new requirements.
2.	This condition discusses applicability of the permit and revocation of the permit or coverage under the permit for various reasons, which may include, but not be limited to non-compliance, inability to meet existing or updated regulations, failure to pay fees, or to provide necessary information. [8 CAR § 60-309(e)] Previous rationale discusses the NOI and attachment and the applicant’s duty to timely respond to deficiency notifications. [8 CAR § 60-303(d)]
3.	Annual fees are required per 8 CAR pt. 12. The annual fee is \$450 per year at the time of this issuance.
4.	Capacity selection and designation requirements are primarily linked to the financial assurance requirement of the following condition. Other rationale exists for limiting facility size including the need for Division review of specific design and operating plans to determine appropriate facilities and provisions are in place to handle expected throughput capacity. A facility’s annual throughput is the tonnage of solid waste accepted by the facility, but does not include source-separated recovered materials. “Annual” means the January 1 st through December 31 st calendar year.

Part II – Permit Conditions	
	<p>Closure Cost estimates:</p> <p>Closure costs estimates were increased using 2027 numbers in order to cover the cost of closure in the event the permittee becomes unable to close the facility.</p> <p>Load – \$13/ton Haul – \$29.50/ton Dispose – \$91.50/ton</p> <p>Total – \$134/ton</p> <p>A <u>5,200 tons per year...100 tons per week...20 tons per day</u> * 3 days waste storage limit= 60 tons * \$134 per ton (load, haul, dispose) * 150% = \$12,060 ≈ \$12,500 B <u>10,400 tons per year...200 tons per week...40 tons per day</u> * 3 days waste storage limit= 120 tons * \$134 per ton (load, haul, dispose) * 150% = \$24,120 ≈ \$24,500 C <u>20,800 tons per year...400 tons per week...80 tons per day</u> * 3 days waste storage limit = 240 tons * \$134 per ton (load, haul, dispose) * 150% = \$48,240 ≈ \$48,500 D <u>31,200 tons per year...600 tons per week...120 tons per day</u> * 3 days waste storage limit = 360 tons * \$134 per ton (load, haul, dispose) * 150% = \$72,360 ≈ \$72,500</p> <p>Certain upfront costs, engineering, bid and advertisement costs, cleanup and disposal of waters and other contingencies are considered and are built into these factors and the 150% adjuster. Annual updates are not required as these estimates are presumed to be adequate to incorporate expected annual inflation adjustments for the next five (5) years. The Division may revisit these factors at any time through revisions to this permit and rationale if necessary. [8 CAR § 60-906]</p> <p>Financial assurance for state and federal facilities are not required as provided by 8 CAR § 60-1401(c).</p>
5.	
6.	<p>Storage of solid waste shall be in accordance with 8 CAR § 60-905(b) and is limited to three (3) days. This is to prevent odors, vector attraction, or other nuisance conditions and is also based on the factors used to develop cost estimates, see 5 above. [8 CAR § 60-906]</p>
7. and 8.	<p>See 8 CAR pt. 11, Administrative Procedures, Water and Air Pollution Control Act Ark. Code Ann. §8-4-101 et seq., and Solid Waste Management Act Ark.Code.Ann. §8-6-201 et seq. for the Division duties, authority and obligations as the permitting authority.</p>
9.	[8 CAR § 60-1501]
10.	[8 CAR § 60-904(p)]
11.	[8 CAR § 60-905(a)]
12. and 13.	<p>Under the general permit program established herein, it is required that all components of the NOI be provided for review and approval and updated as necessary to establish the site specific and enforceable operating and design parameters necessary for coverage under this general permit. Facilities shall be constructed and operated or the permit coverage may be terminated at the discretion of the Director. [8 CAR § 60-903(a)]</p>
14. – 22.	[8 CAR § 60-904]
16.	<p>It has been determined that due to the significant handling and storage requirements, this permit is intended to cover transfer stations only and not waste recovery facilities - Type WRF. No extraction from mixed loads is allowed under this permit. The facility may store source-separated recovered materials. Also DEQ acknowledges many transfer stations often operate adjacent to or in conjunction with exempt</p>

Part II – Permit Conditions	
	Material Recycling Facilities (MRF)s which function to separate comingled recyclables from each other. In these cases the exempt MRF activities may operate under the same roof or at least on the same property footprint. It is not intended to begin permitting MRFs under this permit and the MRF operations are still exempt. It is important and required that the MRF operations, or otherwise the storage of recovered materials, must be discussed in the facility operating plan if recyclable storage exists on the permitted transfer station property. [8 CAR § 60-904, 8 CAR § 60-1001(b)]
23.	[8 CAR § 60-907]
24.	[8 CAR § 60-904(n)]
25.	[8 CAR § 60-906]
26.	[8 CAR § 60-904(m) and 8 CAR § 60-904(p)(3)(H)&(I)]
27.	[8 CAR § 60-904(m) and 8 CAR § 60-904(p)(3)(H),(I)&(L)]

A stakeholder meeting was held at the DEQ Headquarters with facility representatives, consultants, and other stakeholders on April 2, 2026. DEQ did not receive substantial comments on the preliminary draft permit during or after the stakeholder meeting.

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ECONOMIC IMPACT - ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFIT
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The requirement of Act 731 of the 88th General Assembly, 2011, requires the Division to consider economic impact and environmental benefit. The new requirements are codified in Ark. Code Ann. §8-4-203(m) as follows:

8-4-203(m)	Requirement
(3)(A)(i)	Before the submittal to public comment of a general permit that has not been previously issued, the Division shall consider the economic impact and environmental benefit of the general permit and its terms and conditions upon the people of the State of Arkansas, including those entities that may apply for coverage under the general permit.
(3)(A)(ii)	This requirement does not apply to general permits or terms or conditions that adopt the language of state or federal statutes or regulations without substantive change.
(3)(B)	If the terms and conditions of a previously issued general permit are revised upon renewal, the economic impact and environmental benefit of only the proposed changes shall be considered.
(3)(C)	A general permit for which costs are specifically prohibited from being considered by state or federal law or regulation is exempt from the requirements of this subsection.
(3)(D)	The Division may rely upon readily available information for its consideration of the economic impact and environmental benefit of the general permit and its terms and conditions.

Following is a discussion of applicability of the new general permitting requirement to this permit decision:

8-4-203(m)	Applicability
(3)(A)(i)	The Solid Waste Transfer Station General Permit has been previously issued and has been in existence since 1995.
(3)(A)(ii)	The language contained in the specific conditions is derived directly from Part 60 or is a specific requirement of Part 60. See the Statement of Basis document for specific references.
(3)(B)	The terms and intent of the general permit have not changed materially from past revisions. Areas of the permit have been revised, re-written, or re-organized for clarification. Key points of clarification are discussed in the table below.
(3)(C)	N/A
(3)(D)	N/A

Following is a discussion of the major clarifications or updates in this permit decision:

Substantial Language Changes and Clarifications	
Section	Clarifications
Cover Page	Effective Date and Expiration date revised to reflect the next 5-year permitting cycle (2027-2032). Replaced “Regulation 22” with “8 CAR pt. 60”
Part I	
A – E	Revised all Regulation 22 references to 8 CAR pt. 60.
C.	Revised conditions 1. and 2. to include information on NOI electronic submission and requirements to apply for an electronic submission waiver.
Part II	
1. – 25.	Revised all Regulation 22 references to 8 CAR pt. 60.
5.	Updated cost estimates to 2027 dollars.
26.	A condition was added for the facility to document fire safety assurance and conduct annual fire safety inspections.
27.	A condition was added for the facility to maintain communication equipment to contact local fire protection and emergency authorities.
