



The State of New Hampshire
Department of Environmental Services



Robert R. Scott, Commissioner

EMAIL ONLY

January 10, 2025

Cody Wojcik
4 Meisner Rd.
Salem, NH 03079

Subject Site: **Hudson – Hudson Municipal Landfill, 26 West Road**
Facility ID 0000041, Solid Waste Facility Permit # DES-SW-TP-92-019

Inquiry about post-closure use of landfill

Dear Mr. Wojcik:

Thank you for contacting the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) about potential post-closure use of the closed Hudson Municipal Landfill. This letter is sent to follow up on our January 9, 2025 telephone conversation.

As we discussed, New Hampshire's Solid Waste Rules, Env-Sw 100-2000, allow post-closure use of landfills, provided that the use (1) is approved by NHDES via a permit modification and (2) meets the requirements of Env-Sw 807.06 Post Closure Use. Decisions regarding whether to seek approval for post-closure use and which type of post-closure use to consider are the purview of the permittee, and the Town of Hudson holds the permit for this landfill.

Thus far, post-closure uses that NHDES has approved at other landfills include sheep grazing and placement of solar arrays. Use for remote controlled airplane flying could be approved under a Type II permit modification if the specifics of the use met the criteria of Env-807.06. Depending on the specifics of the use, it may be necessary to alter the design of the landfill cap to meet these criteria, but it is also possible that design changes would not be needed. Permit modification approvals are required before conducting any work that changes the design, post-closure use, or post-closure care of a closed landfill.

Regardless of whether the Town decides to pursue approval for post-closure use of the landfill, we understand that the Town is planning to submit a permit modification application for approval of design changes that were made to the landfill cap, without obtaining approval, 2 decades ago. Obtaining approval for these design changes is necessary to bring the Town into compliance with its permit and the Solid Waste Rules.

I hope the information in this letter is helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

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- a liability to the Town.
4. Granting access to the transfer station during business or non-business hours to non-Hudson residents violates operational procedures and increases the risk of illegal dumping, as seen in past incidents.
 5. The club's previous actions demonstrated gross negligence that could have compromised the integrity of the capped landfill, which cost over a million dollars to install in 1998.
 6. There is currently no permit in place with NHDES for such proposed use.
 7. Lack of proof of establishment.
 8. Lack of information regarding the club members and their residency.

Given these factors, your request is formally denied. The Board of Selectmen will be notified of this decision.

Should you have any questions, please direct them to the Town Engineer.



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Request for Landfill Activity

Landfill: 26 West Road

Request By: Southern New Hampshire RC Club

Date: 3-3-2025

Proposed Activity: See Appendix A

Engineering Department Sign off? Yes ☐ No ☒

If No, reason why: SEE ATTACHMENT

DPW Department Sign off? Yes ☐ No ☒

If No, reason why: SEE ATTACHMENT

NHDES Sign off? Yes ☐ No ☐

If No, reason why: _____

Board of Selectmen Sign off? Yes ☐ No ☐

If No, reason why: _____

Appendix A - Landfill Use Description

The Southern New Hampshire Radio Control Club is seeking use of the 26 West Road Landfill as their flying site as they have from 1999 until mid 2024. The Southern New Hampshire RC Club is committed to promoting and practicing model aviation in an effort to foster community and interest in the STEM fields. In March of 2024, the town voted by a wide majority for their continued use of the site.

The Southern New Hampshire Radio Control Club is aware of the sensitivity of this land and the regulations surrounding its use. No design changes to the landfill are necessary for the club's return and will not be made. The club is also aware of the restrictions for NH closed landfill use and does not anticipate any conflicts with these restrictions.

Business address: Being a club with no clubhouse or other buildings, all mail is addressed to the secretary:

John Hayes
SNHRCC Secretary
17 Mike Lane, Litchfield, NH 03052

Members:

Due to our privacy policies and concerns we are not allowed to list our members and their residency as requested. However, as of January 27, 2025, SNHRCC has 46 members. Their residency count is:

Amherst, NH - 1
Bedford, NH - 3
Derry, NH - 1
Dover, NH - 2
Hudson, NH - 10
Litchfield, NH - 5
Londonderry, NH - 4
Manchester, NH - 2
Methun, MA - 3
Merrimack, NH - 2
Nashua, NH - 5
New Ipswich, NH - 1
Pelham, NH - 1
Salem, NH - 2
Tewksbury, MA - 1
Townsend, MA - 1
Westford, MA - 2

Description of operations: SNHRCC wishes to return to their use of the site as they have for the past 25 years. SNHRCC members will have permanent gate access for flying model aircraft from three runways. Operations will cease from 9PM Friday evening until 12:00PM on Saturdays as a courtesy to residents for dump day. Parking will occur on the gravel parking lot. In the event that the club holds an event where non-club members are present, at least one club member will be present to show rules and secure gates. The club will rent and maintain a portable toilet at the site and will manage its maintenance and servicing. These are the operating procedures that the club has employed for its entire history at this site.

