



August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021

Mr. Wade VanZee, Permit Compliance Manager  
Stericycle, Inc.  
5815 Weldon Springs Rd  
Clinton, IL 61727

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SW/APP  
Racine County

SUBJECT: Plan Modification Approval, Infectious Waste / Solid Waste Storage Facility, Stericycle, Inc., 14035 Leetsbir Road, Village of Yorkville, Racine County, Wisconsin, License #3550

Dear Mr. Van Zee:

The Department of Natural Resources (department) has approved the Plan Modification Request, dated May 20, 2021, for the above referenced infectious waste processing facility. This approval covers two (2) separate requested changes:

1. Moving sharp container handling to a new building across the street. New equipment will also be installed to replace the twenty-year-old equipment however the function will remain the same. The new building will be located at 14114 Leetsbir Road, due north of the current facility.
2. Adding the transferring of comingled sharps and nonhazardous pharmaceuticals to 14114 Leetsbir Road to an offsite licensed incinerator permitted to accept the waste streams.

In lieu of a standalone license, the department recommended Stericycle apply for an expansion of the current license. The building across the street will be regulated under the same FID and license.

The department believes that the proposed modifications will not have an adverse effect on the performance of your processing facility. You should attach this Plan Modification Approval directly to the Plan of Operation Approval issued on December 17, 1992 and subsequent approval modifications issued to the facility.

This approval does not supersede existing conditions relating to facility capacity, processing parameters, or testing protocols. This approval does not relieve Stericycle of other Federal, State or local regulatory requirements.

Please contact Melanie Burns at (414) 339-9088 or [melanie.burns@wi.gov](mailto:melanie.burns@wi.gov), if you have any questions regarding this approval.

Sincerely,

James C. Delwiche  
Southeast Region  
Waste and Materials Management Program Supervisor

Attached: Plan Modification Approval

BEFORE THE  
STATE OF WISCONSIN  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

MODIFICATION APPROVAL  
FOR THE PLAN OF OPERATION  
STERICYCLE, INC. INFECTIOUS WASTE PROCESSING FACILITY  
(LICENSE # 3550)

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Department finds:

1. Stericycle owns and operates a solid waste (infectious waste) processing facility located in the SW 1/4, of the NE 1/4 of section 24, T3N, R21E, Town of Yorkville, Racine County, Wisconsin. The address is 14035 Leetsbir Road, Yorkville, WI.
2. Stericycle proposes to expand solid waste (infectious waste) storage and transfer operations and operate an infectious waste storage and transfer facility at the address of 14114 Leetsbir Road, Yorkville, WI. This property is owned by Darnell Family LTD Partnership.
3. The Department of Natural Resources (department) issued a conditional Plan of Operation Approval for Electro-Thermal Destruction (ETD) medical infectious waste processing at the facility on December 17, 1992. Subsequent plan modification approvals have been issued to the facility.
4. On November 13, 2020, the department issued an Initial Site Inspection feasibility determination for the proposed site located at 14114 Leetsbir Road, Yorkville, Wisconsin.
5. Stericycle submitted the following documents as part of this plan modification request;
  - a. A May 20, 2021 Request For Permit Modification received May 25, 2021 in relation to relocating the sharps handling across the street (14114 Leetsbir Road), installing updated sharps handling equipment and transferring comingled sharp and nonhazardous pharmaceutical, otherwise known as blue containers, from this location.
  - b. An addendum email dated July 23, 2021, providing details on the treatment destination for the blue containers, referenced above in a. Also, the drawings were resubmitted in a legible format.
  - c. An addendum e-mail dated July 27, 2021 provided completed information for Form 4400-287, Page 3.
6. Plan modification review fee for \$1,100 (invoice # 12448) was paid in full on June 10, 2021.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The department has authority under s. 289.30(8)(b), Wis. Stats. and s. NR 502.08, Wis. Adm. Code, to modify a Plan of Operation Approval if the modification would not inhibit compliance with applicable portions of chs. NR 500-538, Wis. Adm. Code.
2. The department has authority under s. NR 150.20(1m)(j), Wis. Adm. Code, to consider a routine approval a minor action and authority under s. NR 150.20(1m), Wis. Adm. Code, to not perform an environmental analysis under the provisions of Wisconsin Environmental Policy Act (WEPA) for minor actions.

NOTICE OF APPEAL RIGHTS

If you believe that you have a right to challenge this decision, you should know that Wisconsin statutes and administrative rules establish time periods within which requests to review department decisions must be filed.

For judicial review of decisions pursuant to sections 227.52 and 227.53, Stats., you have 30 days after the decision is mailed, or otherwise served by the department, to file your petition with the appropriate circuit court and serve the petition on the department. Such a petition for judicial review shall name the Department of Natural Resources as the respondent.

Dated: July 30, 2021

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
For the Secretary



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James C. Delwiche, Regional Supervisor  
Southeast Region  
Waste & Materials Management Program



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Melanie Burns  
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