Public Notice

Gaeta Recycling Company, Inc. (Gaeta) will hold a virtual public Information Session, in accordance with New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) Administrative Order No. 2021-25, for the purpose of providing information to the community and receiving oral and/or written comments on Gaeta’s Plan Amendment Application (Application) that was submitted to the County of Passaic on March 8, 2021 requesting to expand the daily capacity of its Solid Waste Transfer Station/Material Recovery Facility (TS/MRF) currently included in Passaic County’s Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP). The Information Session will be held on April 24, 2023 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. For instructions on how to register for and join the session, please contact Gaeta’s environmental consultant, Compliance Plus Services, Inc. (CPS), by email at publichearing@complianceplusservices.com. This notice is also being published in Spanish in the El Especialito on March 24, 2023.

A sixty (60) day public comment period on the Application will commence, beginning March 21, 2023 and ending May 24, 2023, during which time the public may submit written comments on the proposed expansion. Comments should be addressed to: Gaeta Recycling Co., Inc., c/o Compliance Plus Services, 240 Gibraltar Road, Ste. 100, Horsham, PA 19044. Comments may also be forwarded electronically to publichearing@complianceplusservices.com. Gaeta will respond to all timely-submitted comments.

Gaeta’s Application to Amend the Passaic County SWMP addresses the proposed increase in the daily solid waste acceptance limit for Gaeta’s existing TS/MRF located at 278-282 West Railway Avenue, Paterson, New Jersey. Specifically, Gaeta is seeking to change the tonnage of solid waste (Types 10, 13, 13C, 23 and 27) that the TS/MRF may accept during its normal daily permitted operating hours from 720 tons per day (tpd) to 1,200 tpd. The Application does not propose any change to the facility’s existing operating hours and there will be no change in the days that the TS/MRF is currently open to accept solid waste. Additionally, the Application does not propose any change or affect Gaeta’s Class A Recycling Center that operates across from the TS/MRF at 189-195 Genessee Avenue, Paterson.

Gaeta has been providing solid waste and recycling services to the Paterson and surrounding communities for well over 30 years and the TS/MRF has been operating at its existing location since it first opened following construction in 1990. Although the increased daily tonnage will result in added truck traffic in the area, the TS/MRF had previously operated at 1,100 tpd for several months while assisting the County in dealing with its increased solid waste needs following Tropical Storm Ida. Additionally, Gaeta’s Application included a traffic study that concluded that any increase in the number of vehicles associated with the proposed daily increase would not result in any significant adverse impact to local traffic. The Gaeta TS/MRF traffic is currently permitted to be accessed by solid waste vehicles from Route 46 (using West Railway Ave., Vesper St., Getty Ave. and Genessee Ave.) and from Route 80 (using West Railway Ave., Crooks Ave., Getty Ave.
and Genesse Ave.). The Application has undergone technical review by the County of Passaic, including the County’s environmental consultant and is proceeding forward for final review.

Interested parties are encouraged to review a copy of the Plan Amendment Application, as well as information related to possible environmental and public health stressors associated with the project, that can be accessed on-line at https://www.complianceplusservices.com/gaeta-recycling. Individuals may also review the Application in person, by appointment, during the hours of 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the office of the County of Passaic located at 930 Riverview Dr., Ste. 250, Totowa, NJ 07512. To schedule an appointment, or to ask questions about the County application review process, please contact Ms. Nina Seiden, Manager, Solid Waste & Recycling Programs, ph: (973) 305-5738, email: NinaS@passaiccounty.org.