General Permit for the Construction and Operation of Certain Recycling Facilities

(The Recycling General Permit)



What is a General Permit?

- * GP's are issued by the DEP to allow the *same* activity by *many* different applicants in many *different* locations. Everyone who registers for a GP follows the same permit conditions.
- Individual permits are issued by DEP to only *one* applicant to allow a *specific* activity in a *specific* location. Permit conditions are tailored to that facility.



- * The Recycling GP is not new.
- Make One of first GP's the DEP issued in 1993
- * Reissued in 1997, 2002, and 2007
- GP reissued on August 15, 2007 with no significant changes; Expires August 15, 2010
- Currently, 90 issued registrations; 12 pending

Types of Facilities

- Satellite Drop Site Facility
- Drop Site Facility
- Recyclables Transfer Facility
- Limited Processing Recycling Facility
- Single Item Processing Facility

The operating conditions, such as size, type of materials accepted, location of operations, and permitted activities distinguish one type of facility from the other. (See handout)

List of Materials

Note: Not every facility is allowed to take every item

- Glass, metal, plastic containers
- Paper
- Drink boxes, paper beverage containers
- **Textiles**
- Scrap Metal
- **Brush**
- Untreated wood

- * Leaves
- Grass Clippings
- Oil Filters
- ***** Used Oil
- * Antifreeze
- * Lead acid batteries
- Mixed batteries
- **X** Tires
- ***** Used electronics

Next Steps

- Migrate eligible Municipal facilities from the recycling GP to the new "General Permit for a Municipal Transfer Station".
- * MTS GP allows broader recycling activities and also the option of taking MSW and C&D.
- ** Totally re-write the Recycling GP to apply only to the commercial sector and have it in place by August 2010 (when the current one expires)
- * May look similar to the MTS GP.

For More Information

** For a copy of the GP and related forms: www.ct.gov/dep/permits&licenses

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