



## YUKON ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITS UPDATE

### Technical Review Continues for Application to Renew Hazardous Waste Permit

**Latest revisions remove proposed additions and out-of-service equipment.**

MAX is revising its application to renew the facility's hazardous waste storage and treatment permit application in response to DEP's comment letter dated July 28, 2023.

"We are hoping that this will be the final revision to the application," says Carl Spadaro, Environmental Manager.

The original application for the permit renewal was submitted to DEP in 2014. Since then, the application has been revised several times in response to DEP technical comments, as well as facility updates by MAX. The latest version of the application removes proposed equipment and activities that are no longer being pursued, many of which were carried over from the 2005 permit renewal. "We never installed the equipment and have no intention of doing so at this time, so we



Out-of-service equipment like these empty storage tanks will be removed from the facility's hazardous waste permit.

are removing it from the application for clarity," says Spadaro. Equipment that has been taken out of service over the last ten years is also being removed from the application. MAX is also officially withdrawing proposals that were added to the renewal application in 2014. These proposals were to add

mercury to the list of metals that may be managed by the facility, as well as plans to construct a new containment building. Companies that manage and store hazardous waste must apply to renew operation permits every 10 years. The MAX Yukon permit was originally issued by DEP in 1992.

### Annual Earth Day Event Supports Local Cleanup and Recycling Efforts

MAX's annual tire and e-waste Earth Day collection event last spring helped the community to recycle hundreds of tires and a full truckload of e-waste. In addition to wastes collected during a resident drop-off event in April, MAX also accepted tires

collected during the Great American Cleanup event for Yukon hosted by the SNPJ 729 Silverstars of the Slovenian Club in Yukon. The tires and e-waste were sent to Westmoreland Cleanways for recycling.



MAX employee Les Immel helps residents unload unwanted tires for recycle during last year's Earth Day recycling event.



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**SAVE  
THE  
DATE!**  
2024 Earth Day  
Recycling  
Event  
**Saturday,  
April 27, 2024**  
9 a.m. - Noon.

## Update on Corrective Actions and Response to EPA Inspection

MAX continues to make progress in addressing the operational and compliance issues identified by EPA's inspection last year.

"All corrections that could be made without further measures, such as updating employee training and revising waste sampling procedures, were done immediately," says Environmental Manager Carl Spadaro.

The remaining items are either in the process of being addressed or are under discussion with regulatory agencies.

Over the last several months, MAX conducted follow-up evaluations

for the facility's hazardous waste storage building, wastewater treatment plant, and waste treatment and testing protocol.

The storage building evaluation determined the scope of repairs needed for the exterior walls and roof. A contractor is scheduled to complete the repairs this spring.

The assessment of the facility's wastewater treatment system is under discussion with the EPA, as is the evaluation of the facility's waste treatment methods and laboratory testing procedures. "We've advised the EPA and DEP of our results

and where we do not see agreement with certain observations in the inspection report," says Spadaro. "We will continue to work with both agencies to ensure resolution of any outstanding matters." Questions regarding MAX's update or the EPA inspection may be directed to MAX President Bob Shawver ([bshawver@maxenvironmental.com](mailto:bshawver@maxenvironmental.com); [410] 404-5333) or Environmental Manager Carl Spadaro ([cspadaro@maxenvironmental.com](mailto:cspadaro@maxenvironmental.com); [412] 445-9789).