

Municipal Solid Waste Landfills/Emissions: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Opens Non-Regulatory Public Docket



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The United States Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) opened on October 25th a Non-regulatory Public Docket addressing municipal solid waste landfills.

The stated focus of the Docket is to :

- Gather information about new/emerging technologies and alternative methodologies for regulating emissions from municipal solid waste landfills.
- Seek input on ways that EPA can streamline, improve, and harmonize the current suite of emissions regulations that cover such sources.

EPA has included in the Docket white papers addressing what it describes as:

- New and emerging technologies.
- Alternative approaches to regulating landfill emissions.
- Landfill work practice methodologies.

The agency states that these white papers could assist with future rulemaking.

The white papers include:

- Summary of state and Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) rules.
- Organic waste diversion.
- Reducing lag time for gas control system installation and operation.
- Landfill size thresholds.
- Increasing landfill gas collection rates.
- Improvements in daily cover practices.
- Improvements in intermediate and final covers.
- Aerial monitoring.

EPA is soliciting comment on the white papers and related issues.

A link to the Non-regulatory Public Docket and the white papers can be found [here](#).