

May 13, 2025

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New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
Division of Environmental Permits, Region 3
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Re: Taylor Facilities

Town of Montgomery, Orange County
DEC Permit ID 3-3342-00105/00009 – Part 360 Solid Waste Facility
DEC Permit ID 3-3342-00105/00012 – Air Title V
Enhanced Public Participation Plan Update Report
TRC Project No. 482527.0000.0000

Dear Ms. O'Malley:

TRC Environmental Corporation (TRC) submits this Enhanced Public Participation Plan (EPPP) Update Report on the behalf of Taylor Holding Group, LTD (Taylor) for the Air Title V Permit Application submitted by Taylor on October 10, 2022 for the existing Montgomery Wallboard Processing Plant and the proposed Taylor Biomass Gasification Facility in the Town of Montgomery, Orange County, New York (the Facility).

Taylor initially submitted the EPPP, which was prepared in accordance with NYSDEC Commissioner Policy 29, *Environmental Justice and Permitting* (CP-29), to the NYSDEC as an attachment to the October 10, 2022 Air Title V Permit Application. The NYSDEC provided comments on the EPPP in an email dated November 16, 2022. Taylor then submitted a revised version of the EPPP to the NYSDEC on January 10, 2023. In an email dated January 23, 2023, the NYSDEC stated that the EPPP was sufficient and that it had no additional comments on it. The NYSDEC subsequently emailed Taylor on August 15, 2023 stating that the EPPP was accepted and that Taylor should proceed with the first public meeting proposed in the EPPP.

Section 5.2 of the EPPP stated that Taylor would hold two public online informational meetings to inform the public about the Facility and engage them in the Air Title V permitting process. Section 7.0 of the EPPP stated that Taylor would submit periodic updates to the NYSDEC on its public participation activities, including any public documents produced during the previous period, recordings of any formal public meetings, descriptions of other outreach activities, and any other work completed in the permitting process, and that the progress reports would be posted on the Taylor Biomass website and placed in the local repository.

Taylor held its first EPPP Public Meeting on October 17, 2023 and submitted an EPPP Update Report to the NYSDEC following that meeting on October 24, 2023 detailing the public outreach conducted by Taylor prior to the meeting and including the meeting presentation and recording.

Taylor held its second EPPP Public Meeting on April 29, 2025. The following EPPP Update Report provides details on the public outreach activities conducted by Taylor in advance of the second EPPP Public Meeting. Taylor's presentation from the second EPPP Public Meeting has been included in Attachment A. A link to the recording of the second EPPP Public Meeting will be provided to the NYSDEC in the email transmittal of this EPPP Update Report.

## **ENHANCED PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN UPDATE REPORT**

The following is a summary of the public outreach activities conducted by Taylor associated with the second EPPP Public Meeting held on April 29, 2025. Pertinent documentation of the below public outreach activities has been included in Attachment A to this EPPP Update Report. This report and its supporting documentation will be posted on the Taylor website (<a href="www.taylor-montgomery.com">www.taylor-montgomery.com</a>) and paper copies will be displayed at the local document repository, the George C. Bullis Memorial Community Center located at 101 Main Street in Maybrook, NY.

- Taylor mailed the Project Information Sheet and Public Meeting Notice from Appendix B of the EPPP to the Stakeholder List from Appendix A of the EPPP via the U.S. Postal Service for delivery on March 30 and April 1, 2025.
- Paper copies of the Project Information Sheet, Public Meeting Notice, and the Air Title V Permit Application were put on display at the George C. Bullis Memorial Community Center in Maybrook, NY.
- Links to the Project Information Sheet, Public Meeting Notice, and the Air Title V Permit Application were placed on the Taylor website (<a href="https://www.taylor-montgomery.com">www.taylor-montgomery.com</a>).
- The Project Information Sheet and Public Meeting Notice were advertised in the HV Black Press in the April 2, 2025 weekly issue.
- The first EPPP Public Meeting was held virtually on April 29, 2025 from 6 PM to 8 PM via the Zoom online platform.

## CONCLUSION

This EPPP Update Report documenting the public outreach activities associated with the second Taylor EPPP Public Meeting held on April 29, 2025 has been prepared in accordance with CP-29 and Section 7.0 of the approved EPPP. If you have any questions, or if you require any additional information, please contact me at (781) 419-7749 or at mfeinblatt@trccompanies.com.

Sincerely,

TRC ENVIRONMENTAL CORPORATION

Michael E. Feinblatt Project Director

C: James W. Taylor, Jr., Taylor Holdings Group, LTD

Attachment A: Public Outreach Documentation



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