

City of New York Department of Sanitation Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)



DSNY MARINE TRANSFER STATIONS CONVERSION PROJECT

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DEIS Public Hearing for the North Shore Community

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DEIS Hearing – North Shore Converted MTS

- This is a public hearing on the City's DEIS for the Draft Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan, called the New SWMP. Both the New SWMP and DEIS were issued by the City of New York Department of Sanitation (DSNY).
- The DEIS also supports the State solid waste, air and marine permits that are required to construct and operate the Converted MTS.
- The DEIS and New SWMP are available on the DSNY website (www.nyc.gov/sanitation), and at four public repositories in Queens, for your review.
- The State permit application for the Converted MTS is also available for review at these public repositories.
- The City Council will also hold public hearings on the New SWMP in January.



Draft New SWMP Overview

The Draft New SWMP is organized into three broad categories:

- Recycling
- DSNY-managed Waste
- Commercial Waste



Draft New SWMP: Recycling Overview

Goals:

- Hold down the cost of recycling and expand barge transport of recyclables.
- Meet a 25% recycling goal for DSNY Curbside Program by 2007.
- Meet a 35% recycling goal for all DSNY-managed Waste by 2007.



Draft New SWMP: Recycling Overview

Initiatives:

- Enter into a 20-year contract for metal, glass and plastic processing and marketing, and for a new recycling processing facility at the South Brooklyn Marine Terminal.
- Enhance composting and waste prevention programs.
- Develop an electronics recycling program.
- Establish a recycling education and recycling acceptance facility at the Gansevoort Peninsula or an alternative Manhattan site.



Queens Recycling

- In July 2004, weekly Queens recycling collections started again.
- DSNY trucks collecting Queens recyclables take them to our processor's Long Island City acceptance facility and then to New Jersey. They will eventually be barged to the new processing facility in Brooklyn.
- Composting began again in Fall 2004 at Idlewild Park; full funding was given to the Queens Botanical Garden for composting information programs.



Draft New SWMP: DSNY-managed Waste

Goals:

- End use of long-haul trucks for waste transport and export more waste by barge or rail.
- Stabilize waste export costs.
- Distribute waste transfer facilities throughout the City.
- Containerize waste to get more transport and disposal options.



Draft New SWMP: DSNY-managed Waste

Long Term Export Program:

- Build four new Marine Transfer Stations at existing MTS sites -- the East 91st Street, North Shore, Hamilton Avenue and Southwest Brooklyn Converted MTSs.
- Use private transfer stations for barge/rail export of containerized waste from the Bronx and from the Brooklyn and Queens communities once served by the South Bronx and Greenpoint Marine Transfer Stations.
- Complete the Staten Island TS and begin export of Staten Island waste by rail.
- Enter into a long-term contract for the disposal of a portion of Manhattan waste at the Essex County Resource Recovery Facility in New Jersey.



Draft New SWMP: Commercial Waste

- Limit new or expanded transfer stations in communities where they are already concentrated.
- Establish new operational regulations to reduce noise, odor and dust at private waste transfer stations.
- Study how to lessen waste truck transport on truck routes through residential areas.
- Expand barge and rail export of Commercial Waste from DSNY-contracted transfer stations.
- Export some Commercial Waste through the Converted MTSs.
- Offer the West 59th Street MTS for export of Commercial Waste.



DEIS Environmental Review

- The DEIS evaluates the environmental consequences of sites/facilities that are, or may be, part of the Proposed Action in the New SWMP.
- Alternative sites/facilities were also evaluated.
- Identifies the things the City would do to avoid potential significant adverse impacts.
- Meets City and State environmental review and permit requirements.



DSNY-managed Waste: Long Term Export Facilities and Wastesheds



North Shore Converted MTS

For the wasteshed formerly served by the North Shore MTS, develop a City-owned Converted MTS on the same site, where waste will be placed into containers and exported by barge.

Expected average daily throughput is approximately 2,200 tpd of DSNY waste and potentially 1,000 tpd of Commercial Waste.

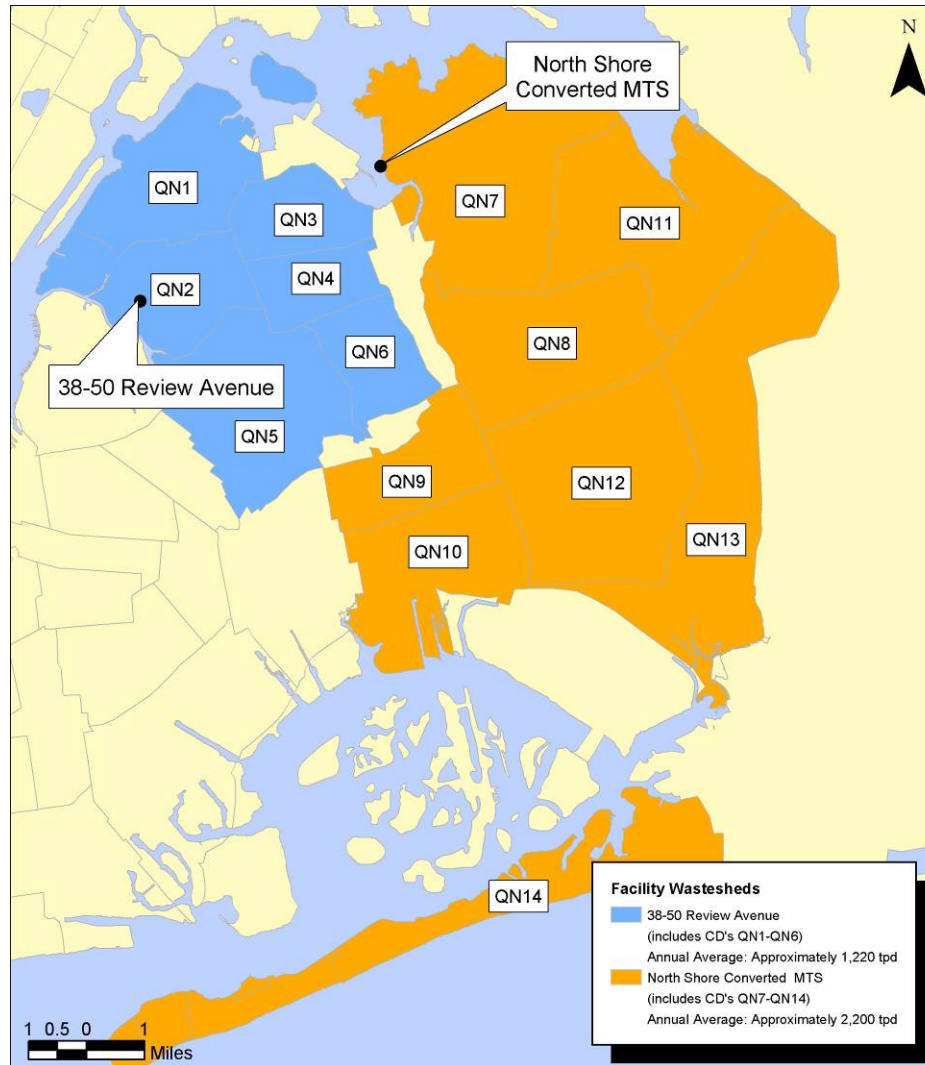


Acceptance of Commercial Waste

- Commercial waste would only be accepted during the nighttime (8:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.).
- Only putrescible Commercial Waste would be accepted – not construction and demolition debris or fill material.
- No more than about 1,000 tons of Commercial Waste would be delivered during the nighttime, to avoid adverse noise impacts.
- There would be no significant adverse on-site noise, traffic, or air quality impacts.



Queens Wastesheds



Summary of DEIS Impact Analyses: North Shore Converted MTS

Traffic

- No significant adverse traffic impacts shown with traffic signal changes in place.

Air Quality

- No significant adverse on-site or off-site impacts shown.

Odor

- Environmental review showed no significant adverse odor impacts.



Summary of DEIS Impact Analyses: North Shore Converted MTS

Noise

- The facility would not exceed the Noise Code at the property boundary.
- Noise impact mitigation will be required for commercial waste trucks traveling to the facility between 1 a.m. and 5 a.m.



Converted MTS Permits and Approvals

- The Converted MTS will require state, federal and local permits and approvals.
- The MTS is subject to the Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP) as site selection for a capital project.
- The Converted MTS ULURP application was certified on November 15th, and the ULURP process is on-going.
- Queens Community Board 7 will hold meetings and a hearing to consider and vote on the ULURP application.
- The Converted MTS State environmental permit application (solid waste, air and marine) was submitted in November to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC).
- NYSDEC will hold a hearing and establish a public comment period on the Converted MTS permit application as part of its permit review process.

Public Comments

How to submit comments on the DEIS and/or State permit applications:

- Provide Verbal Comments (fill out a Speaker Registration Card at the sign-in desk) *or*
- Fill out a Comment Sheet *or*
- Submit a Written Statement *or*
- Mail Comments (to be received no later than 1/24/05) to:

Harry Szarpanski, Assistant Commissioner
Department of Sanitation
44 Beaver Street, 12th floor
New York, NY 10004

Or...

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