



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
CITY OF CHICAGO

April 11, 2023

Ms. Erika Allen
Green Era 83rd Street, LLC.
218 North Jefferson Street, Suite 300
Chicago, Illinois 60661-1307

Subject: ***City of Chicago Class III Recycling Facility Permit (ENVREC1535538)
Green Era Renewable Energy and Urban Farming Campus***

Dear Ms. Allen,

A permit is hereby granted by the City of Chicago Department of Public Health to Green Era 83rd Street, LLC. (“the Permittee”) to operate a Class III Recycling Facility at 650 W. 83rd Street (“the Facility”).

Please carefully review all conditions set forth in this permit. Incorporated into this permit by reference are the following: 1) the original permit application dated March 31, 2021 (“Permit Application”); and 2) all other information submitted as part of this application including drawings, sheets, and specifications. In the event of a conflict between the above-referenced documents and this permit, the more stringent condition shall prevail.

The Permittee shall fully comply with Chapter 11-4 of the Municipal Code of Chicago (“Ordinance”) and the Recycling Facility Rules and Regulations (“the Regulations”). The Permittee shall also fully comply with the Standard Conditions set forth in Attachment A and the Special Conditions set forth in Attachment B of this permit. This permit does not relieve you or anyone from compliance with all applicable laws.

This permit allows for the operation of the Facility from April 11, 2023, through April 10, 2026, upon which time the permit shall terminate on its own terms. On or before April 10, 2026, the Permittee may apply to the CDPH for a new operating permit for the following three years. If a subsequent operating permit is applied for on or before April 10, 2026, this permit shall remain in effect until the CDPH acts on the pending permit application. If you have any questions concerning this permit, please contact Abraham PerezKiamber by email at Abraham.perezkiamber@cityofchicago.org.

Sincerely,

Renante Marante
Environmental Engineer III

ATTACHMENT A
STANDARD CONDITONS

1. The Permittee shall comply with all applicable local, state, and federal regulations and standards regarding the construction, operation, maintenance, and closure of the subject Facility, including but not limited to those regulations and standards concerning noise, vibrations, and particulate emissions.
2. Construction, operation, maintenance, and closure of the Facility shall be in accordance with the plans, drawings, and specifications referenced by this permit and included in these Standard Conditions and the Special Conditions.
3. Any changes, modifications, and additions to the Facility's permit or the approved plans and documentation shall be submitted to the CDPH for review and approval. Such a request shall be made in writing to the CDPH.
4. Issuance of this permit shall not transfer, assign, or otherwise affect any liability to the City of Chicago, the CDPH, their employees, or agents as a result of the construction, operation, maintenance, and closure of this Facility.
5. Issuance of this permit does not relieve the Permittee of any liability with regards to the subject Facility.
6. The CDPH or its authorized representatives may inspect the Facility and the Facility records at any reasonable time to ensure compliance with this permit and all applicable rules, regulations, and standards, as well as all conditions necessary to protect the public health and safety.
7. The CDPH may revoke this permit on the basis of any of the grounds set forth in the Ordinance and the Regulation.
8. The Permittee shall notify the CDPH of any notices of violations or administrative, civil, or criminal citations received by the Facility or any of its operators relating to any alleged violation of any federal, state, or local laws, regulations, standards, or ordinances in the operation of any junk facility, recycling facility, or any other type of waste or recyclable materials handling facility or site. Such notifications shall be provided by email to envwastepermits@cityofchicago.org.
9. The Permittee shall provide the CDPH, if so requested, with copies of all correspondence to or from the IEPA and USEPA pertaining to the Facility, including, but not limited to notices of violation, letters, permit applications, reports, groundwater monitoring reports, and annual reports.
10. The Permittee shall comply with all requirements and conditions set forth in this permit. Should any portion of this permit be declared illegal or non-binding, the conditions of the remainder of the permit shall remain in effect.

ATTACHMENT B
SPECIAL CONDITIONS
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The following Special Conditions are attached to the operating permit for the Green Era 83rd Street, LLC. Class III Recycling Facility located at 650 W. 83rd Street:

- 1) The Permittee shall comply with the Facility's most recent Liquid Waste Handling Permit, ENVWAS1666774 ("the Liquid Waste Permit"). The Permittee shall not accept any recyclable materials at the Facility until it receives a written operating authorization pursuant to the Pre-Operation Section of the Liquid Waste Permit.
- 2) The Facility is permitted to accept and process Type B recyclable materials consisting of food scraps from food processors (e.g., dairies, bakeries, potato chip plants, etc.), grocery stores, restaurants and other commercial and residential establishments that generate source separated post-consumer food scraps; source-separated bagged kitchen waste from neighborhood curbside collection programs; and packaged food waste and any organic food waste that is contained within consumer packaging.

The Facility is not authorized to accept compostable landscape waste or other types of recyclable materials not specifically authorized above without first obtaining written approval for such materials from the CDPH.

- 3) The Facility may receive 50,000 tons per year of solid food waste, typically eight (8) to sixteen (16) loads per day of solid food waste via compactors, roll-off boxes, and dump or walking floor trailers (averaging twelve (12) tons per load); and palletized, packaged, food products, typically two (2) loads per week. If additional permitted capacity is desired, the Permittee must submit a revised application to the CDPH for approval. A revised application must demonstrate that the Facility is adequately handling the currently permitted volumes and is sufficiently sized and staffed to process the desired quantity of material.
- 4) All trucks shall enter and exit the Facility from South Wallace Street. At no time shall trucks entering or exiting the Facility be allowed to queue or park on adjacent public streets. Trucks transporting recyclable materials to and from the Facility shall enter the Digester Building B-100 ("Processing Building") through the south overhead doors, closest to 83rd Street.
- 5) All trucks delivering solid and packaged food scrap must utilize non-leaking and covered or tarped containers or trailers.
- 6) At no time shall the Permittee conduct any recycling operations outdoors, including but not limited to the loading, unloading, storing, processing, or handling of waste and recyclable materials.
- 7) When waste is stockpiled on the main floor of the Processing Building, the Permittee shall track odor complaints received during these periods. If recorded data suggests that the number of odor complaints trends upwards over these periods, the Permittee shall discontinue this practice. Waste loads that can potentially cause odor problems must not be stored and must be processed upon receipt or shall not be accepted at the Facility.

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- 8) Material storage receptacles shall be clearly marked with the type of recyclable material to be stored. No material other than that specified on a receptacle shall be deposited therein.

- 9) The Permittee shall timely comply with the requirements contained in Chapter 11-5, Reduction and Recycling Program of the Chicago Municipal Code, and 11-4-2535 of the Ordinance. The Permittee shall submit the required annual reports to the Department of Streets and Sanitation (DSS) Recycling Coordinator, using DSS-approved forms. A copy of the annual reports shall be provided to the CDPH by email to envwastepermits@cityofchicago.org by April 1 of each year.