



June 1, 2011

Henry A. Koch, P.E.  
Director  
La Crosse County Solid Waste Department  
6500 State Road 16  
La Crosse, WI 54601

Subject: Tier 1 letter of Acceptance, Green Tier

Dear Mr. Koch:

I am pleased to approve your application and accept La Crosse County Solid Waste Department (LCCSWD) as a participant in the Wisconsin Green Tier Program. You have now joined a group of participants who are not only committed to superior environmental performance but strive in building on a sustainable future for Wisconsin.

In recognizing your past accomplishments and future commitments the DNR promises to work toward promoting and recognizing your facility for taking the lead in environmental protection while assuring economic stability and growth. The Department of Natural Resources is committed to publicizing LCCSWD as a Green Tier participant on the DNR website. Undoubtedly, there will be other opportunities to bring the attention of your accomplishments to the forefront, and we hope to assist you in any manner possible in doing so as a Green Tier partner.

~~Tom Woletz~~ has been assigned as your single point of contact. ~~He can be reached at 715-839-3756 or at Thomas.Woletz@Wisconsin.gov.~~ Please contact ~~Tom~~ with any questions concerning communications, required approvals, and or technical assistance you may need. For your convenience and future reference, I have attached a guidance document (Attachment A) that outlines specifics of your entitlements with important dates and timelines that affect your participation in the program.

UPDATE: Jill Schoen is LCCSWD's SPOC.  
Phone: 715-839-2788 Email: Jill.Schoen@wisconsin.gov

On behalf of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, I am proud to extend this welcome to you as a Tier 1 participant. We are committed to working with you to build a customized relationship under the Green Tier Program as your specific environmental and business opportunities develop.

Sincerely,

\s\ Cathy Stepp

Cathy Stepp  
Secretary

**(Attachment A)**  
**La Crosse County Solid Waste Department**  
**Green Tier Participation Quick Reference Document and Summary**

**I. Approval Date – June 1, 2011**

**II. Participation Green Tier 1 Entitlements**

As a Tier 1 participant you are now entitled to:

- **Deferred Civil Action:** In recognition of LCCSWD's status as a Green Tier participant, you are entitled to Deferred Civil Enforcement as described in Wisconsin Statute section 299.83(6m)(d). In brief, if you discover a violation of an existing environmental requirement, immediately provide us notice of your discovery along with a corrective action plan and a schedule for bringing LCCSWD back into compliance. DNR will not seek to impose penalties on you for the violation provided you successfully implement the corrective action plan in a timely manner. Please note that nothing in this acceptance letter replaces any obligation that you have to report and correct any violations of law or regulation.
- **Green Tier Logo:** Use of the Green Tier logo on written materials related to your facility. Please refer to the CD provided in your packet for additional guidelines and further information regarding the use of the logo.
- **Single Point of Contact (SPOC):** Jill Schoen, 715-839-2788  
[Jill.Schoen@wisconsin.gov](mailto:Jill.Schoen@wisconsin.gov)

**III. EMS**

Functional Equivalency Documentation or ISO 14001 Certification: Wis.Stats. §299.83(1)(dg).

An Environmental Management System is a key component of participation in Green Tier. You have either provided us with your EMS documentation and or agreed to have your EMS in place within one year of receiving your acceptance letter into the GT program. In either case we are asking that third party verification occur at a minimum.

- Functional Equivalency verification, due 1 year from Approval Date – **June 1, 2012**
- Third Party Verification – Every third year from Approval Date – **June 1, 2014**
- Reference document – Please see Draft Guidance Document or go to <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/cea/environmental/documents/provingEMS.pdf>

**IV. Annual Reporting**

According to the terms established under Green Tier, we are asking for your support in sharing information as it relates to your ongoing efforts toward the environmental, social and economic indicators/metrics you outlined in your application. If you are reporting some of these indicators already to the DNR, we would not ask that you provide them again.

Please provide annual Green Tier Reports to Jill Schoen and GreenTier@wisconsin.gov  
~~MeDermid~~. Electronic submission is acceptable.

### **Specific Considerations for Your Report**

- **First Annual Report Date** - By mutual agreement we have agreed to **June 1, 2012** and annually thereafter. (Please feel free to discuss alternative reporting dates with your SPOC should the need occur in the future.)
  
- For your annual report, please include information on generic indicators of the commitments you have expressed below. For your convenience we have provided a list of generic indicators and metric examples in attached documents.
  1. Solid and Hazardous Waste reduction
  2. recycling
  3. energy
  4. Land Use Plan
  5. Stakeholder involvement and or community activities
  6. Environmental Management System – results of audits and or progress toward development of EMS and meeting established objectives
  7. Results of any violations or non compliance found during audits or incidentally during the normal operations.
  8. new objectives if applicable

Building on relationships is an important part of Green Tier. We look forward to sharing ideas on how we can help you meet the needs of your operation in the future.