## REPLY TO ATTENTION OF

## **DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**

PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT CORPS OF ENGINEERS WANAMAKER BUILDING, 100 PENN SQUARE EAST PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA 19107-3390

August 29, 2016

Regulatory Branch Application Section II

SUBJECT: CENAP-OP-R 2016-00227 (72)

Project Name: IESI PA Bethlehem Landfill Corporation Project Location: Lat 40.624708° N, Lon -75.302049° W

IESI PA Bethlehem Landfill Corporation c/o Donald Hallock, District Manager 2335 Applebutter Road Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18105



## Dear Mr. Hallock:

This letter is written with regard to a request for a verification of a delineation of waters and wetlands and a Preliminary Jurisdictional Determination (PJD) submitted on your behalf by Roemer Ecological Services, Inc. The verification and PJD are required as part of an application to enlarge the permitted area of the existing Bethlehem Landfill. The approximately 24 acre project area associated with the request is located immediately north of the intersection of Ringhoffer Road and Applebutter Road in Lower Saucon Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania.

Pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, a Department of the Army permit is required for work or structures in navigable waters of the United States and the discharge of dredged and/or fill material into waters of the United States, including adjacent and isolated wetlands. Any proposal to perform the above activities within any waters of the United States, including wetlands, requires the prior approval of this office.

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	ROUTING The plans identified on the following page depict all delineated waters and wetlands on
	Couthe subject site that may be jurisdictional under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbor Act and/or
14	Man Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. This preliminary determination has been conducted to
0	Asstidentify the location(s) of waters and wetlands that may be waters of the United States for the
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	☐ P/C USDA programs, you should request a certified wetland determination from the local office of
	☐ P & Rhe Natural Resources Conservation Service prior to starting work. ☐, EAC
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	Solicitor
	□ Planner
	☑ Landfill
	□ EMC
	Other Web

This preliminary jurisdictional determination is non-binding and indicates that there may be waters of the United States, including wetlands, on the parcel. Preliminary JDs are advisory in nature and may not be appealed (See attached Notification of Appeal Form (Enclosure 1)); however, the applicant retains the right to request an approved Jurisdictional Determination, which may be appealed, for the site. Also enclosed (Enclosure 2) is a copy of the Preliminary Jurisdictional Determination Form signed by the applicant or his agent agreeing to accept a preliminary jurisdictional determination. Please be aware that for purposes of computation of impacts, compensatory mitigation requirements, and other resource protection measures, a permit decision made on the basis of a preliminary JD will treat all waters and wetlands that would be affected in any way by the permitted activity on the site as if they are jurisdictional waters of the U.S.

This letter is valid for a period of five (5) years. This preliminary jurisdictional determination is issued in accordance with current Federal regulations and is based upon the existing site conditions, information provided in the application, and our site inspection on May 5, 2016. This office reserves the right to reevaluate and modify the preliminary jurisdictional determination at any time should existing site conditions or Federal regulations change, or should the information provided by you prove to be false, incomplete, or inaccurate.

If you should have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (570) 842-1044 or in writing at, Pocono Area Field Office, 253 State Route 435, Suite 4, Clifton Township, Pennsylvania, 18424.

Sincerely,

Glenn R. Weitknecht Senior Project Manager

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Enclosures
Copies Furnished:

Roemer Ecological Services, Inc. PADEP, NE Regional Office (Wilkes-Barre, PA) Northampton County Conservation District Lower Saucon Township

