

Buffalo Shredding Permit Change

Project Fact Sheet

- **Project:** Buffalo Shredding and Recovery Permit Change
- **Applicant:** Buffalo Shredding and Recovery, LLC
- **Facility:** Buffalo Shredding – Blasdel Facility - 3175 Lake Shore Road, Blasdel, New York 14219
- **NYSDEC Application Number:** 9-1448-00419/00001 A Public Participation Plan (PPP) has been developed in accordance with NYSDEC Commissioner Policy 29, Environmental Justice and Permitting (CP-29)

What is the Proposed Project?

The applicant proposes to apply for an Air State Facility (ASF) permit for the facility. The application is being submitted in response to the Administrative Compliance Order of Consent U.S. EPA Docket No. CAA-02-2024-1211 issued by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) on June 8, 2023, and signed on January 22, 2025. The application follows the limitations and conditions, specified in the Consent Order, to limit the facility's potential to emit VOCs to less than 50 tons per year. To implement the proposed project, the applicant has submitted an application to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) for an ASF permit.

Why does Buffalo Shredding need to change their permit?

The Buffalo Shredding & Recovery facility is a scrap metal processing facility that includes a shredder used to process automobile and scrap metal materials. The secondary process is the non-ferrous downstream recovery system, which separates additional metal content from byproducts generated during shredding.

The facility currently operates under an Air Facility Registration (AFR) DEC ID 9-1448-00419 issued on 11/20/2017. The renewal application is being submitted in response to the Administrative Compliance Order of Consent U.S. EPA Docket No. CAA-02-2024-1211 issued by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) on June 8, 2023, and signed on January 22, 2025. No changes to the facility are planned as part of this permit application.

The purpose of this fact sheet is to inform the public about the Project and to involve the community during the NYSDEC permit application review process.

How might the project affect the surrounding community?

It is not anticipated that the permit change will have an impact on the surrounding community. The Facility has operated since December 2011 with slight modifications in February 2018 and a proposed pre-shredder as part of this permit change. There are no other structural or operational changes to the facility planned as part of this required permit change. The abovementioned consent order issued by the EPA states operational limits and emission limits that will be incorporated into the ASF permit. Some of the limits are described below.

- VOC emissions will be limited to less than 50 tons per year
- Emissions will be calculated using a VOC emission factor of 0.39 pounds of VOC per gross ton of shredder feed.
- The shredder will be limited to 247,500 gross tons per year of shredder feed.

These limits and the more detailed ASF permit will serve to better regulate the existing facility operations.

How can I participate in the permit review process?

- Attend the upcoming virtual and in-person public meeting scheduled for November 12, 2025, at 6:00 pm to learn about the project, ask questions and/or express concerns about the project and identify how to obtain additional information or answers to questions after the meeting has concluded.
- Ask questions, express concerns, provide input or submit comments in writing, by phone or email to the project contact person identified below.

Where can I get more information about the proposed project?

- Visit the online document repository to obtain application materials, relevant documents, and information about the project: <https://buffaloshreddingpermit.com>
- Visit the in-person document repository at shredder office located at the facility between the hours of 9:00am and 5:00pm
- For information on the project, instructions on how to attend the upcoming virtual public meeting, or to find out about the status of the permit application and public comment period contact the following project liaisons at:

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Who is responsible for reviewing the Permit Application?

- NYSDEC Region 9 Headquarters, 700 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, New York 14203, is responsible for reviewing and issuing the required permits. Tel: (716) 851-7165; email: DEP.R9@dec.ny.gov