

Here is information on the timeline and event details pertaining to Covanta Bristol, Inc., which is seeking a CT DEEP Bureau of Air Management Title V Operating Permit to burn medical waste at the Bristol MSW incinerator, CT DEEP, and the City of Bristol. Links were accessed 10/29/21. ***Mayoral support 2 times since 2018 and extensive outreach presented to the public negative efforts.**

March 14, 2018 - Covanta Environmental Solutions Presentation to the City of Bristol titled CES Healthcare Solutions - Regulated Medical Waste. See <http://www.bristolct.gov/DocumentCenter/View/16403/BDA-VE-326---City-of-Bristol---CES-RMW-Presentation?bidId=>.

March 20, 2018 - City of Bristol Board of Water Commissioners reviewed an informational package from Covanta Bristol **at Mayor Zoppo-Sassu's request**. See page 5-18/18 at <https://bristolwaterdept.org/Board/03%202020%2018%20APPROVED%20MINUTES.pdf>.

March 26, 2018 - Bristol Development Authority Meeting. In the minutes of the meeting which was called to order by **Mayor Zoppo-Sassu**, see Item E, page 2/4 at <http://www.bristolct.gov/DocumentCenter/View/16681/BDA-March-26-2018-minutes-regular-mtg?bidId=>:

E. Covanta Special Permit Modification Request: Medical Waste

Mayor Zoppo-Sassu said this was an information item. Covanta is looking to change their business model. **She explained how it works** and the advantage to Covanta and to Bristol. She will negotiate the additional tipping fee. She wants the commissioners to be aware of issues that our major companies deal with on a regular basis. **This will also go to the Fire Board tonight**. She then answered questions.

March 26, 2018 - Captured March 22, 2018 Notice Agenda Section for a City of Bristol Fire Board Meeting from the City of Bristol website, search term "Covanta", page 15, accessed 10/29/21 at <http://www.bristolct.gov/Search?searchPhrase=covanta&pageNumber=5&perPage=10&departmentId=-1>:

Regular Fire Board Meeting Mar 22, 2018

<http://www.bristolct.gov/agendacenter/board-of-fire-commissioners-6/?#03262018-2850>

, 2018 4. COMMUNICATIONS 5. APPROVAL OF THE VARIOUS REPORTS 6. APPROVAL OF THE INCIDENT SUMMARY REPORT 7. APPROVAL OF THE CHIEF'S REPORT 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS **9. COVANTA BRISTOL PERMIT**

MODIFICATION REQUEST: SPECIAL WASTE 10. OLD BUSINESS 11. NEW BUSINESS 12. ADJOURN PER ORDER OF THE CHAIRWOMAN, JO-ANN BARRETT, ADMIN...

April 25, 2018 - City of Bristol Board of Park Commissioners Meeting. In the agenda for the meeting see Item E3) titled **Covanta Bristol Permit Modification Request: Special Waste** at http://www.bristolct.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_04252018-2922.

June [no day] 2018 - Notice is dated June 2018 but links to a **March 20, 2018 Agenda** for a City of Bristol Police Board Regular Meeting from the City of Bristol website, search term "Covanta", page 15, accessed 10/29/21 at <http://www.bristolct.gov/Search?searchPhrase=covanta&pageNumber=5&perPage=10&departmentId=-1>:

Regular Police Board Meeting Jun 4, 2018
<http://www.bristolct.gov/agendacenter/board-of-police-commissioners-7/?#03202018-2836>

Community Program e. Any Other New Business **11.2 Police Commissioners a. Covanta Bristol Permit Modification Request: Special Waste** 12. ADJOURN Sheet1

Meeting agenda
at http://www.bristolct.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_03202018-2836 contains this item, see page 2/3, Item 11.2 Police Commissioners a. **Covanta Bristol Permit Modification Request: Special Waste**

Within these lines are dates and quotations from the **Covanta Bristol Environmental Justice Participation Plan**. See Covanta Bristol, Inc. **February 25, 2021 CT DEEP permit application, Attachment E , pages Attachment G, pages 221-231/368** at [https://f.hubspotusercontent40.net/hubfs/4944195/Permit%20Application%20-%20Covanta%20Bristol%20BMW%20\(final%2C%202021.02.26\).pdf](https://f.hubspotusercontent40.net/hubfs/4944195/Permit%20Application%20-%20Covanta%20Bristol%20BMW%20(final%2C%202021.02.26).pdf). Additional documentation for these events listed are found in **Appendixes A, B, and C** of the linked permit application.

August 23, 2018 - Tighe and Bond submitted the EJ Public Participation Plan (EJPP Plan) to CT DEEP for review and approval.

September 14, 2018 - Edith Pestana of CT DEEP issued a letter of approval for Covanta's EJPP Plan. See also attached screenshot of the letter.

October 10, 2018 - Covanta informed CT DEEP that the EJPP meeting was "rescheduled from the tentative date until similar outreach meetings were first held with the **Covanta facility employees and various city [of Bristol] officials.**" **From 3.0 of Attachment G, Covanta Bristol, Inc. states that "Outreach meetings on the Project were held with Bristol Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu and her staff. Subsequently, Mayor Zoppo-Sassu held meetings regarding the project with all her departments.****

December [no day] 2018 - The City of Bristol City Council approved a community agreement between the city and Covanta for the project.**

January 10, 2019 - Covanta provided CT DEEP with a revised EJPP Plan. The revision was subsequently approved by CT DEEP.

January 22, 2019 - City of Bristol posted a public announcement about the Covanta project and the public participation meeting on their website.

January 28, 2019 - City of Bristol posts a public announcement on the City Hall bulletin board announcing the Covanta EJ PP meeting.

February 4, 2019 - An advertisement in English of the Covanta EJ PP meeting was published in The Bristol Press.

From February 6-8, 2019 - Written notices about the meeting were delivered by UPS to local and state officials, property abutters, and sensitive receptors identified in the EJ PP Plan.

February 8, 2019 - A sign announcing the EJ PP meeting was installed at the Covanta Bristol facility entrance.

February 19, 2019 - Covanta Bristol, Inc. publicly presented their permit application information to the City of Bristol in the City Council Chambers. See also <http://www.bristolct.gov/DocumentCenter/View/20482/Covanta-Bristol-Public-Meeting-2-19-19?bidId=>. According to Covanta, approximately **11 people attended** the meeting **including members of the public, company representatives, and city officials.**

April 14, 2020 - Mayor Sassu Letter of Support #1 to CT DEEP. See attached.*

Out of sequence with the date below to include it as a document found in the permit application is **October 14, 2020** - Mayor Zoppo-Sassu Letter of Support #2 to CT DEEP. See attached.*

October 13, 2020 - City of Bristol City Council. Authorization for Mayor to Reaffirm Letter of Support, asking CT DEEP to Expedite. See page 38/43 at <https://www.bristolct.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Minutes/10132020-4470>

17. AUTHORIZATION FOR MAYOR TO REAFFIRM LETTER TO CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION REQUESTING THEY EXPEDITE PERMIT TO ALLOW COVANTA TO PROCESS MEDICAL WASTE, APPROVED.

On motion of Council Member Hahn and seconded, it was **unanimously** voted: To bring on the table a matter concerning COVANTA and a medical waste permit.

Mayor Zoppo-Sassu explained that COVANTA has waited almost two years for approval of a permit allowing the receipt and processing of medical waste. The City sent a letter in April, 2020, but COVANTA requested the City of Bristol send another letter to the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to expedite execution of this permit.

Repeated date to include correctly in the timeline is **October 14, 2020** - Mayor Zoppo-Sassu Letter of Support #2 to CT DEEP. See attached.*

September 27, 2021 - Special Revenue Report issued by the City of Bristol. Chairperson of the Economic and Community Development Board is **Mayor Zoppo-Sassu**. In the report section titled Solid Waste Disposal Fund, see this item under **Fiscal Year 2021 Goals and Accomplishments - "Supported of Covanta DEEP permit to process medical waste will potentially increase host fee payments to the City."** See page 17/26 at <http://www.bristolct.gov/DocumentCenter/View/33075/21-22-14-Special-Revenue?bidId=>

March 30, 2021 - Covanta Bristol, Inc.'s Title V Permit Application is submitted to CT DEEP. See https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DEEP/air/permits/TitleV/Covanta_Bristol/P-026-0055-TV.pdf.

*Also found in Covanta Bristol, Inc. February 25, 2021 CT DEEP permit application, Appendix E, pages 197-202/368

at [https://f.hubspotusercontent40.net/hubfs/4944195/Permit%20Application%20-%20Covanta%20Bristol%20BMW%20\(final%2C%202021.02.26\).pdf](https://f.hubspotusercontent40.net/hubfs/4944195/Permit%20Application%20-%20Covanta%20Bristol%20BMW%20(final%2C%202021.02.26).pdf), accessed 10/29/21.
**Minutes of these meetings are not available in the City of Bristol Public Record at <http://www.ci.bristol.ct.us/>, accessed 10/29/21.

Here also is **Covanta's timeline in the slide deck from their July 14, 2021** presentation. See #17 page 31/40 at <https://www.covanta.com/where-we-are/our-facilities/bristol>. The screenshot below is also attached:

Covanta Biomedical Waste

Connecticut DEEP Solid Waste Application:

- 2018-2020 Outreach and Information Meetings: state & local agencies, employees and the public to solicit feedback before application developed.
- CT DEEP regulations: Biomedical waste is a special waste which may be requested to be processed at CT Resource Recovery facilities such as Covanta Bristol.
- CT DEEP Application submitted March 2021:
 - Discusses the need for safe, sustainable medical waste disposal for CT Healthcare facilities.
 - Limited to 8% of facility's total waste (max 57 tons per day). Would replace other commercial special waste tons, not replace MSW tons. No change in truck volume, just different type of waste.
 - Covanta's well established biomedical waste program with vigorous QA/QC program in place.
 - State-of-the-art waste delivery systems minimizes employee handling of waste.
 - Covanta's established Combustion and Pollution Control technology destroys pathogens and ensures no increase in emissions.
- Application is currently being reviewed by CT DEEP. The application may be found on the Covanta Bristol facility page: <https://www.covanta.com/where-we-are/our-facilities/bristol>

September 14, 2018

Mr. Joseph Vitale
Covanta Bristol, Inc.
Bristol Resource Recovery Facility
170 Enterprise Drive
Bristol, CT 06010

Re: **Approval of the Covanta Bristol Resource Recovery Facility Environmental Justice Public Participation Plan**

Dear: Mr. Vitale:

The Environmental Justice Public Participation Plan (Plan) for the **Bristol Resource Recovery Facility** was received on August 27, 2018. The Plan indicates that this is a request for an expansion of an existing. A review of the information submitted in Parts I, II, III and IV of the Plan satisfy the requirements under Sec. 22a-20a (4)(b)(1) 22a -20a (4)(b)(2) and 22a-20a(4)(b) (3) of the Connecticut General Statutes and the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's Environmental Equity Policy. The date, time and meeting location were discussed with the Environmental Justice Program staff prior to submittal of the Plan. The Public Information meeting will take place on October 17, 2018 at 6:00 pm at the Bristol Fire Department Engine 4 Firehouse. The Plan indicates that public notice announcing the informational meeting will be published in the Bristol Press on Monday October 1, 2018.

The Plan for the Covanta Bristol Resource Recovery facility is approved. Should any of the information provided in the Plan change, please contact the Environmental Justice Program to determine if an amendment to the approved Plan is required. **In addition, a Final Report documenting the implementation of the Plan must also be submitted prior to the issuance of the Notice of Tentative Determination by the Department.** A summary of the public's environmental and public health concerns and how you plan to address them should be documented and included in the Final Report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Edith Pestana', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Edith Pestana, MPH

Cc. Jaclyn M. Caceci