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Sent: 3/15/2021 7:05:56 PM
To: Churchill, Brian (DNREC) [Brian.Churchill@delaware.gov]
CC: nicole.smith@delaware.gov
Subject: RE: Coastal Zone Permits?

Hey thanks Brian for explaining all of this. I think that answers the questions I had.

Thanks again,

Mike

From: Churchill, Brian (DNREC) <Brian.Churchill@delaware.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 1:32 PM
To: Greenwald, Michael <Greenwald.Michael@epa.gov>
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Subject: RE: Coastal Zone Permits?

Good afternoon Mike, I hope you are well.

You are right, a Coastal Zone permit in Delaware for certain manufacturing and heavy industrial activities in Delaware's Coastal Zone. The Coastal Zone regulations were put in place to limit the number of industrial facilities/future activities that would occur in this sensitive coastal zone. The Coastal Zone in Delaware can generally be described as near the DE river, DE bay, Inland Bays, and the Atlantic Ocean (it also covers areas near the C&D canal and possibly a few of other inland areas). For the area near Blessing Greenhouses, I believe anything east of Rt.1 is in the Coastal Zone (map below).

According to a determination made by the Costal Zone program, composting would fit under the activities that would require a Coastal Zone permit in Delaware. Blessing Greenhouses and Compost Facility began operating before I started here but if my memory is correct it was back in 2005. Technically before the operation began back in ~2005, the facility should have had a Coastal Zone permit. Recently, I realized that Blessing Greenhouses should have had a Coastal Zone permit and Mr. Blessing was told that after he obtains a Conditional Use Ordinance from Sussex County before he does any upgrades to his facility/before my program could issue a Distribution and Marketing permit for composting, he would have to obtain a Coastal Zone permit (the removal of compost stockpiles at his facility are still occurring under an Agreement and Secretary Order at this time).

Additional information on Delaware's Coastal Zone program can be found at:

https://dnrec.alpha.delaware.gov/coastal-zone-act/

Please let me know if you have any questions,

Thank you,

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From: Greenwald, Michael <Greenwald.Michael@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2021 4:11 PM
To: Smith, Nicole (DNREC) <Nicole.smith@delaware.gov>
Subject: Coastal Zone Permits?

Hi Nicole,

I am reviewing submittals from Blessings Compost in response to an AOC we did with the, and they mention that they will apply for a Coastal Zone Permit by June 30, 2021. Do you know what this Coastal Zone Permit is? It looks like a necessary permit for industrial operations, but I am unaware of the goal/intent/purpose of it.

Thanks,

Mike

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