

NOTICE OF CONNECTICUT STATE AGENCIES

NOTICE OF MATERIALS INNOVATION AND RECYCLING AUTHORITY (Successor to Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority)

REVISED CONNECTICUT SOLID WASTE SYSTEM PERMITTING, DISPOSAL AND BILLING PROCEDURES

Pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat sections 1-121 and 22a-268a, the Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority (“MIRA”), successor to the Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority, hereby gives notice by publication in the Connecticut Law Journal that it intends to adopt revisions to the Connecticut Solid Waste System Permitting, Disposal and Billing Procedures at its **January 13, 2021, Board Meeting commencing at 9:30 a.m.**

MIRA offices will likely be closed to the public on January 13, 2021 due to the Corona Virus pandemic. Members of the public may attend the meeting telephonically by calling a phone number and entering a ZOOM meeting ID number and then a password. The phone number, meeting ID number and password will be provided on the Agenda for the Board Meeting, which Agenda will be posted on MIRA’s website prior to the meeting.

Interested persons may present their views at that time and/or submit written comments to the Board prior to the meeting.

The proposed revisions to the Connecticut Solid Waste System Permitting, Disposal and Billing Procedures would:

1. Add a provision specifying that MIRA may reduce a Permittee’s Guaranty of Payment (GOP) to no less than one month’s waste disposal charges provided the Permittee has maintained excellent payment history. The purpose of this revision is to provide increased flexibility of GOP options to waste haulers who have demonstrated an excellent payment history.
2. Add a provision specifying that MIRA’s waste hauling customers are allowed to deliver, on one vehicle, a consignment of recyclables originating in more than one municipality. The purpose of this revision is to provide operational flexibility to MIRA’s waste hauling customers regarding their pick-up routes for recyclables.
3. Add a provision that prohibits trucks that carry both MSW and recyclables from delivering at MIRA facilities. The purpose of this provision is to reduce contamination of recyclables from MSW that occurs in split load vehicles because the liquids associated with the MSW side of the vehicle migrate to the recycling side, mixing with the recyclables and diminishing their quality. This provision will also clarify that drivers are not to tip recycling loads at transfer stations until an inspector directs them to, in order to reduce the quantity of contaminated recyclables received at the transfer stations.
4. Eliminate the requirement that cap and lids be removed from PET and HDPE plastic containers. The purpose of this revision is to reflect what is now acceptable at MIRA’s recycling facility.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

TANF Caseload Reduction Report

Pursuant to federal regulations at 45 CFR § 261.40 et seq., the Connecticut Department of Social Services is seeking public review and comment on the methodology and the case number estimates used in its Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Caseload Reduction Report to calculate the state's TANF Work Participation Rate for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2021.

The federal TANF block grant includes specific performance expectations and requirements to help federal and state government measure program success. All states are required to meet specific work participation rates. Federal law requires work participation rates, which reflect the percentage of families receiving TANF assistance that must be engaged in federally-defined work activities.

To ensure that states receive credit for families that have become self-sufficient, Congress created the caseload reduction credit. States must complete form ACF-202, the Caseload Reduction Report, and provide the public with an opportunity to comment on its methodology and estimates. The reduction report provides an analysis of monthly caseload, case closure, and application activity, including activity related to changes in eligibility criteria, to arrive at the estimated impact of eligibility changes on the state's average assistance caseloads in FFY 2021 (October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2021).

The caseload reduction credit reduces the required work participation rate that a state must meet for a given fiscal year. It reflects the net percentage point reduction in the state's caseload in the prior fiscal year as compared to the caseload in base year FFY 2005. The Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 recalibrated the base year to be FFY 2005. Thus, the caseload reduction credit for FFY 2021 reduces the state's work participation rate for that fiscal year based on the caseload decline in the prior year, FFY 2020, compared to FFY 2005.

Statement of Purpose: To solicit public comments on the Caseload Reduction Report in accordance with federal TANF regulations.

Written comments on Connecticut's Caseload Reduction Report must be received by the Department by December 18, 2020, attention: Peter Hadler, Director, Division of Program Oversight & Grant Administration, Department of Social Services, 55 Farmington Avenue, Hartford, CT 06105 or by email to peter.hadler@ct.gov.

A copy of the draft report is available at no cost upon request to the Department, by email to peter.hadler@ct.gov. The final report will also be available on the web at <http://portal.ct.gov/dss>.
