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Delaware Solid Waste Authority Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at the Rt. 5 Transfer Station

The Delaware Solid Waste Authority (DSWA) held a ribbon cutting ceremony at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 13 at its newest facility, the Route 5 Transfer Station near Harbeson. A meeting of the DSWA Citizens' Affairs Committee was held immediately following. The Transfer Station, located at 29997 John P. Healy Drive near Harbeson (on Route 5 just South of Indian Mission Church), will provide nearby residents and commercial haulers with a convenient drop off point for their trash. Previously, the nearest facility serving the area was the Jones Crossroads landfill in Georgetown. The new Transfer Station facility is expected to open in early August.

"DSWA staff in Sussex County have eagerly anticipated the opening of this facility. The location of the Route 5 Transfer Station will not only provide improved convenience and lower transportation costs to the citizens and businesses of eastern Sussex County, but also improve the efficiency of the Jones Crossroads Landfill for residents and businesses of western Sussex County," said James Vescovi, Facility Manager of the new Route 5 Transfer Station and of the Jones Crossroads Landfill.

The new facility, constructed to look like a large red barn, will accept household and commercial trash, construction debris, appliances, tires, and yard waste. Tire loads (loads of more than four tires) will not be accepted. The facility accepts electronics as part of a Recycle Delaware site at the facility entrance. Commercial haulers can deposit their trash at a five-bay tipping floor, where it will be pushed by backhoe into a transfer trailer. Residents will dump their waste onto the tipping floor from a separate area. The site is permitted to accept 500 tons of waste each day. Trash will be removed from the facility daily and taken to the Jones Crossroads Landfill. The facility will be operated for the DSWA by Independent Transfer Operations.

Ronald McCabe, Vice Chairman of DSWA's Board of Directors and a Sussex County resident, says of the facility, "The new Route 5 Transfer Station is a great facility and just what the county needed. The residents of Sussex County should be pleased with the facility. It will save them gas and travel time." It is estimated that the new Transfer Station will mean a reduction of over 1.25 million miles traveled annually on Sussex County roads, saving over 79,000 gallons of fuel per year and reducing Carbon Monoxide emissions by 2500 pounds, Carbon Dioxide emissions by 2 million pounds, and Nitrogen Oxides emissions by 30,000 pounds.

The Transfer Station will be open Monday – Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Cars will be charged a flat rate of \$4.35 to use the Transfer Station. Pick-up trucks, SUVs, and all commercial vehicles will be charged a pro-rated fee of \$61.50 per ton. Vehicles are weighed in and out at a scalehouse and charged for the difference in the weight. For information on this or any other DSWA facilities or programs, call the Citizens' Response Line at 1-800-404-7080.