

PRESS RELEASE

| SUBJECT: | MASCARO-RELATED A&M COMPOSTING FACILITY AWARDED NEW 10 YEAR PERMIT BY DEP |
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On August 16, 2021, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection issued a new 10 year Solid Waste Facility Permit for the A&M Composting Facility in Penn Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

The A&M facility, owned and operated by A&M Composting, Inc., a J. P. Mascaro & Sons-related entity, is the largest indoor compost facility in Pennsylvania. A&M is a modern 465,000 square foot facility with DEP-approved environmental control systems, including a sophisticated biofiltration odor control system. A&M is permitted to compost municipal wastewater treatment plant biosolids (sludge) into a beneficial use end product in accordance with EPA and DEP standards.

Compostables received at A&M then go through a rigid, DEP-regulated composting process for 21 to 28 days. The finished compost product, Landscaper's Advantage, is then tested by a third party to make sure all regulatory requirements are met. Landscaper's Advantage is a

soil enhancement product that is beneficially used by farmers, landscapers, nurseries, sod farms, topsoil blenders and golf courses, and in land reclamation projects.

A&M, a leader in composting in Pennsylvania for almost 30 years, is permitted to compost 10,000 tons of biosolids per month, and it is managed by a registered professional engineer.

Speaking to the new 10 year DEP Permit, A&M company President, Pat Mascaro, said, "Our company is proud to operate the largest and most modern compost facility on the east coast, and we are now positioned to serve existing and new regional area customers for the next 10 years.

"We are extremely pleased to be able to accept biosolids that would otherwise be landfilled and to process them through composting at A&M into a beneficial use product that has a wide variety of uses."

For information about the A&M compost facility and the customer services it provides, visit the J. P. Mascaro & Sons website at <u>www.jpmascaro.com</u>.

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