



*893 Shepherd Avenue, Brooklyn, New York Application  
ID# 2-6105-00889/00001*

## **Public Information Meeting**

June 1, 2021, 7:00 P.M.

- This Information Meeting is being held in accordance with New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) Commissioner Policy 29, Environmental Justice and Permitting (CP-29), to inform the public about the project and to provide opportunity for public comment during the application review process.
- The Notice of Complete Application will be published in Environmental Notice Bulletin on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
- Formal Comments should be sent to NYSDEC via mail or email during the formal comment period, from June 9<sup>th</sup> – June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

# Public Information Meeting Agenda

- Welcome and Introduction
- Who is Sharps Compliance?
- Project Overview
- Project Purpose and Need
- Background
  - What is Regulated Medical Waste, (RMW)?
  - What is a Transfer Station?
- Project Details
  - Location
  - Layout
  - Process
- Benefits
- Outreach

# Welcome & Introductions

- **Applicant:** Sharps Compliance, Inc.
- **Project Team:**
  - Erika Hernandez, Manager, Key Accounts & Processes - Presenter
  - Kathryn Kane-Neilson, BS, CT(ASCP), Clinical Specialist, Regulatory Compliance
  - Joe Jordan, Director Special Projects – Hazardous Waste
  - David Martin, Director Route-Based Operations and Facilities
  - Curtis Knisley, Director Quality Assurance
  - Lawrence Schillinger, Esq.
  
  - Nathan Shipley, Sr. Marketing Coordinator – Meeting Facilitator
- **Information Session Procedures:**
  - Power Point presentation followed by RMW transportation video
  - Questions/Comments after presentation and video
  - Public speakers limited to 5 minutes

# Who is Sharps Compliance?

- Sharps Compliance is a trusted and nationwide provider of cost-effective, regulatory-compliant medical and hazardous waste management services.
- Sharps Compliance has provided regulatory-compliant and safe medical waste management for NY healthcare providers for over 26 years.
- Sharps Compliance is a publicly traded company (NASDAQ: SMED).
- Sharps Compliance operates two fully permitted Regulated Medical Waste treatment facilities; (one in Texas and one in Pennsylvania), and nine fully permitted transfer facilities.

# Sharps Compliance Brooklyn Current Operations

- Sharps Compliance currently operates regulated medical and hazardous waste collection routes, (under Part 364 Department of Environmental Conservation Waste Transporter Permit 2A-538), as well as a hazardous waste transfer facility, (per 6 NYCRR 372.3(a)(6)), out of 893 Shepherd Ave through Sharps' subsidiary, Citiwaste. Sharps Compliance currently has no limits on the quantities of medical waste transported, or hazardous waste transported or transferred.
- Serves all boroughs of New York City.
- Sharps Compliance currently operates 13 vehicles, collecting regulated medical waste from 6,800 customers.
- Sharps Compliance customers include medical labs, dental practices, urgent care clinics, public schools, nursing homes and other similar facilities throughout New York City.

# Project Description – Proposed Operations

Sharps Compliance proposes to use its facility at 893 Shepherd Avenue as a Regulated Medical Waste, (RMW) Transfer Station to receive, temporarily store, transfer and ship regulated medical waste.

- Sealed containers of Regulated Medical Waste collected by fully permitted vehicles (box trucks) will be delivered to the Transfer Station.\*
- Sealed containers of Regulated Medical Waste will be stored no more than 7 days and typically less than 24 hours.
- Sealed containers of Regulated Medical Waste will be transferred to long-haul trucks for transport out-of-state to our treatment facility.
- Containers remain sealed throughout the entire process.
- Sharps applied to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for a transfer station permit.
- Under the proposed operation Sharps Compliance will not receive in excess of 48 tons per day of Regulated Medical Waste.

\*Trucks are New York State Department of Environmental Conservation , Business Integrity Commission (BIC) NYC, and DOT permitted

# Sharps Transfer Station Purpose and Need

## Why is it necessary?

- Reduces health care costs
  - ✓ Additional transfer station options create more competition and lower health care costs
- Reduces truck miles driven
  - ✓ The lack of transfer station options means regulated medical waste is often driven very long distances
- Locating transfer and collection activities in the same building makes routes more efficient, reducing emissions

## Why 893 Shepherd?

- Properly zoned
- No construction required
- Close to truck routes
- Centrally located to customers

# What is Regulated Medical Waste?

Regulated Medical Waste is generated in the medical care, diagnosis, and treatment of people and animals at places like doctors' offices, nursing homes, veterinarians, etc.

**Sharps  
(FDA Approved)**



**Soft RMW  
(DOT Approved)**



**Expired Pharma  
(DOT Approved)**





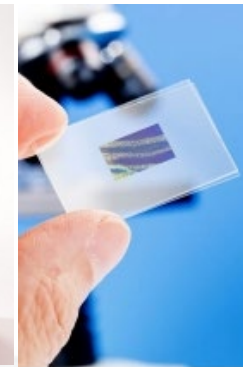
# Regulated Medical Wastes that Would and Would Not Be Accepted For Transfer Under the Proposed Permit

## Examples of waste items that **would be accepted**:

- Gloves, gauze, gowns, etc.
- Sharps containers
- Biopsy tissues
- Trace chemotherapy
- Pharmaceuticals

## Examples of waste that **would not be accepted**:

- No Category A waste (highly infectious)
- No controlled pharmaceuticals



# How is Medical Waste Packaged and Transported?

1. Waste is placed in red bag and knotted.



2. Knotted red bags and sharps containers are placed inside the transport container which is lined with a red bag. Lid is sealed on transport container.



3. Sharps Compliance driver loads sealed containers onto truck.



4. Containers are transported to transfer station.



# What is hazardous waste?

A Hazardous Waste is considered a Department of Transportation (DOT) hazardous material that, per the US Environmental Protection Agency, is dangerous or potentially harmful to our health or the environment. Hazardous wastes may be liquids, solids, or gases. These wastes can be discarded commercial products, like cleaning fluids or pharmaceuticals, or the by-products of manufacturing processes or lab analysis.

## How is hazardous waste part of Sharps' Regulated Medical Waste business?

Sharps collects hazardous waste from local healthcare facilities in addition to the regulated medical waste it collects while at the customer's site. This eliminates the need for additional collection vehicles collecting hazardous waste exclusively.

# What types of hazardous waste does Sharps collect and transfer?

Sharps only accepts, transports, stores and transfers sealed containers of hazardous waste. Examples of these hazardous wastes include isopropyl, butyl and methyl alcohols, insulin, nicotine, inhalers, alcohol-based creams and gels and x-ray developer solution. These hazardous wastes are generated in a broad range of medical, diagnostic, therapeutic and research activities.

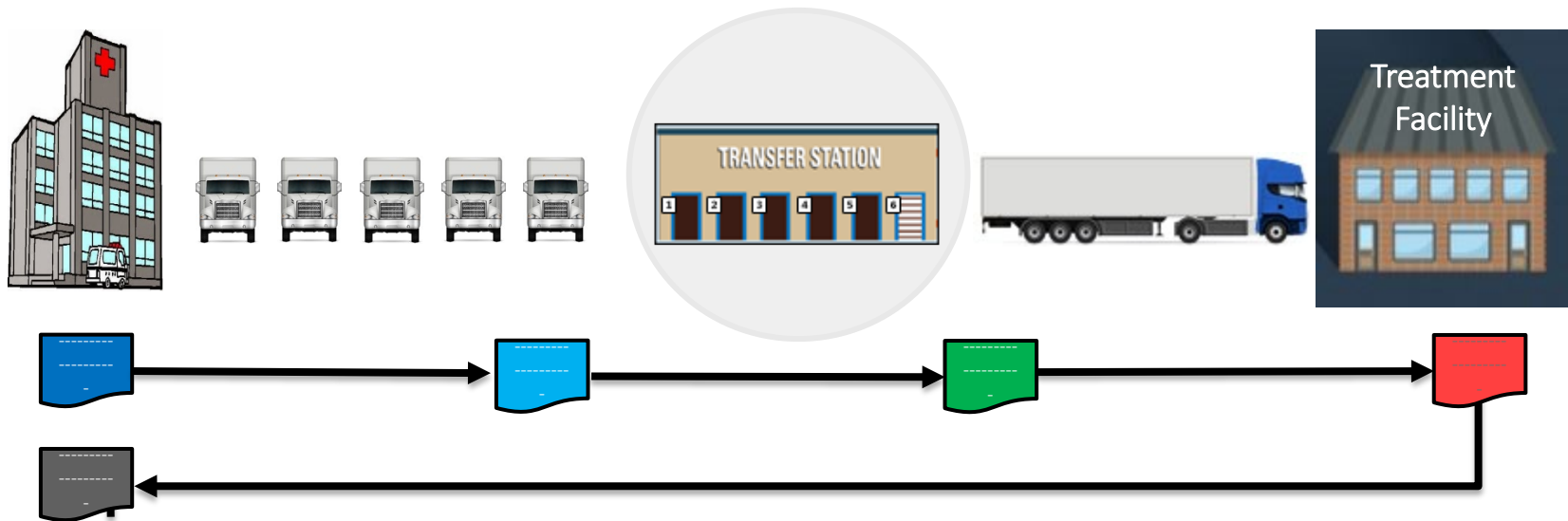


# How is hazardous waste packaged, stored & transferred?

- Hazardous waste containers/shipments are prepared by the generators and confirmed to meet Department of Transportation (DOT) Packaging, Labeling and Marking requirements before these containers are loaded into the transport vehicle and transported by Sharps Compliance, Inc. (as Citiwaste, LLC).
- Containers are stored for up to 10 days, on secondary containment skids, in a single box truck, designated for hazardous waste storage.
- Containers are transferred from one truck to another, over secondary containment skids.
- Containers remain sealed throughout the transport, store and transfer processes.
- Under the proposed operation Sharps Compliance will have a maximum hazardous waste transfer rate of 2,000 gallons per day.

# What is a Transfer Station?

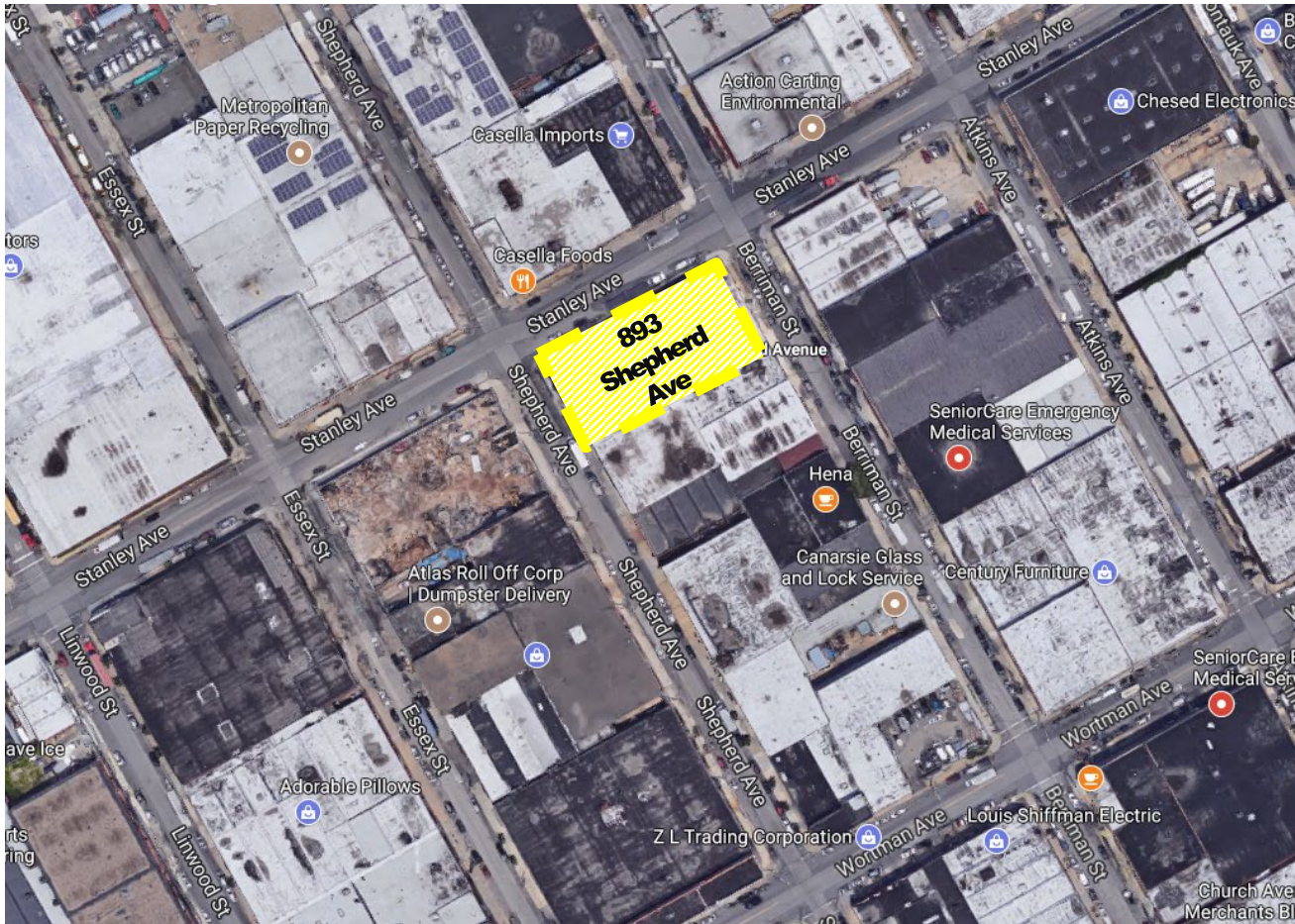
A transfer station is a facility that promotes more efficient operations; minimizes fuel usage and number of vehicles on the road. Sealed containers are collected, from healthcare providers, using small box trucks then transferred to larger trucks for shipment to treatment facilities.



Containers are fully tracked, receipt documented, and proof of treatment is provided back to the healthcare provider.



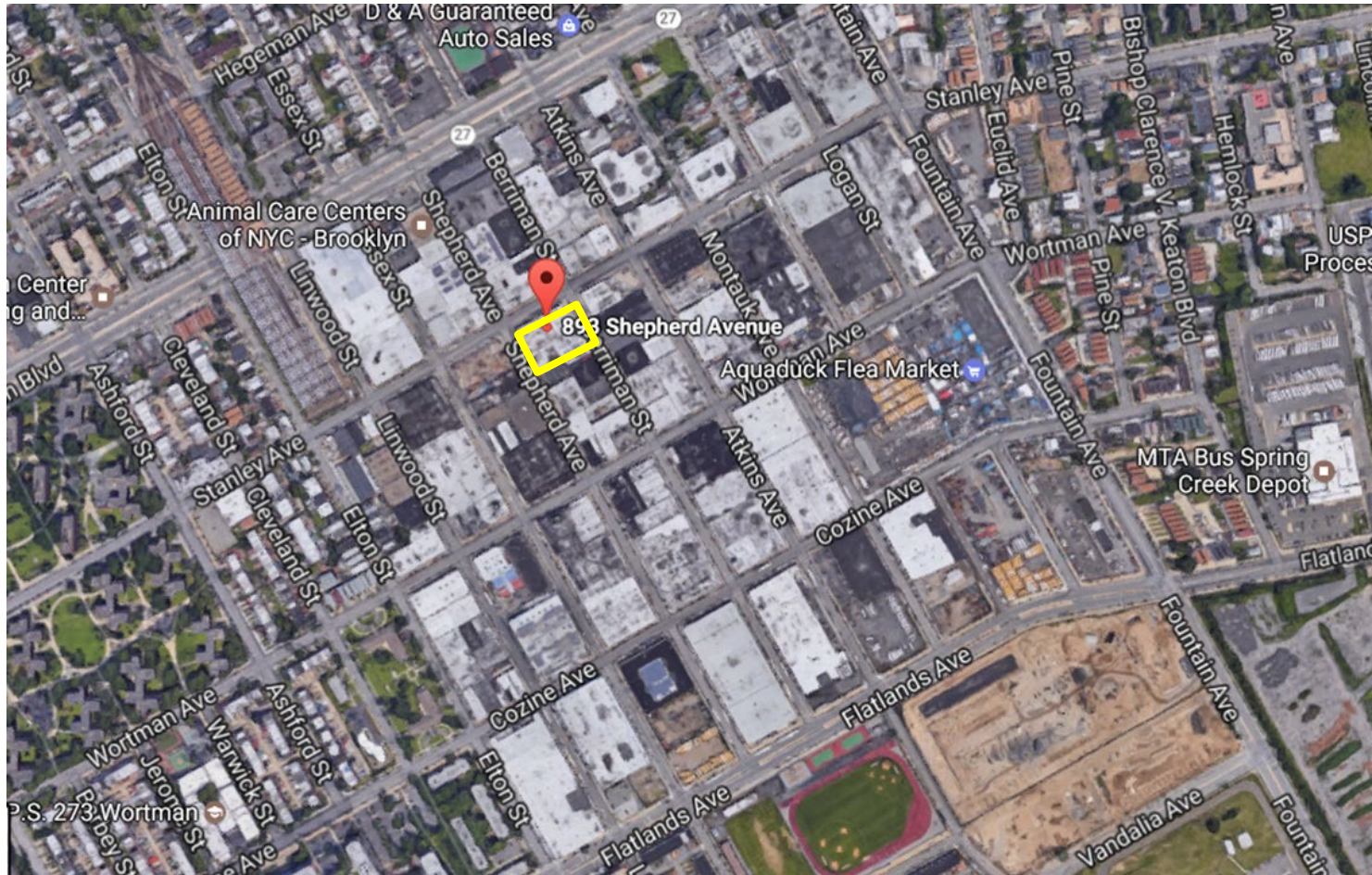
# Sharps Transfer Station - 893 Shepherd Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11208



- **Building Size:** approx. 22000 s.f.
- **Office Space:** approx. 2000 s.f.
- **Floor:** concrete
- **Zone:** M1 - 1
- **Collection Trucks:** max 30 / day
- **Trailers:** max 7 / day
- **Fully enclosed**



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# Outside Sharps Compliance Transfer Station (Shepherd Ave View)

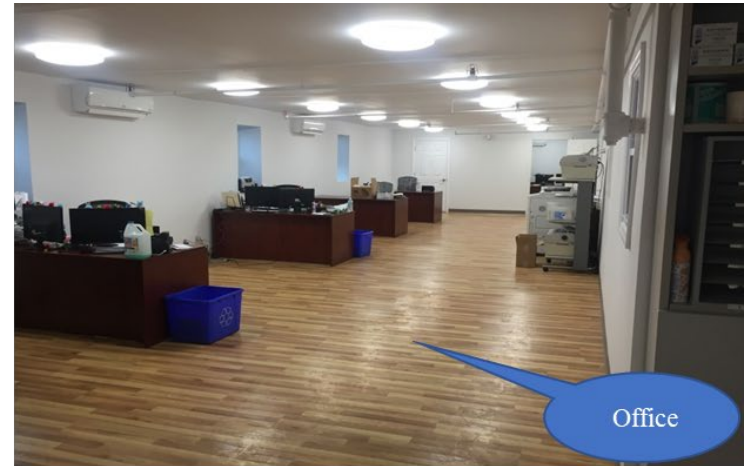


# Outside Sharps Compliance Transfer Station (Berriman St View)



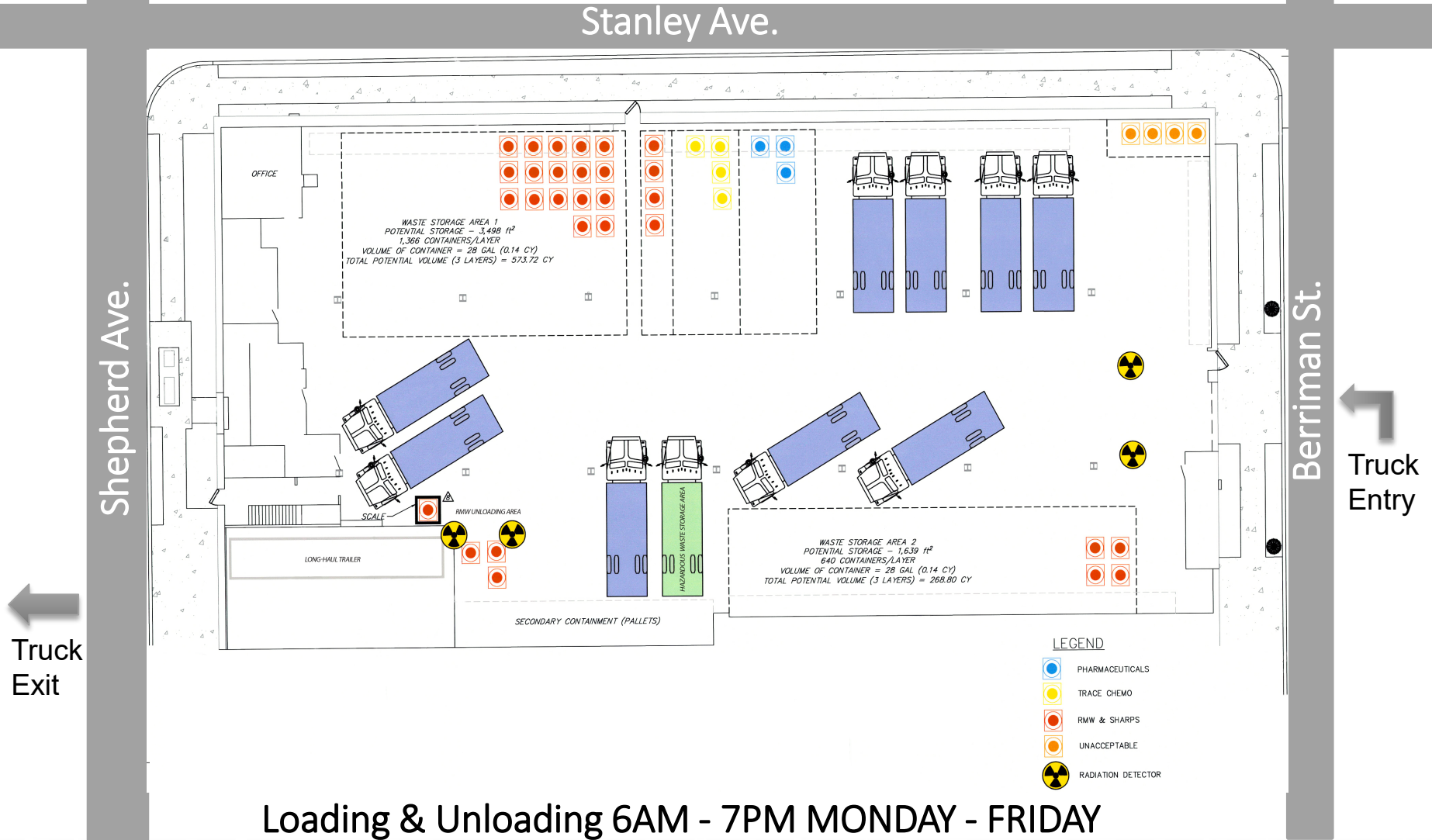


# Inside Sharps Transfer Station

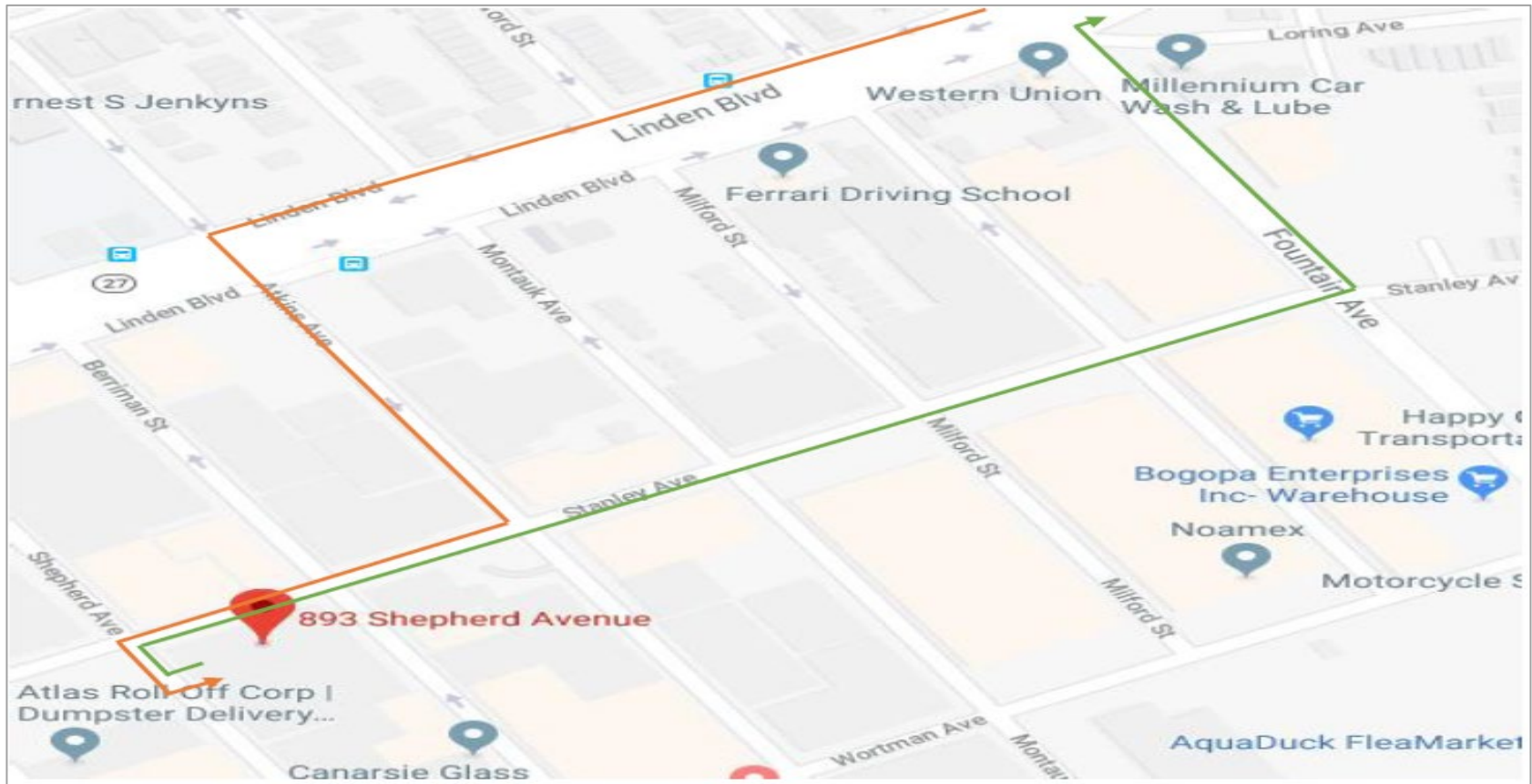


**Temporary Container Storage**

# Facility Layout



# Long-Haul Routes - Transfer to/from Facility



## Departing to Conduit BLVD



1. Shepherd Ave North
2. Right onto Stanley Ave
3. Left onto Fountain Ave
4. Right onto Linden Blvd

## Arriving from Conduit BLVD



1. Exit onto Linden Blvd
2. Left onto Atkins Ave
3. Right onto Stanley Ave
4. Left onto Shepherd Ave

# Sharps Transfer Station Process Control

- All work is performed inside the fully enclosed transfer station building.
- Delivered containers are unloaded and reloaded on concrete floors.
- Only qualified and trained employees are allowed to perform the transfer duties.
- Employees are not permitted to open sealed containers.



# Benefits of Sharps Transfer Station

- Provides essential service to local health care providers
- Helps keep health care costs down by increasing competition and efficiency
- Existing building
- Properly located in manufacturing zone
- Close proximity to major truck routes
- Reduces truck traffic by eliminating travel to alternate transfer stations
- Large, fully enclosed building used for all container loading, unloading, and storage
- Long-term jobs with benefits
- Generator of local and state tax dollars
- Investment in local economy (engineering, consulting, travel, and more)

# Additional Information

The following permit documents are available for public review:

- Contact List
  - ✓ If you would like to be added to the project list please provide us either your name and either, your mailing address or your email address.
- Permit Application Package (including environmental review and public participation materials)
- Fact Sheet (English and Spanish)
- Public Notice (English and Spanish)
- Location Map

Permit documents are available at the following locations:

- Sharps Compliance online Document Repository:  
[www.sharpsinc.com/public-participation-plan](http://www.sharpsinc.com/public-participation-plan)



# Questions & Comments

- After this meeting, if you have questions or comments for Sharps Compliance on the Permit Application, please contact:  
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- Formal comments on the application can be submitted in writing to NYSDEC, Division of Environmental Permits, 47-40 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Long Island City, NY 11101 or via email to: [dep.r2@dec.ny.gov](mailto:dep.r2@dec.ny.gov), during the formal comment period, from June 9<sup>th</sup> – June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021.