

Public Participation Plan (PPP)

for

Regulated Medical Waste Transfer Station at  
893 Shepherd Avenue  
Brooklyn, New York 11208  
NYSDEC Application ID# 2-6105-00889/00001

Applicant:



893 Shepherd Avenue  
Brooklyn, New York 11208

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## **1. Introduction & Objective**

Sharps Compliance, Inc., (Sharps or the Company), is seeking a New York State Part 360 Solid Waste Management Permit from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) to own and operate a Regulated Medical Waste (RMW) Transfer Facility located at 893 Shepherd Avenue in Brooklyn, NY.

This Public Participation Plan (PPP) has been prepared by Sharps as part of its permit application. Commissioner Policy-29, Environmental Justice and Permitting (CP-29), requires permit applicants for certain facilities to develop and execute a public participation plan to ensure that potentially impacted communities receive timely and useful information about the proposed facility and opportunities to participate in the permit application process.

## **2. Project Description & Proposed Actions**

Sharps proposes to own and operate a fully enclosed RMW transfer facility in an existing building in an area zoned for industrial uses. The facility would receive, store and transfer for offsite treatment sealed containers of RMW collected from area healthcare facilities such as physician, dentist, and veterinary offices, retail pharmacies offering immunization services, home health care providers, and assisted living facilities.

The existing building at 893 Shepherd Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11208 is approximately 22,000 sq. ft. and located in an industrial area with an M1-1 zoning designation (see Figure 1). The fully enclosed building is currently used as a base for Sharps' existing RMW collection business (operated by Sharps' subsidiary Citiwaste LLC), with administrative offices and indoor parking for collection vehicles (box trucks) and employee vehicles. As a transfer station, the building would continue to house administrative offices and parking for collection and personal vehicles, and would also have receiving, loading and unloading areas, and temporary RMW container storage areas. Throughout the collection and consolidation process (from healthcare facility to offsite treatment), RMW containers would remain sealed. Operations would be carried out in accordance with all local, state and federal laws. The proposed facility would be open 6:00 am to 7:00 pm Monday through Friday and closed holidays. At peak operations the facility would receive RMW from 30 collection vehicles per day and consolidate that material into a maximum of 7 long-haul trucks per day for shipment to off-site treatment facilities.

## **3. Project Contacts**

Sharps Compliance, Inc. has designated the following individual to coordinate and respond to inquiries on the project:

Curtis Knisley  
Director Quality and Safety  
9220 Kirby Drive Suite 500  
Houston, TX 77054  
Phone: 713-660-3544  
E-mail: [cknisley@sharpsinc.com](mailto:cknisley@sharpsinc.com)

The NYSDEC has designated the following individual to coordinate and respond to inquiries on the project:

Denise Harrington Grattan  
Environmental Analyst II  
Division of Environmental Permits NYSDEC – Region 2 Office  
1 Hunters Point Plaza  
47-40 21st Street  
Long Island City, NY 11101  
Phone: 718-482-4997  
Email: [denise.grattan@dec.ny.gov](mailto:denise.grattan@dec.ny.gov)

#### **4. Stakeholders and Outreach Contact List**

In consultation with NYSDEC staff, Sharps has assembled a list of stakeholders who may be interested in and affected by the proposed project and are therefore targeted for outreach. This list, provided in Appendix A, includes local elected/government officials; community, civic, religious and environmental organizations; local media outlets, and residents, businesses and property owners located within a 500-ft radius of the proposed facility. These stakeholders will receive the outreach materials described below. The stakeholders list will continue to be updated as additional individuals and entities express interest in the project by attending public meetings, submitting comments on the application or contacting the project contacts at Sharps or NYSDEC.

#### **5. Public Outreach Activities**

In order to inform the public about the proposed facility in accordance with Commissioner Policy-29, several outreach activities are being planned and conducted. These include reaching out to community leaders for individual briefings, planning and holding a public information meeting near the proposed facility, preparing and distributing to all stakeholders a notice regarding the public information meeting, and preparing and disseminating a fact sheet about the project. Each activity is described in more detail below.

### 5.1 Informational Briefings

Sharps sent letters to local government and elected officials notifying them of the pending application and offering to provide them with in-person briefings. To date, five officials have met with Sharps representatives and received in-person briefings – Borough President Eric Adams, State Senator Roxanne Persaud, NYC Council Member Inez Barron, State Assemblymember Charles Barron, and Community Board 5 District Manager Melinda Perkins. Sharps provided information regarding the location and operations of the proposed facility, answered questions, and solicited feedback on further outreach and potential concerns. Sharps will continue to extend invitations to other local elected and government officials for one-on-one briefings.

### 5.2 Public Information Meeting

Sharps will hold a Public Information Meeting at P.S. 202, Ernest Jenkyns School located at 982 Hegeman Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11208 on September 17, 2018, 7:00 p.m., to provide interested members of the community with information about the proposed action. Sharps will present information on the location and layout of the proposed facility, the material that would be accepted and transferred at the facility, the procedures for receiving, storing and transferring RMW, and steps that would be taken to minimize any potential impacts. The presentation will include illustrative maps, figures and photographs. Sharps will also distribute a fact sheet in both English and Spanish and inform attendees how they may submit comments on the application for consideration by NYSDEC. The applicant and its representatives will also provide an opportunity for the public to ask questions and offer comments.

### 5.3 Public Notice

Sharps has prepared a public notice in English and Spanish inviting the public to attend the Public Information Meeting to be held at P.S. 202, Ernest Jenkyns School located at 982 Hegeman Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11208 on September 17, 2018 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. (Public Notice). See Appendix B. The Public Notice will be sent to all stakeholders by first class mail on or about August 20, 2018, and no later than August 27, 2018.

Also, at least two weeks before the scheduled Public Information Meeting, the Public Notice will be published in the following newspapers:

In English:

The Brooklyn Papers  
1 Metrotech Center, Suite 1001  
Brooklyn, NY 11201

In Spanish:

Hoy Nueva York  
1 MetroTech Center, 18th Floor  
Brooklyn, NY 11201

The Public Notice will also be available at the project document repositories (see Section 6 below)

#### 5.4 Fact Sheet

Sharps has prepared a fact sheet in English and Spanish to provide easy-to-understand information on the project to the public (Fact Sheet). See Appendix C. The Fact Sheet will be distributed to the Stakeholder List along with the Public Notice. The Fact Sheet will also be distributed at the Public Information meeting and will be available at the repositories.

### 6. Document Repositories/Distribution of Project Information

Two locations have been designated as the document repositories for the project:

Brooklyn Public Library  
New Lots Branch  
665 New Lots Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11207  
Hours: 10AM–8PM Tuesday to Thursday,  
10AM–6PM Monday and Friday,  
10AM–5PM Saturday, and  
1PM–5PM Sunday.  
Phone: 718-649-0311  
<https://www.bklynlibrary.org/>

Sharps Compliance, Inc.  
Website: <http://www.sharpsinc.com/public-participation-plan>

The following documents will be available for viewing at these repositories and will be updated by Sharps on an ongoing basis as needed:

1. Location Map for the Project (Figure 1);
2. The Permit Application Package submitted to the NYSDEC, including engineering reports, site plans and environmental review materials;
3. The Draft Permit (once available);
4. Stakeholder List;
5. The Project Fact Sheet (English/Spanish);
6. The Public Notice (English/Spanish);
7. The Public Hearing Presentation.

**7. Prepare Participation Plan Outreach Summary/Certification Document**

A written summary of the outreach meeting conducted under the PPP will be prepared and submitted to the NYSDEC. This report will serve as the PPP's Certification Document, and will include:

- Summary of PPP milestones, outlining plan implementation;
- Methods used to engage the public and solicit outreach;
- Time and date of the Public Information Session;
- Time and date of project informational briefings undertaken (if any);
- Any substantive concerns/issues raised during outreach activities; and
- A description of any unresolved or outstanding issues.

Sharps will submit a written Certification Document that it has complied with the PPP. The Certification Document will include a revised PPP including a summary of the activities which occurred subsequent to the initial submission of the plan. The Certification Document will become part of the permit application and will be made available to the public at the document repositories. The Certification Document will also include several appendices as follows:

- Copies of written information such as notices, flyers, and briefing invitations
- Proof of advertisement of the Public Information Session;
- Copies of meeting agendas;
- Summary of the Public Information Session; and
- Names of attendees at the Public Information Session and at any other project informational briefings, if any are held (copies of sign-in sheets).

# Appendix A



## Appendix A

### Stakeholders and Outreach Contact List Community Leaders: Local Elected/Government Officials

#### **Brooklyn Borough President**

Hon. Eric L. Adams  
Borough Hall  
209 Joralemon ST  
Brooklyn, NY 11201  
Tel: 718-802 3700

#### **Brooklyn Community Board 5**

Andre T. Mitchell, Chair  
404 Pine Street, 3rd Floor  
Brooklyn, NY 11208  
Tel: 929-221-8261

#### **NYC City Council District #42**

Hon. Inez Barron, NYC Council Member  
718 Pennsylvania Ave  
Brooklyn, NY 11207  
Tel: 718-649-9495

#### **NYS Senator**

Hon. Roxanne J. Persaud  
1222 East 96th St.  
Brooklyn, NY 11236  
Tel: 718-649-7653

#### **NYS Assemblyman**

Hon. Charles D. Barron  
6690 Vermont St  
Brooklyn, NY 11207  
Tel: 718-257-5824

#### **U.S. House of Representatives**

Hon. Hakeem Jeffries  
445 Neptune Ave 1st. Floor, Community Room 2C  
Brooklyn NY, 11224  
Tel: 718-373-0033

#### **Commissioner NYC DEP**

Vincent Sapienza  
59-17 Junction Boulevard  
Elmhurst, NY 11373  
**Tel: 718-595-6565**

#### **County Clerk Kings County Clerk's Office**

Nancy T. Sunshine  
360 Adams Street, Room 189  
Brooklyn, NY 11201  
Tel: 347-404-9772

#### **Comptroller**

Hon. Scott Stringer  
1 Centre Street  
New York, NY 10007  
Tel: 212-669-3916

#### **Public Advocate**

Hon. Letitia James  
1 Centre Street, 15th Floor  
New York, NY 10007  
Tel: 212-669-7250

### Churches

#### **Bethlehem Baptist Church**

1962 Linden Blvd,  
Brooklyn, NY 11207  
Tel: 718-257-8300

#### **True Worship Church**

872 Crescent Street  
Brooklyn NY, 11208  
Tel: 718-485-9703

#### **Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church**

509 Van Siclen Ave  
Brooklyn, NY 11207  
Tel: 718-342-7461

#### **Hebron Baptist Church**

450 fountain Ave  
Brooklyn, NY 11208  
Tel: 718-272-4600

#### **New Life Church**

931 Dumont Ave  
Brooklyn, NY 11208  
Tel: 718498-9265

#### **Southern Baptist Church Att: Pastor**

820 Stanley Ave  
Brooklyn, NY 11207  
Tel: 718-272-4848

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### **Church of the Holy Redeemer**

Attn: Pastor  
2424 Linden Boulevard  
Brooklyn, NY 11208

### **Community/Civic Organizations**

#### **East New York Beacon Program**

350 Linwood St.  
Brooklyn, NY 11207  
Tel: 718-277-3522

#### **Christian Cultural Center**

12020 Flatlands Ave  
Brooklyn, NY 11207  
Tel: 718-3061000

#### **Church Avenue Merchants Block Association**

Attn: Joanne M. Oplustil, President & CEO  
1720 Church Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11226

#### **Local Development Corp of East New York**

Sherry Roberts, Executive Director  
80 Jamaica Avenue, 3rd Floor  
Brooklyn, NY 11207

#### **Wayside Baptist Church Senior Center**

Attn.: Executive Director  
726 Stanley Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11207

#### **Man Up! Inc.**

799 van Siclen Ave  
Brooklyn, NY 11207  
Tel: 718-484-7945

#### **Cypress Hills Local Development Corporation**

80 Jamaica Ave  
Brooklyn, NY 11207  
Tel: 718-385-6700

#### **Boulevard NYCHA Houses**

Attn: President – Resident Association  
785 Linden Boulevard  
Brooklyn, NY 11207

#### **Boulevard Nursery School**

2150 Linden Boulevard  
Brooklyn, NY 11207

#### **United Community Centers**

613 New Lots Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11207

### **Local Media Outlets**

#### **NY 1 News**

75 Ninth Avenue  
New York, NY 10011

#### **New York Daily News**

4 New York Plaza  
New York, NY 10004

#### **New York Post**

1211 Avenue of the Americas  
New York, NY 10036

#### **Courier-Life Publications**

1 Metro-Tech Center North - 10th Floor  
Brooklyn, NY 11201

#### **Brooklyn Daily Eagle**

16 Court Street, Suite 1208  
Brooklyn, NY 11241

#### **The Brooklyn Papers**

1 Metrotech Center, Suite 1001  
Brooklyn, NY 11201

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**Hoy Nueva York**  
1 MetroTech Center, 18th Floor  
Brooklyn, NY 11201

**El Diario La Prensa**  
1 MetroTech Center, 18th Floor  
Brooklyn, NY 11201

### Adjacent Properties (Within 500' Radius)

**SeniorCare Emergency Medical Services**  
562 Wortman Ave,  
Brooklyn, NY 11208

**Alro Products.**  
2348 Linden Blvd,  
Brooklyn, NY 11208

**Canarsie Glass and Lock Service.**  
678 Berriman St,  
Brooklyn, NY 11208

**Biltmore Trunk.**  
850 Shepherd Ave,  
Brooklyn, NY 11208

**Eagle Spice Extract Co Inc.**  
910 Shepherd Ave,  
Brooklyn, NY 11208

**Shepher Distributors.**  
2300 Linden Blvd,  
Brooklyn, NY 11208

**Atlas Roll Off Corp Dumpster.**  
895 Essex St,  
Brooklyn, NY 11208

**Louis Shiffman Electric.**  
542 Wortman Ave,  
Brooklyn, NY 11208

**Century Furniture.**  
555 Wortman Ave,  
Brooklyn, NY 11208

**Action Carting Environmental.**  
941 Stanley Ave,  
Brooklyn, NY 11208

**Adorable Pillows.**  
902 Essex St,  
Brooklyn, NY 11208

**Chesed Electronics Ltd.**  
1000 Stanley Ave,  
Brooklyn, NY 11208

**Assurance Collision Center Incorporated**  
507 Wortman Ave,  
Brooklyn, NY 11208

**Peralta Metal Works.**  
602 Atkins Ave,  
Brooklyn, NY 11208

**Casella Imports.**  
33 Stanley Ave,  
Brooklyn, NY 11208

**Animal Care Centers of NYC – Brooklyn**  
2336 Linden Blvd  
Brooklyn NY, 11208

**Botadero Basura Brooklyn**  
878-, 902 Essex St  
Brooklyn, NY 11208

**Novel Box Company, Ltd**  
659 Berriman St,  
Brooklyn, NY 11208

**Distinctive Displays Inc.**  
582 Montauk Ave,  
Brooklyn, NY 11208

### Schools and Daycare Centers

**P.S. 202 Ernest Jenkyns School**  
982 Hegeman Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11208

# Appendix B

**YOU ARE INVITED**  
**To a Public Information Meeting**

Sharps Compliance, Inc. (Sharps), has applied to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) for a Solid Waste Management permit to operate a regulated medical waste (RMW) transfer facility at its existing location at 893 Shepherd Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. Project activities include the storage of RMW onsite and the collection and transport of sealed containers of RMW to and from the site. A Public Participation Plan has been developed in accordance with NYSDEC Commissioner Policy 29, Environmental Justice & Permitting (CP-29). Sharps will be holding an Information Meeting to discuss the permit application and provide the public with the opportunity to speak with Sharps representatives, ask questions, and provide comments on the application. The meeting details are below:

**Location:**     **P.S. 202, Ernest Jenkyns School**  
982 Hegeman Ave  
Brooklyn, NY 11208  
(718) 649-7880

**Date:** September 17, 2018

**Time:** 7:00pm-10:00pm

**Agenda:**

- Background
- Scope of work
- Project schedules
- Community Impacts
- Proposed Mitigation Measures
- Questions

**Your Participation is Important!**

Project personnel will be available to answer any questions from the community.

Where can I get more information about the proposed project?

- Visit Brooklyn Public Library New Lots Branch,  
665 New Lots Avenue,  
Brooklyn, NY 11207  
(718) 649-0311
- Visit Project website <https://www.sharpsinc.com/public-participation-plan>
- Contact: Curtis Knisley, Director of Quality & Safety  
Sharps Compliance, Inc.  
9220 Kirby Drive Suite 500  
Houston, TX 77054  
Tel: 713-542-6839  
Email: [cknisley@sharpsinc.com](mailto:cknisley@sharpsinc.com)

Formal comments on the application can be submitted in writing to the NYSDEC, Division of Environmental Permits, 1 Hunters Point Plaza, 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).

## **ESTAS INVITADO**

### **A una reunión de información pública**

Sharps Compliance, Inc. (Sharps), ha solicitado al Departamento de Conservación Ambiental del Estado de Nueva York (NYSDEC) un permiso de Manejo de Residuos Sólidos para operar una instalación de transferencia de residuos médicos regulados (RMW) en su ubicación actual en 893 Shepherd Avenue, Brooklyn, Nueva York. Las actividades del proyecto incluyen el almacenamiento de RMW en el sitio y la recolección y transporte de contenedores sellados de RMW hacia y desde el sitio. Se ha desarrollado un Plan de participación pública de acuerdo con la Política 29 del Comisionado del NYSDEC, Justicia ambiental y permisos (CP-29). Sharps llevará a cabo una reunión de información para analizar la solicitud de permiso y ofrecer al público la oportunidad de hablar con los representantes de Sharps, hacer preguntas, y proporcionar comentarios sobre la aplicación. Los detalles de la reunión están a continuación:

**Ubicación: P.S. 202, Ernest Jenkyns School**

982 Hegeman Ave  
Brooklyn, NY 11208  
(718) 649-7880

**Fecha: el 17 de Septiembre 2018**

**Hora: 7:00pm – 10:00pm**

**Agenda:**

- Fondo
- Alcance del trabajo
- Horarios del proyecto
- Impactos de la comunidad
- Medidas de mitigación propuestas
- Preguntas

**¡Tu atención es importante!**

El personal del proyecto estará disponible para responder cualquier pregunta de la comunidad.

¿Dónde puedo obtener más información sobre el proyecto propuesto?

- Visite la Biblioteca Pública de Brooklyn New Lots Branch, 665 New Lots Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11207 (718) 649-0311
- Visite el sitio web del proyecto <http://www.sharpsinc.com/public-participation-plan>
- Contacto: Curtis Knisley, Director de Calidad & Seguridad  
Sharps Compliance, Inc.  
9220 Kirby Drive Suite 500  
Houston, TX 77054  
Tel: 713-542-6839  
Correo electrónico: [cknisley@sharpsinc.com](mailto:cknisley@sharpsinc.com)

Los comentarios formales sobre la solicitud pueden enviarse por escrito al NYSDEC, División de Permisos Ambientales, 1 Hunters Point Plaza, 47-40 21st Street, Long Island City, NY 11101 o por correo electrónico a: [dep.r2@dec.ny.gov](mailto:dep.r2@dec.ny.gov).

# Appendix C

## Fact Sheet

Sharps Compliance, Inc., (Sharps) seeks a NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Solid Waste Management permit to operate a regulated medical waste transfer facility at 893 Shepherd Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. Application ID# 2-6105-00889/00001. Pursuant to NYSDEC Commissioner Policy 29, Environmental Justice and Permitting (CP-29), a Public Participation Plan and this fact sheet has been prepared in order to inform the public about the project and provide the opportunity to comment during the permit application review process.

**The Proposed Facility:** Sharps proposes to use an existing 22,000 square foot building at 893 Shepherd Avenue, Brooklyn, NY which currently serves as a base of operations for Sharps' regulated medical waste ("RMW") collection business, as a transfer facility where sealed containers of RMW collected by Sharps' fully permitted collection vehicles (box trucks) could be consolidated into long-haul trucks for shipment to out-of-state treatment facilities. At the transfer facility, trained workers will receive, inspect, weigh and temporarily store sealed containers of RMW, and then load them onto long-haul trucks. All containers would remain sealed at all times and all loading and unloading of vehicles would take place inside the enclosed building. RMW containers may be stored unrefrigerated for up to 72 hours after receipt. Containers stored longer than 72 hours will be refrigerated. The facility would handle at a maximum, 48 tons of RMW per day. The proposed facility would operate 6 AM to 7 PM Monday through Friday, closed holidays.

**What is RMW?** RMW is waste generated in the diagnosis and treatment of people or animals in doctors' offices, nursing homes, veterinary clinics, pharmacies and similar kinds of medical or research facilities. It includes, for example, used bandages, discarded surgical gloves, IV tubing, needles and gowns. The collection, transportation and ultimate disposal of medical waste is highly regulated to protect health care workers, transporters and members of the public.

**Why does Sharps need the Transfer Station?** Sharps, through its subsidiary Citiwaste, already collects RMW from local healthcare facilities, prepackaged in leakproof containers compliant with federal regulations. There are currently few options for transferring RMW near most of Sharps' collection routes. By combining collections and transfer in one facility, Sharps will reduce the miles the collection fleet must travel to transfer its sealed containers. The transfer station would generate, at most, 30 collection vehicle trips and 7 long-haul truck trips to and from the facility per day.

**How might the proposed transfer station impact the surrounding community?** Sharps is aware that certain environmental impacts including truck traffic, noise, and air pollution may be of concern. Sharps intends to incorporate measures into its operations that eliminate or mitigate these potential impacts such as, but not limited to, all operations will occur inside the fully enclosed facility behind closed doors, no queuing on public streets, and vehicle loading and unloading will occur within the facility. Also, RMW is subject to specific handling and disposal regulations, and compliance with these requirements generally eliminates possible significant adverse impacts.

**How can I participate in the permit review process?** You may provide comments to be considered in the permit review process, including comments on the development of mitigation measures, operations, impacts to the community and the draft permit. Comments may be given at the public meeting(s) and in writing to the DEC during the public comment period. Contact information for Sharps Compliance, Inc. is provided below for information on meetings and comments period dates.

### Where can I get more information about the proposed transfer station?

- Visit the repositories: Brooklyn Public Library, New Lots Branch, 665 New Lots Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11207, 718-649-0311; and on the web at <http://www.sharpsinc.com/public-participation-plan>.
- Attend a public meeting about the proposed transfer station. This meeting is scheduled to be held at P.S. 202, Ernest Jenkyns School, 982 Hegeman Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11208, on September 17 at 7:00 PM
- Call, email or write to: Curtis Knisley, Director of Quality and Safety, Sharps Compliance, Inc., 9220 Kirby Drive Suite 500, Houston, TX 77054, Tel: 713-432-0300, Email: [cknisley@sharpsinc.com](mailto:cknisley@sharpsinc.com)

**Who's responsible for reviewing the permit application?** The NYSDEC Division of Environmental Permits is responsible for the review and issuance of the required permit. Comments during the public comment period (dates of which are TBD) should be submitted in writing to the NYSDEC, Division of Environmental Permits, 1 Hunters Point Plaza, 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).



## Fact Sheet

Sharps Compliance, Inc., (Sharps) busca un permiso de Manejo de Desechos Sólidos del Departamento de Conservación Ambiental (DEC) del Estado de Nueva York para operar una instalación regulada de transferencia de desechos médicos en 893 Shepherd Avenue, Brooklyn, Nueva York. ID de aplicación n.º 2-6105-00889 / 00001. De conformidad con la Política 29 del Comisionado NYSDEC, Justicia ambiental y permisos (CP-29), se preparó un Plan de participación pública y esta hoja informativa para informar al público sobre el proyecto y brindar la oportunidad de comentar durante el proceso de revisión de solicitud de permiso.

**El servicio propuesto:** Sharps propone usar un edificio existente de 22,000 pies cuadrados en 893 Shepherd Avenue, Brooklyn, NY que actualmente sirve como base de operaciones para el negocio de recolección de desechos médicos regulados de Sharps ("RMW"), como una instalación de transferencia donde se recolectan contenedores sellados de RMW por los vehículos de recolección permitidos, completamente, (camiones de caja) de Sharps podrían consolidarse en camiones de largo recorrido para su envío a instalaciones de tratamiento fuera del estado. En la instalación de transferencia, los trabajadores capacitados recibirán, inspeccionarán, pesarán y almacenarán temporalmente contenedores sellados de RMW, y luego los cargarán en camiones de largo recorrido. Todos los contenedores permanecerían sellados en todo momento y toda la carga y descarga de los vehículos se llevaría a cabo dentro del edificio cerrado. Los contenedores de RMW pueden almacenarse sin refrigeración durante hasta 72 horas después de la recepción. Los contenedores almacenados por más de 72 horas serán refrigerados. La instalación manejaría un máximo de 48 toneladas de RMW por día. La instalación propuesta funcionaría de 6 AM a 7 PM de lunes a viernes, feriados cerrados.

**¿Qué es RMW?** RMW es un residuo generado en el diagnóstico y tratamiento de personas o animales en consultorios médicos, hogares de ancianos, clínicas veterinarias, farmacias y centros médicos o de investigación similares. Incluye, por ejemplo, vendajes usados, guantes quirúrgicos desechados, tubos IV, agujas y batas. La recolección, el transporte y la eliminación definitiva de desechos médicos están altamente regulados para proteger a los trabajadores de la salud, a los transportistas y al público en general.

**¿Por qué Sharps necesita la estación de transferencia?** Sharps, a través de su filial Citiwaste, ya recolecta RMW de las instalaciones locales de salud, preempacado en contenedores a prueba de fugas que cumplen con las regulaciones federales. Actualmente hay pocas opciones para transferir RMW cerca de la mayoría de las rutas de recolección de Sharps. Al combinar colecciones y transferencias en una instalación, Sharps reducirá las millas que debe recorrer la flota de recolección para transferir sus contenedores sellados. La estación de transferencia generaría, a lo sumo, 30 viajes de vehículos de recolección y 7 viajes de largo recorrido hacia y desde la instalación por día.

**¿Cómo podría afectar la estación de transferencia propuesta a la comunidad circundante?** Sharps es consciente de que ciertos impactos ambientales, incluido el tráfico de camiones, el ruido y la contaminación del aire pueden ser motivo de preocupación. Sharps intenta incorporar medidas en sus operaciones que eliminen o mitiguen estos impactos potenciales, tales como, entre otras, que todas las operaciones se lleven a cabo dentro de las instalaciones totalmente cerradas a puertas cerradas, sin cola en las calles públicas y la carga y descarga de vehículos se realizará dentro la instalación. Además, RMW está sujeto a regulaciones específicas de manejo y eliminación, y el cumplimiento de estos requisitos generalmente elimina posibles impactos adversos significativos.

**¿Cómo puedo participar en el proceso de revisión de permisos?** Puede proporcionar comentarios para ser considerados en el proceso de revisión de permisos, incluidos los comentarios sobre el desarrollo de medidas de mitigación, operaciones, impactos a la comunidad y el borrador del permiso. Los comentarios se pueden dar en la (s) reunión (es) pública (s) y por escrito al DEC durante el período de comentario público. La información de contacto de Sharps Compliance, Inc. se proporciona a continuación para obtener información sobre las fechas de las reuniones y los comentarios.

### ¿Dónde puedo obtener más información sobre la estación de transferencia propuesta?

- Visite los repositorios: Biblioteca Pública de Brooklyn, New Lots Branch, 665 New Lots Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11207, 718-649-0311; y en la web en <http://www.sharpsinc.com/public-participation-plan>.
- Asistir a una reunión pública sobre la estación de transferencia propuesta. Esta reunión está programada para el 17 de septiembre 2018 a las 7:00 PM en P.S. 202, Ernest Jenkens School, 982 Hegeman Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11208; y
- Llame, envíe un correo electrónico o escriba a: Curtis Knisley, Director de Calidad & Seguridad, Sharps Compliance, Inc., 9220 Kirby Drive Suite 500, Houston, TX 77054, Tel: 713-432-0300 Correo electrónico: [cknisley@sharpsinc.com](mailto:cknisley@sharpsinc.com)

**¿Quién es responsable de revisar la solicitud de permiso?** La División de Permisos Ambientales del NYSDEC es responsable de la revisión y emisión del permiso requerido. Los comentarios durante el período de comentarios públicos (las fechas deben ser definidas) deben enviarse por escrito al NYSDEC, División de Permisos Ambientales, 1 Hunters Point Plaza, 47-40 21st Street, Long Island City, NY 11101 o por correo electrónico a: [dep.r2@dec.ny.gov](mailto:dep.r2@dec.ny.gov).