



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

September 9, 2026

Naomi Smith

Coffeeloover9935@yahoo.com

RE: **Freedom of Information Act Request, dated August 11, 2026**

PETITION NO. 1719 – SMART Technology Systems, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the construction, maintenance and operation of a 45-megawatt trash-to-energy electric generating facility and associated equipment on six parcels (Parcel Nos. 007-053A-0045, 007-053A-0042, 007-053A-0043, 007-053A-0041, 008-053A-0147, and 008-053A-0134) owned by O&G Industries, Inc. located east of Black Hill Road (State Route 14) and west of the Providence and Worcester Railroad right-of-way, Plainfield, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection.

Dear Naomi Smith:

This letter and the attached records are submitted in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of the Connecticut Siting Council (Council), dated August 11, 2026, requesting production of copies of the following:

1. All correspondence between the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) and SMART Technology Systems, LLC concerning the proposed Plainfield facility. **No records.**
2. All correspondence between the Council and O&G Industries, Inc. concerning the proposed Plainfield facility. **No records.**
3. All correspondence between the Council and Pullman & Comley, LLC concerning the proposed facility. **The following records that are not posted on the Council's website are attached:**
 - May 5, 2026 email correspondence between Council Executive Director Melanie Bachman (Bachman), Kathryn E. Boucher (Boucher) and Lee D. Hoffman (Hoffman) of Pullman & Comley, LLC re Freedom of Information Act request from Brian Fleming (Fleming) of Suisman Shapiro re the proposed facility
 - August 7, 2026 email correspondence to the Council's office from Boucher copying Hoffman and Liana Feinn (Feinn) of Pullman & Comley, LLC re submission of electronic and hard copies of the petition for the proposed facility
 - August 11, 2026 email correspondence to the Council's office from Boucher copying Hoffman re tables associated with the petition for the proposed facility
4. All correspondence involving Lee D. Hoffman concerning the proposed facility. **The following records that are not posted on the Council's website are attached:**
 - May 4, 2025 email correspondence between Bachman and Hoffman re inquiry from David Sugarman about the proposed facility
 - March 19, 2026 email correspondence from Hoffman to Bachman re pre-application meeting about the proposed facility

- July 28, 2026 email correspondence from Bachman to Council office re submission of the petition for the proposed facility
5. All communications between any Council member and SMART Technology Systems, O&G Industries, Pullman & Comley, Lee D. Hoffman, or any known representative of those entities concerning the proposed Plainfield facility. **No records.**
 6. All calendars, meeting records, appointment records, telephone logs, visitor records, or other records documenting meetings or communications between Council members and representatives of SMART, O&G Industries, Pullman & Comley, or Lee D. Hoffman concerning the proposed facility. **No records.**
 7. All records concerning whether the Council has received, reviewed, or anticipated receiving an application, petition, request for declaratory ruling, or other filing concerning the proposed SMART facility. **The following records that are not posted on the Council's website are attached:**
 - May 9, 2025 email correspondence between Bachman and Karla Desjardins re intervenor status in anticipation of receiving a filing
 - January 29, 2026 email correspondence between Bachman and Christopher Zavagnin, Legislative Analyst re whether a filing has been submitted
 - April 7, 2026 email correspondence to Bachman from Council Siting Analyst Michael Perrone (Perrone) re reporter inquiry whether a filing has been submitted
 - June 9, 2026 email correspondence between Council Fiscal Administrative Assistant, Dakota LaFountain (LaFountain) and Fleming re whether a filing has been submitted
 - July 15, 2026 email correspondence between Bachman and Cadie Vernon re whether a filing has been submitted
 - July 17, 2026 email correspondence between Bachman and Luke Hajdasz, WFSB TV 3 (Hajdasz) re status of petition filing
 - August 5, 2026 email correspondence between Bachman and Perrone re anticipated receipt of petition filing
 8. All communications concerning whether the proposed SMART facility falls within the jurisdiction of the Connecticut Siting Council. **No records.**
 9. All communications concerning the possible assignment of a docket, petition number, or other proceeding relating to the SMART project. **The following records that are not posted on the Council's website are attached:**
 - August 7, 2026 email correspondence between Bachman, LaFountain, Perrone and Council Siting Analyst Robert Mercier re assignment of petition number and petition schedule
 - August 10, 2026 email correspondence between Bachman, LaFountain, Perrone and Supervising Siting Analyst Christina Walsh re letter to the Town of Plainfield about Council receipt of the petition
 10. All records concerning actual or potential conflicts of interest, recusals, disclosures, or participation issues involving any Council member in connection with SMART, O&G Industries, Pullman & Comley, Lee D. Hoffman, or the proposed Plainfield facility. **No records.**
 11. All written ethics advice, memoranda, correspondence, or other records concerning whether any Council member may participate in a future proceeding involving SMART, O&G Industries, or the proposed Plainfield facility. **No records.**

12. All communications between the Council and the Connecticut Office of State Ethics concerning any Council member's potential participation in a proceeding involving SMART, O&G Industries, Pullman & Comley, or the proposed Plainfield facility. **No records.**
13. All communications between the Council and the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection concerning the proposed SMART facility and the anticipated role of the Siting Council. **No records.**
14. All communications between the Council and the Connecticut Business & Industry Association concerning SMART Technology Systems, O&G Industries, waste-to-energy facilities, municipal solid waste, or the proposed Plainfield facility. **No records.**
15. Any records identifying a Council member who has disclosed an actual, potential, or apparent conflict concerning the proposed SMART facility. **No records.**
16. Any written recusal, participation, or conflict-of-interest determinations concerning a Council member and the proposed SMART facility. **No records.**
17. Any records concerning communications between Council members and representatives of CBIA concerning the proposed SMART facility or waste-to-energy policy in Connecticut. **No records.**

Records of public comments received by the Council before and after Petition No. 1719 was submitted within the timeframe of your FOIA request are available at these links:

[Unknown Plainfield Public Comments](#)
[Petition No. 1719 Public Comments \(up to and including August 11, 2026\)](#)

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

MAB/dll

c: Service List, dated August 10, 2026

From: Hoffman, Lee D. <lhoffman@pullcom.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2026 3:12 PM
To: Bachman, Melanie <Melanie.Bachman@ct.gov>; Boucher, Kathryn E. <keboucher@pullcom.com>
Subject: RE: Petition for Declaratory Ruling - SMART Technology System

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As we are both well aware.

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From: Bachman, Melanie <Melanie.Bachman@ct.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2026 2:34 PM
To: Hoffman, Lee D. <lhoffman@pullcom.com>; Boucher, Kathryn E. <keboucher@pullcom.com>
Subject: RE: Petition for Declaratory Ruling - SMART Technology System

Good afternoon.

Thanks for the intel.

We don't just put anyone on our service lists upon request. **Only** parties and intervenors. Anyone else is capable of navigating our user-friendly website when it works. Also, we send a special letter to the host municipality when a petition is received seeking comments.

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From: Hoffman, Lee D. <lhoffman@pullcom.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2026 2:22 PM
To: Boucher, Kathryn E. <keboucher@pullcom.com>; Bachman, Melanie <Melanie.Bachman@ct.gov>
Subject: RE: Petition for Declaratory Ruling - SMART Technology System

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We did, however, send out the abutter notices for the project, which clearly the Town has received. Also please be aware that the petition will be a lengthy one.

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From: Boucher, Kathryn E. <keboucher@pullcom.com>

Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2026 2:17 PM

To: Bachman, Melanie <Melanie.Bachman@ct.gov>; Hoffman, Lee D. <lhoffman@pullcom.com>

Subject: RE: Petition for Declaratory Ruling - SMART Technology System

Thanks Melanie. For your awareness, we are hoping to file later this week (targeting Thursday at the moment). We will confirm as it gets closer.

Kathryn E. Boucher, Attorney (She/Her/Hers)
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From: Bachman, Melanie <Melanie.Bachman@ct.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2026 2:15 PM

To: Boucher, Kathryn E. <keboucher@pullcom.com>; Hoffman, Lee D. <lhoffman@pullcom.com>

Subject: FW: Petition for Declaratory Ruling - SMART Technology System

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From: Brian Fleming <BFleming@sswbagg.com>

Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2026 2:13 PM

To: CSC-DL Siting Council <Siting.Council@ct.gov>

Cc: Martha Singer <MSinger@sswbagg.com>; Nicole Burgon <nburgon@sswbagg.com>

Subject: Petition for Declaratory Ruling - SMART Technology System

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Good afternoon,

I am writing on behalf of the Town of Plainfield regarding a Petition for Declaratory Ruling recently submitted by SMART Technology Systems regarding the proposed development of a municipal waste facility in Plainfield.

The Town has a direct and ongoing interest in this matter and respectfully requests to be added to the service list for this proceeding so that we may receive all filings and updates related to the petition. Accordingly, the Town intends to submit a motion for intervention pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes, Section 22a-19.

Could you please provide the docket number associated with the petition? If it is still pending docket assignment, we would appreciate confirmation once the petition is formally docketed.

Please let me know if any additional information is required to facilitate this request.

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Paralegal

Suisman Shapiro

Attorneys At Law

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Fax: 860-442-0495

From: Boucher, Kathryn E. <keboucher@pullcom.com>
Sent: Friday, August 7, 2026 2:01 PM
To: Bachman, Melanie <Melanie.Bachman@ct.gov>; CSC-DL Siting Council <Siting.Council@ct.gov>
Cc: Hoffman, Lee D. <lhoffman@pullcom.com>; Feinn, Liana <lfeinn@pullcom.com>;
manager@smartmswprocessing.com; dtalbot@plainfieldct.org
Subject: SMART Technology Systems, LLC - Connecticut Siting Council Petition Filing

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Good afternoon Executive Director Bachman:

Attached please find a cover letter for a Petition for Declaratory Ruling filed by SMART Technology Systems, LLC for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 45-megawatt electric generation and municipal waste recycling management facility and associated interconnection located between Norwich and Black Hill Roads in Plainfield, Connecticut.

Electronic copies of the Petition, including related appendices and figures, due to their size, are available for download at this link: <https://pullcom.sharefile.com/d-se4733a3f47934455a062447427b1dcf0>. Please let me know if you have any issues accessing the files.

Hard copies will be delivered to the Council's offices later today. Please contact me or Lee Hoffman of this office if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Best,

Kate Boucher

Kathryn E. Boucher (She/Her/Hers)
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From: Boucher, Kathryn E. <keboucher@pullcom.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2026 6:34 PM
To: Bachman, Melanie <Melanie.Bachman@ct.gov>; Fontaine, Lisa <Lisa.Fontaine@ct.gov>
Cc: Hoffman, Lee D. <lhoffman@pullcom.com>
Subject: Petition 1719 - Tables

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Executive Director Bachman:

Please find attached the electronic version of the Tables that were filed with the SMART Technology, LLC Petition on Friday in hard copy. They were inadvertently not included in the electronic filing, and are thus not on the Council's Petition 1719 webpage. Could you please include the attached in the electronic filing as well?

Thank you for your assistance. Please let me know if we can answer any questions that you may have.

Best,

Kate

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From: Hoffman, Lee D. <LHoffman@PULLCOM.COM>
Sent: Sunday, May 4, 2025 10:46 AM
To: Bachman, Melanie <Melanie.Bachman@ct.gov>
Subject: Re: Waste Processing Plant in Plainfield CT

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Yes. We have applied for a DEEP air permit and are in the process of applying for a waste permit. The environmental justice meeting will be held on May 7th

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From: Bachman, Melanie <Melanie.Bachman@ct.gov>
Sent: Sunday, May 4, 2025 10:10:00 AM
To: Hoffman, Lee D. <LHoffman@PULLCOM.COM>
Subject: Fw: Waste Processing Plant in Plainfield CT

Good morning.

FYI - is this yours?

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From: David Sugarman <david.b.sugarman@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 4, 2025 9:29:26 AM
To: CSC-DL Siting Council <Siting.Council@ct.gov>
Subject: Waste Processing Plant in Plainfield CT

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Good day, CT Siting Council,

Recently it has come to Plainfield's attention that SMART Technology has proposed to build a waste processing plant in the Central Village area of the town. Given that the Connecticut Siting Council is the decision maker regarding the location of these types of projects, I searched your database for information regarding Smart Technology's application and associated documentation or your final determination.

Your website notes that there is often delay in posting documents, I was hoping that all relevant information regarding this issue would be emailed to me. The town is having a meeting regarding this project in the upcoming week and this information would aid in our understanding of this process and proposal.

Best,

Dave Sugarman

David.b.sugarman@gmail.com

From: Hoffman, Lee D. <LHoffman@PULLCOM.COM>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2026 10:34 AM
To: Bachman, Melanie <Melanie.Bachman@ct.gov>
Cc: William J. Corvo (Biagio6539@aol.com) <Biagio6539@aol.com>; rickaudette@ogind.com;
Anthony Criscuola <anthonycriscuola@ogind.com>; Matthew (Matt) O. Tobin
<matttobin@ogind.com>; Boucher, Kathryn E. <keboucher@pullcom.com>
Subject: Pre-application meeting

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Ms. Bachman,

Thank you for agreeing to meet with representatives of Smart Technology Systems, LLC to discuss Smart's upcoming project in Plainfield. This e-mail will confirm a meeting for Tuesday, March 24th at 2 pm. The call details are below. I will also send you a calendar invite so you have it there.

Should you have any questions, or if this time no longer works for you, please let me know.

Regards,
Lee

Lee Hoffman (he/him) is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: My Meeting
Time: Mar 24, 2026 02:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Meeting ID: 868 6079 2116
Password: 385615

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://pullcom.zoom.us/j/86860792116?pwd=dDIYNUUu47pLQIUGwY5lTEYCAgwKSvZ.1>

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Password: 385615
Find your local number: <https://pullcom.zoom.us/u/kBT63XwJI>

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[86860792116@206.247.11.121](tel:86860792116@206.247.11.121) (US East)

Join by H.323

144.195.19.161 (US West)

206.247.11.121 (US East)

Meeting ID: 868 6079 2116

Password: 385615

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From: Bachman, Melanie
Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2026 12:21 PM
To: CSC-DL Siting Council <Siting.Council@ct.gov>
Subject: INCOMING
Importance: High

Good afternoon.

Hoffman called to say the trash to energy petition, amounting to approximately 10 copy boxes of documents, may come in at the end of this week or the beginning of next week. I'm sure Kurt will call Lisa.

Given the timing, perhaps P1714/Old Velvet/North Haven should be reassigned since Mike gets the trash to energy chicken dinner.

Thanks.

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From: Karla Desjardins <ksquared2199@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 9, 2025 7:32 PM
To: Bachman, Melanie <Melanie.Bachman@ct.gov>
Cc: CSC-DL Siting Council <Siting.Council@ct.gov>
Subject: Re: Intervenor status inquiry

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Thank you for the super speedy reply and the weekend homework ;-)

I appreciate it! Have a great weekend.

Karla

> On May 9, 2025, at 4:24 PM, Bachman, Melanie <Melanie.Bachman@ct.gov> wrote:
>
> Good Afternoon,
>
> Thank you for your email.
>
> We maintain a public participation page on our website that contains information guides and forms to become a party or intervenor at this link: <https://portal.ct.gov/csc/public-participation/public-participation/public-participation-information-links>
>
> Also, here is a link to our Citizens Guide to Siting Council Procedures for an Application for an Electric Generating Facility: https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/csc/public-participation/guides/1024citizensguidetositingcouncilproceduresgenandstoragefacility_a.pdf?rev=2c076e9cb9a844fca246f174f22fd9e7&hash=429409ACF9E2BA553F5E8DB76C570FDB
>
> After reviewing the information, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at your convenience.
>
> Thanks. Have a nice weekend, also.
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Karla Desjardins <ksquared2199@hotmail.com>
> Sent: Friday, May 9, 2025 1:46 PM
> To: CSC-DL Siting Council <Siting.Council@ct.gov>
> Subject: Intervenor status inquiry
>
> EXTERNAL EMAIL: This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.
>
> Good afternoon,
>
> My name is Karla Desjardins and I am the chairman of the Plainfield planning and zoning commission.
>

> I understand the application for the trash to energy plant in Plainfield has not been submitted yet. However I wanted to get information on how to become an intervening party and also better understand the siting councils public hearing process to ensure Plainfield and the surround community residents have opportunity to address the council directly.

>

> Thank you for your assistance in understanding this process! Have a great day and a wonderful weekend.

>

> Karla Desjardins

> 860-608-4175

From: Perrone, Michael <Michael.Perrone@ct.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2026 12:58 PM
To: Bachman, Melanie <Melanie.Bachman@ct.gov>
Subject: Phone Message

Hi Mel.

Received a voicemail.

Connor Linsky, reporter from Norwich Bulletin

Has questions about proposed Trash to Energy Plant in Plainfield.

860-951-1537.

Thanks

Mike

From: Zavagnin, Christopher <Christopher.Zavagnin@cga.ct.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 29, 2026 11:01 AM
To: Bachman, Melanie <Melanie.Bachman@ct.gov>
Subject: RE: Plainfield Trash to Energy Plant

Thank you!



Christopher Zavagnin
Legislative Analyst

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Phone: (860) 240-8835 **Mobile:** (860) 601-1075

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From: Bachman, Melanie <Melanie.Bachman@ct.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 29, 2026 11:00 AM
To: Zavagnin, Christopher <Christopher.Zavagnin@cga.ct.gov>
Subject: RE: Plainfield Trash to Energy Plant

Good morning, Chris.

We have not received an application for the trash to energy facility in Plainfield yet. Sorry that I can't be more helpful.

Thanks. Have a great day.

Melanie

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From: Zavagnin, Christopher <Christopher.Zavagnin@cga.ct.gov>

Sent: Thursday, January 29, 2026 10:46 AM

To: Bachman, Melanie <Melanie.Bachman@ct.gov>

Subject: Plainfield Trash to Energy Plant

Hi Melanie,

Where in the process is the proposed trash to energy plant in Plainfield in the Siting Council process? Is there an application, in front of the Siting Council yet?

Thank you

Chris



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From: LaFountain, Dakota <Dakota.LaFountain@ct.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 3:18 PM
To: Brian Fleming <BFleming@sswbgg.com>; CSC-DL Siting Council <Siting.Council@ct.gov>
Cc: Martha Singer <MSinger@sswbgg.com>; Nicole Burgon <nburgon@sswbgg.com>
Subject: Re: Request for Confirmation of Petition for Declaratory Ruling Filing (SMART Tech / TRC Environmental Corp.)

Good Afternoon,

The Connecticut Siting Council has not received a petition for a declaratory ruling for a facility located in the Town of Plainfield from SMART Tech/SMART Technologies, TRC Environmental Corporation, or any related entities.

Please note that if the Council receives a petition for this facility, you can view all of the documents related to the petition on our website at <https://portal.ct.gov/csc> under the "Pending Matters" link.

You may also keep apprised of Council events on the website calendar and meeting agenda.

Thank you,

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From: Brian Fleming <BFleming@sswbgg.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 2:44 PM
To: CSC-DL Siting Council <Siting.Council@ct.gov>
Cc: Martha Singer <MSinger@sswbgg.com>; Nicole Burgon <nburgon@sswbgg.com>
Subject: Request for Confirmation of Petition for Declaratory Ruling Filing (SMART Tech / TRC Environmental Corp.)

Good afternoon,

I am writing on behalf of Attorney Singer to request assistance in determining whether any Petition for Declaratory Ruling, application, or other filing has been submitted to the Connecticut Siting Council involving the following entities in the Town of Plainfield:

- SMART Tech / SMART Technologies (or related entities)
- TRC Environmental Corporation (or affiliated entities)

If a filing exists, we respectfully request confirmation of:

- Petition or docket number
- Date of filing
- Current procedural status

If no such filing exists in the Council's records, we would appreciate confirmation of that as well for due diligence purposes.

If the matter may be indexed under a different legal entity name, project name, or applicant variation, we would be grateful for any guidance that may assist in identifying the correct record.

Thank you for your time and assistance.

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From: Bachman, Melanie <Melanie.Bachman@ct.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2026 8:38 AM
To: Cadie Coderre <cadie.a.c@gmail.com>; James, Cheyenne <Cheyenne.James@ct.gov>
Cc: CSC-DL Siting Council <Siting.Council@ct.gov>; Anne.Dauphinais@housegop.ct.gov
Subject: RE: Petition of Trash Incinerator - Plainfield, CT

Good morning.

Our July 10, 2026 response to your July 9, 2026 comment letter, a copy of which is attached, is accurate.

The CT Siting Council has not received a petition for a declaratory ruling for a trash to energy electric generating facility in Plainfield.

Thank you.

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From: Cadie Coderre <cadie.a.c@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2026 7:24 AM
To: James, Cheyenne <Cheyenne.James@ct.gov>
Cc: CSC-DL Siting Council <Siting.Council@ct.gov>; Anne.Dauphinais@housegop.ct.gov
Subject: Re: Petition of Trash Incinerator - Plainfield, CT

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Good morning,

Thank you for the prompt response. However, the attach letter response seems to be inaccurate. I attached the petition to my original email via link and a document of over 1,000 signatures.

Please let me know that you received the document and accessed the link.

Thank you,
Cadie Vernon

On Fri, Jul 10, 2026 at 9:25 AM James, Cheyenne <Cheyenne.James@ct.gov> wrote:

Good morning,

Please see the attached correspondence.

Thank you.

Cheyenne James | Clerk

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From: Cadie Coderre <cadie.a.c@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2026 12:56 PM

To: CSC-DL Siting Council <Siting.Council@ct.gov>

Cc: Anne.Dauphinais@housegop.ct.gov

Subject: Petition of Trash Incinerator - Plainfield, CT

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Good afternoon,

I hope this email finds you well. I am writing on behalf of many concerned citizens of Plainfield, Connecticut, to express our strong opposition to the proposed project for the construction, installation, enlargement, and establishment of a facility designed to recycle municipal solid waste (MSW) into refuse-derived fuel (RDF), which will also produce electricity and recycled commodities. This facility is slated to handle approximately 1,800 tons per day of MSW and generate around 45 megawatts of electric power. While we understand the need for innovative solutions to waste management and renewable energy production, we firmly believe that this project will have severe negative consequences for our community and the broader region.

Plainfield is a town that has long prided itself on its rural charm and quiet, peaceful environment. We have long been known as the "Quiet Corner" of Connecticut, a nickname that reflects our commitment to preserving the tranquil, residential, and agricultural nature of our area. However, the proposed facility represents a significant shift in the character of our community, transforming it into an industrial hub that we did not sign up for. Plainfield is already experiencing a dramatic increase in industrialization with the construction of the ULINE and Amazon warehouses, as well Plainfield Renewable Energy (PRE) – a facility that repurposes wood to energy with a staged gasification system. The addition of another large-scale industrial facility, especially one that processes waste materials on such a massive scale, would be an undue burden on our town.

There are several key concerns that we, as residents, believe should be taken into account when considering this project:

1. Environmental and Health Risks: The construction and operation of this facility will bring with it a variety of environmental and health risks. The gasification system, anaerobic digester, and other components of the plant could produce air, water, and soil pollution. In addition, the emissions from burning refuse-derived fuel (RDF) could potentially release harmful pollutants into the air, which would significantly affect the quality of life for Plainfield's residents and the wetlands of our local area. We are also deeply concerned about the potential for increased traffic and truck emissions, which will further degrade the air quality and contribute to congestion. Equally troubling is the threat to the bald eagle population that calls this area home. These majestic birds, symbols of our national heritage, rely on clean waterways and abundant fish populations—resources that are directly jeopardized by industrial pollutants.

a. **Plainfield Aquifer** - "The regulations restrict development of new land use activities that use, store, handle or dispose of hazardous materials and require existing uses of this type to register with either the DEEP or the local Aquifer Protection Agency." (DEEP) The proposed site is just a stone throw away from the Plainfield aquifer which would drastically affect the health of the 15,000+ community.

b. **Quinebaug Fish Hatchery** - Within a couple miles radius is responsible for the majority of the state's trout. This facility located on nearly 2,000 acres has 14 wells producing 5,000 gal of water per minute necessary for fish production could be detrimental for the stringent quality checks on these fish. The potential threats include; water contamination via airborne pollution, thermal pollution, ecological imbalance, reputation and regulatory risk.

2. **Negative Impact on Property Values:** The introduction of this industrial facility would likely result in a decrease in property values for local homeowners. Plainfield is a community that has, until now, maintained its appeal due to its rural character. This project threatens to undermine that and make the area less desirable for potential buyers, thereby reducing the overall quality of life for the people who have chosen to live here.

3. **Increased Industrialization of the Town:** As previously mentioned, Plainfield is already experiencing a heavy increase in industrial development. Between the Amazon and ULINE warehouses, PRE, and the potential RDF facility, our town is quickly transforming from a rural community into a heavily industrialized area. The infrastructure of Plainfield was not designed to accommodate such a rapid shift in the type of development, and many residents fear that we will no longer be able to enjoy the quiet, suburban lifestyle that has attracted us to Plainfield in the first place.

4. **Lack of Community Support:** The overwhelming majority of residents in Plainfield do not support the construction of this RDF facility. We believe that the voices of the people who live here must be heard, and that the concerns of our community should take precedence over industrial interests. We are not opposed to progress or innovation, but we do not believe that this facility is in alignment with the values and needs of our community.

For all these reasons, we respectfully request that you reconsider the approval of this project and take into account the negative consequences it will have on the residents of Plainfield, the environment, and the future character of our town. We are proud to be part of a community that has always been known for its natural beauty and peaceful atmosphere, and we do not want to see that threatened by the rapid industrialization of our area.

We trust that you will consider our concerns carefully and take the necessary steps to preserve the integrity of Plainfield for future generations.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter. We look forward to your response and are hopeful that you will take the necessary steps to ensure that the voices of the people of Plainfield are heard. Please see attached petition for the rejection of this facility.

Best,
Cadie Vernon

<https://c.org/8qJTrZ9M2>

From: Bachman, Melanie
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2026 4:29 PM
To: 'Luke Hajdasz' <Luke.Hajdasz@wfsb.com>
Subject: RE: WFSB Inquiry - Plainfield Trash Plant

Good afternoon, Luke.

You're welcome. Please educate those who believe we have jurisdiction over data centers.

We have not received an application or a petition for a declaratory ruling for a trash to energy facility in Plainfield.

The Council review process for any application or petition for a declaratory ruling for a jurisdictional facility is to balance the public benefit of a facility with potential effects on the natural environment, ecological balance, public health and safety, scenic, historic and recreational values, agriculture, forest and parks, air and water purity, and fish, aquaculture and wildlife.

I hope this is helpful.

Thanks. Have a nice weekend.

Melanie

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From: Luke Hajdasz <Luke.Hajdasz@wfsb.com>
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2026 11:00 AM
To: Bachman, Melanie <Melanie.Bachman@ct.gov>
Subject: WFSB Inquiry - Plainfield Trash Plant

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Good Afternoon Melanie,

Luke here from Channel 3 again. Thanks for your help the other day on the data center question.

Working today on a story about the proposed trash plant in Plainfield.
Wondering what the status is currently with this proposal in regards to the Siting Council and what the process for approval/denial would look like.

Thank you!

Luke



Luke Hajdasz | New London Bureau Chief

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From: Perrone, Michael <Michael.Perrone@ct.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, August 5, 2026 8:42 AM
To: Bachman, Melanie <Melanie.Bachman@ct.gov>; CSC-DL Siting Council <Siting.Council@ct.gov>
Subject: RE: Courant: Plainfield Website Targets Trash Plant

Absolutely. Thanks.

From: Bachman, Melanie <Melanie.Bachman@ct.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, August 5, 2026 8:21 AM
To: CSC-DL Siting Council <Siting.Council@ct.gov>
Subject: FW: Courant: Plainfield Website Targets Trash Plant

Do you still want to take this one, Mike? 😊

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Subject: Fw: Courant: Plainfield Website Targets Trash Plant

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From: Mercier, Robert <Robert.Mercier@ct.gov>
Sent: Friday, August 7, 2026 4:23 PM
To: Bachman, Melanie <Melanie.Bachman@ct.gov>; Perrone, Michael <Michael.Perrone@ct.gov>; LaFountain, Dakota <Dakota.LaFountain@ct.gov>; CSC-DL Siting Council <Siting.Council@ct.gov>
Subject: Re: SMART Technology Systems, LLC - Connecticut Siting Council Petition Filing

I have no comments

From: Bachman, Melanie <Melanie.Bachman@ct.gov>
Sent: Friday, August 7, 2026 4:20 PM
To: Perrone, Michael <Michael.Perrone@ct.gov>; Mercier, Robert <Robert.Mercier@ct.gov>; LaFountain, Dakota <Dakota.LaFountain@ct.gov>; CSC-DL Siting Council <Siting.Council@ct.gov>
Subject: RE: SMART Technology Systems, LLC - Connecticut Siting Council Petition Filing

Excellent. Thanks, Mike. The only advantage to receiving two petitions on the same date is the identical schedules, as long as one of them is not a small wireless facility with a 60 or 90-day decision deadline.

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From: Perrone, Michael <Michael.Perrone@ct.gov>
Sent: Friday, August 7, 2026 4:16 PM
To: Mercier, Robert <Robert.Mercier@ct.gov>; Bachman, Melanie <Melanie.Bachman@ct.gov>; LaFountain, Dakota <Dakota.LaFountain@ct.gov>; CSC-DL Siting Council <Siting.Council@ct.gov>
Subject: RE: SMART Technology Systems, LLC - Connecticut Siting Council Petition Filing

Good Afternoon.

Schedule looks good.

Very minor suggestions to blurb.

Thanks.

Mike

From: Bachman, Melanie <Melanie.Bachman@ct.gov>
Sent: Friday, August 7, 2026 3:53 PM
To: LaFountain, Dakota <Dakota.LaFountain@ct.gov>; CSC-DL Siting Council <Siting.Council@ct.gov>
Subject: RE: SMART Technology Systems, LLC - Connecticut Siting Council Petition Filing

I made a blurb and a schedule for Mike and Bob to review. There is a railroad to the east, Mike, so I looked up the owner and it's Providence and Worcester.

Also, I used the term "trash to energy" because that is the defined term in the Class II Renewable statute. Thanks.

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Sent: Friday, August 7, 2026 2:46 PM
To: CSC-DL Siting Council <Siting.Council@ct.gov>
Subject: Fw: SMART Technology Systems, LLC - Connecticut Siting Council Petition Filing

This also arrived - PE1719.
Added to mail list

From: Boucher, Kathryn E. <keboucher@pullcom.com>
Sent: Friday, August 7, 2026 2:00 PM
To: Bachman, Melanie <Melanie.Bachman@ct.gov>; CSC-DL Siting Council <Siting.Council@ct.gov>
Cc: Hoffman, Lee D. <lhoffman@pullcom.com>; Feinn, Liana <lfeinn@pullcom.com>;
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Subject: SMART Technology Systems, LLC - Connecticut Siting Council Petition Filing

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Good afternoon Executive Director Bachman:

Attached please find a cover letter for a Petition for Declaratory Ruling filed by SMART Technology Systems, LLC for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 45-megawatt electric generation and municipal waste recycling management facility and associated interconnection located between Norwich and Black Hill Roads in Plainfield, Connecticut.

Electronic copies of the Petition, including related appendices and figures, due to their size, are available for download at this link: <https://pullcom.sharefile.com/d-se4733a3f47934455a062447427b1dcf0>. Please let me know if you have any issues accessing the files.

Hard copies will be delivered to the Council's offices later today. Please contact me or Lee Hoffman of this office if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Best,

Kate Boucher

Kathryn E. Boucher (She/Her/Hers)
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To: Walsh, Christina <Christina.Walsh@ct.gov>
Cc: Perrone, Michael <Michael.Perrone@ct.gov>; LaFountain, Dakota <Dakota.LaFountain@ct.gov>
Subject: RE: Draft PE1719

Good morning.

I made one additional edit in red to remove a repeated "electric." Everything else is good to go with the edits Mike made. Thanks.

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Sent: Monday, August 10, 2026 10:04 AM
To: Bachman, Melanie <Melanie.Bachman@ct.gov>
Cc: Perrone, Michael <Michael.Perrone@ct.gov>; LaFountain, Dakota <Dakota.LaFountain@ct.gov>
Subject: Fw: Draft PE1719

Good morning.

Attached are the initial documents for review. Mike made changes to the town letter. There are still pink highlights in the blurb on the schedule too.

Thanks.

From: Perrone, Michael <Michael.Perrone@ct.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2026 9:45 AM
To: Walsh, Christina <Christina.Walsh@ct.gov>
Cc: LaFountain, Dakota <Dakota.LaFountain@ct.gov>
Subject: FW: Draft PE1719

Good Morning.

Suggestions in pink and red to Town Letter.

Thanks.

Mike

From: LaFountain, Dakota <Dakota.LaFountain@ct.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2026 9:06 AM
To: Walsh, Christina <Christina.Walsh@ct.gov>
Cc: Perrone, Michael <Michael.Perrone@ct.gov>
Subject: Draft PE1719

For review/edit.