

## **ASHLAND LLC OF KNOXVILLE SUBMITS CORRECTIVE ACTION PERMIT RENEWAL APPLICATION**

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) Division of Solid Waste Management (DSWM) received Part A and Part B hazardous waste management permit applications from Ashland LLC for the former Ashland Distribution facility in Knoxville on April 9, 2020. This facility (EPA ID TNR000039420) is located in Knox County at 5263 National Drive, Knoxville, TN 37914.

The current permit, TNHW-146, was issued on September 29, 2010 and is effective for ten years. Because the facility submitted their Part B renewal application before the current permit is set to expire on September 29, 2020, Tennessee Hazardous Waste Management Regulations allow the facility to continue to operate under the current permit until another permit is issued or denied.

Operations at the site began in 1978 and included the distribution and repackaging of industrial chemicals and solvents. On April 1, 2011, Ashland sold this facility to Nexeo Solutions, LLC. On March 1, 2019, the Knoxville Facility, was transferred to Univar Solutions USA Inc. Ashland retains the corrective action permit along with remediation obligations associated with the solid waste management units (SWMUs) and the areas of concern (AOCs).

TNHW-146 is only for corrective action of SWMUs and AOCs. Investigation data indicated that incidental spills and releases from historical operations have impacted soil and the underlying aquifers. The long-term corrective measures for this site include maintaining institutional controls; operating an on-site groundwater remediation system; maintaining an off-site in-line air sparge system; and, performing sampling and analysis of groundwater and surface water. If renewed, the permit will require the facility to continue these operations and controls.

Though ongoing groundwater remediation at the downgradient property boundary has been successful at limiting off-site migration of contamination, additional remedial action is proposed for the upgradient source area. This will further reduce the migration of groundwater contamination. If the proposal for additional remedial action is accepted, the DSWM will issue a statement of basis (SB) for public comment. The SB will provide the details for the additional remedial actions that will be included as a modification to the final remedy for the site.

Ashland published a public notice on November 15, 2019 inviting the public to attend a pre-application public meeting on December 17, 2019. The purpose of the meeting was to provide information, answer questions, and receive comments concerning the renewal of TNHW-146. No members of the public attended the public meeting. The facility contact person, Ms. Chrissy Piechoski, may be reached at [chrissy.piechoski@ashland.com](mailto:chrissy.piechoski@ashland.com) or at (302) 995-3483.

As set forth in the Regulations, a complete permit application has a Part A and a Part B and must include certain text, drawings, and other information adequate to demonstrate that the facility will comply with the various technical and administrative standards applicable to such a facility. Evaluation of the application involves an in-depth review of the application materials by DSWM staff and subsequent correspondence between DSWM and the facility identifying and correcting any deficiencies in the submitted information.

DSWM will make a tentative decision to either grant or deny the permit and issue either a draft permit or a notice of intent to deny the permit. DSWM will publish a public notice announcing this tentative decision, and the public will have at least 45 days to submit written comments on the draft permit/proposed action or request a public hearing to present their comments. A request for a public hearing requires a significant degree of public interest. The request shall be made in writing, including the contact information of the requestor, and shall state the nature of the issues to be raised at the hearing. After considering the public comments received and making any appropriate revisions, the DSWM Director will issue a final permit decision to either issue or deny the permit. A Response to Comments will also be issued at that time.

Electronic copies of Perma-Fix applications and other facility information are available online at [tn.gov/environment/notices/ashlandknoxville](http://tn.gov/environment/notices/ashlandknoxville) and at the DSWM Central Office on the 14th Floor of the Tennessee Tower, 312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, Nashville, TN 37243 (615-532-0780). Paper copies of the applications are available for public inspection at the Burlington Branch Library, 4614 Asheville Highway, Knoxville TN 37914 (865-525-5431) and at the TDEC Knoxville Environmental Field Office, 3711 Middlebrook Pike, Knoxville, TN 37921 (865-594-6035).

Information, opinions, and inquiries may be directed to Mr. Roger Donovan in DSWM's Central Office, throughout the permit review process: contact him at the TN Tower, 312 Rosa L. Parks Ave, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor, Nashville, TN 37243, call 615-532-0864, fax 615-532-0938, or email [Roger.Donovan@tn.gov](mailto:Roger.Donovan@tn.gov).

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