

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REISSUE HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT PERMIT TO EASTMAN CHEMICAL COMPANY

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) Division of Solid Waste Management (DSWM) has tentatively decided to reissue a hazardous waste combustion permit to Eastman Chemical Company, Tennessee Operations (Eastman). Eastman (EPA ID No. TND003376928) is located in Sullivan County at 100 North Eastman Road, Kingsport, TN 37662. TDEC invites the public to submit comments on this proposal during a 45-day comment period ending on **Monday, June 26, 2023**.

Eastman's current permit, TNHW-131, was issued on January 13, 2007, and was effective for ten years. The facility submitted its permit renewal application to DSWM on July 17, 2016, 180 days before the expiration date of the effective permit which allows Eastman to continue operations under the current permit until a final decision is made on the application. A public notice announcing receipt of the application was published in a local newspaper on August 30, 2016. As part of the pre-application process, the facility conducted a pre-application public meeting on July 7, 2016, as announced in a public notice published on June 6, 2016. No public comments were received at this meeting.

Eastman is a privately-owned manufacturer of chemicals and plastics. Most of the wastes are generated on-site. Some wastes are generated at other sites owned and operated by Eastman. The current permit was issued for seven combustion units consisting of two rotary kiln incinerators designated Hazardous Waste Treatment Unit Number 1 (HWTU-1), a liquid chemical destructor designated Hazardous Waste Treatment Unit Number 2 (HWTU-2), and four solid fuel industrial-fired boilers (Boilers 21, 22, 23, and 24) designated Hazardous Waste Treatment Unit Number 4 (HWTU-4). If renewed, the permit would allow the facility to continue to use the seven combustion units at current capacities.

Based on the review of the application and as authorized pursuant to Tennessee Rule 0400-12-01-07(7), DSWM has determined the application to be complete and has drafted a permit. DSWM proposes to issue the permit under the authority of the Tennessee Hazardous Waste Management Act of 1977, as amended, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-212-101 et seq., and Rule Chapter 0400-12-01, Hazardous Waste Management. In accordance with Rule 0400-12-01-.07(7)(e), this notice requires a 45-day comment period, beginning on the date of this publication. A fact sheet has been prepared that provides additional information about the site and the proposed permit. Pending consideration of any contrary information received, it is the present intent of DSWM to issue this permit. If issued, the permit would be effective for ten years.

A public hearing will be held on June 20, 2023, at East Tennessee State University Allandale Campus, Room 232, located at 1501 University Boulevard in Kingsport, TN, as well as via video teleconference. Information on how to join online is provided below. An information session will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., EDT for the public to inspect and discuss the permit application, draft permit, fact sheet, plans, and other materials with representatives of Eastman and DSWM. The formal hearing will begin at 6:00 p.m., EDT with a presentation from DSWM on the tentative decision to issue the permit followed by a presentation by Eastman describing the activities at the facility. After the presentations, DSWM will receive

oral comments on the draft permit from the public that will be recorded. The public may submit written comments at the meeting.

Those who wish to join the public hearing virtually can do so by using the following link: <https://www.tn.gov/content/tn/environment/notices/eastman/hearing.html>. Information regarding how to join by computer will be posted to this website at least 3 days prior to the public hearing. Online participants will be able to view maps, pictures, and other content that will be shared.

Electronic copies of the draft permit, including the fact sheet, are available online at <https://www.tn.gov/environment/notices/eastman/tnhw131>. Paper copies are available for review at the Kingsport Public Library, 400 Broad Street, Kingsport, TN 37660 (423-229-9489), or the TDEC Johnson City Field Office located at 2305 Silverdale Road Johnson City, TN 37601 (423-854-5400), or the DSWM Central Office located at 312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 14th Floor, Nashville, TN 37243 (615-795-1188).

To comment on the proposed combustion permit renewal, contact Ms. Beverly Philpot, Hazardous Waste Program Manager, located at DSWM's Central Office at the TN Tower, 312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 14th Floor, Nashville, TN 37243, by phone at 615-795-1188, by email at Beverly.Philpot@tn.gov or by fax at 615-532-0938. **Comments must be received by 4:30 p.m. CDT, Monday, June 26, 2023, to assure consideration.**

After considering all comments, DSWM will make a final decision to either issue or deny the permit. Notice will be given to the applicant and each person who has submitted written comments or requested notice of the final decision. At the time of a final permit decision, a Response to Comments addressing all significant input received on the draft permit will be made available to the public. The final decision shall become effective upon signing by the Director of DSWM.

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