

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE INTENT TO MODIFY GALAPAGOS INDUSTRIAL PARK HAZARDOUS WASTE PERMIT

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) Division of Solid Waste Management (DSWM) will conduct a public hearing to receive comments on its draft modification to the Hazardous Waste Permit TNHW-161, as requested by Galapagos Industrial Park (Galapagos). Galapagos (EPA ID No. TND061314803) is located in Hamilton County at 4902 Central Avenue, Chattanooga, TN 37410. TDEC invites the public to submit comments on this proposal during a 45-day comment period ending on **Wednesday, March 1, 2023**.

The public hearing will be held on Wednesday, February 8, 2023, at The Bethlehem Center, 200 W 38th St, Chattanooga, TN 37410, as well as via video teleconference. From 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. EDT, an informational session will be held. The public may inspect and discuss the draft modification, the fact sheet, and other materials with the DSWM and with representatives of the applicant. There will also be an opportunity for comments to be recorded or written and submitted during this time. The formal hearing will begin at 6:00 p.m. First, DSWM will explain its tentative decision to issue the permit. Then the applicant's representative will describe the proposed facility operation. DSWM will then receive oral comments on the draft permit from the public.

Those who wish to join the public hearing virtually can do so by using the following link tn.gov/environment/notices/galapagos/hearing. 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.

The Class 3 Modification will parcel the property into three separate properties. This will include the main plant site (Track 3), the Change House (Track 2), and the Semi Works (Track 1). On Track 3 and Track 2, Galapagos will plug and abandon certain monitoring wells that have had no contamination above relevant action levels in three years or more. On Track 3, Galapagos will also plug and abandon piezometers that are no longer required as part of the monitoring program. Changes to site inspection schedules have been updated to reflect changes within the program as part of this modification.

DSWM has determined that the proposed modifications are protective of human health and the environment. As contamination remains in soil and groundwater, the proposed permit modification requires Galapagos to continue to operate and maintain the groundwater containment and extraction system, as well as maintain controls that will prevent exposure to those contaminants in soil and groundwater. Galapagos will continue long-term care of the former manufacturing facility property, including site security and inspections; restrictions on digging and drilling, groundwater monitoring, and notification of any new releases to the environment.

The permit is proposed to be modified 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(9)(c)5.(iii)(VII) and -.07(7)(e), DSWM is providing a 45-day comment period beginning on the date of this publication and a public hearing to be held on Wednesday, February 8, 2023.

Electronic copies of the draft modification, application, and fact sheet are available online at tn.gov/environment/notices/galapagos 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 may be reviewed at the South Chattanooga Library, 925 W 39th St, Chattanooga, TN 37410 (423-643-7780) and the TDEC

Chattanooga Environmental Field Office, 1301 Riverfront Parkway, Suite #206, Chattanooga, TN 37042 (423-634-5745).

To comment on the proposal, contact Beverly Philpot in DSWM's Central Office at the TN Tower, 312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 14th Floor, Nashville, TN 37243 (615-795-1188), email Beverly.Philpot@tn.gov, or fax 615-532-0938. **Comments must be received by 4:30 p.m. CDT, Wednesday, March 1, 2023, to ensure consideration.**

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

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If it is hard for you to read, speak, or understand English, TDEC may be able to provide translation or interpretation services free of charge. Please contact Janelle Starke at 615-906-2950 for more information.

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