

METALTEK INTERNATIONAL SUBMITS HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT POST-CLOSURE PERMIT RENEWAL APPLICATION

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) Division of Solid Waste Management (DSWM) received a Part A and Part B hazardous waste management permit application from MetalTek International for the renewal of the current hazardous waste post-closure permit (TNHW-154). This facility (EPA ID TND071521884) is located in Hamilton County at 4180 South Creek Road, Chattanooga, TN 37406 (see map).

The current permit, TNHW-154, was issued on September 6, 2013, and is effective for ten (10) years. Because the facility submitted its Part B renewal application at least 180 days before the current permit was set to expire, Tennessee Hazardous Waste Management Regulations allow the facility to continue to operate under the current permit until another permit is issued or denied. If renewed, the permit will allow the facility to continue to operate and maintain the hazardous waste for an additional ten years.

The current permit, TNHW-154, allows the facility to continue post-closure care, monitoring, and maintenance of a closed hazardous waste landfill. The post-closure care requirements include all the provisions necessary for maintaining the vegetated cap and the surrounding security fence. The permit also requires groundwater sampling and analysis of the monitoring wells installed around the unit. Regular inspections and repairs are required to ensure that the landfill, fence, and monitoring wells are maintained in good condition. The facility is required to report annually on all sampling, maintenance, and inspection activities performed at the site.

Solid Waste Management Units (SWMUs) and Areas of Concern (AOCs) at the MetalTek site that were located on the plant site were parceled to form a separate property on November 28, 2018. These SWMUs were listed as no further action. Two SWMUs remain (SWMU 8 the closed landfill and SWMU 9 Drums on Bank). SWMUs 8 and 9 form the regulated closed landfill. There are no other SWMUs or AOCs located at the site. The conditions of TNHW-154 require that any future and existing SWMUs or AOCs be evaluated for potential releases and remediation, as necessary.

Prior to submitting their Part B application on March 10, 2023, the facility held a Pre-Application Public Meeting on March 6, 2023, with a public notice issued on February 2, 2023, as required by Tennessee Rule 0400-12-01-.07(1)(m). There were no attendees from the public at the March 6, 2023, meeting. No written comments were received during the comment period. The public will have another opportunity to comment when DSWM completes its review.

As set forth in the Regulations, a complete permit application, consisting of a Part A and a Part B, 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 renewal 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.

Once it determines the application is complete, 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. Public Notice will be given of this tentative decision, and the public will have at least 45 days to submit written comments on the draft permit/proposed action. A public hearing, if requested, may also be held to receive public comments within this public comment period. After considering the public comments received and making any appropriate revisions, the DSWM director will issue a final permit decision to either issue a final permit or terminate the existing permit. A [Response to Comments](#) will also be issued at that time.

Electronic copies of the application are available online at tn.gov/environment/notices/metaltek 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 are available for review at the DSWM's Chattanooga Field Office, 1301 Riverfront Parkway #206, Chattanooga, TN 37402 (423-634-5745);

Further information on this matter may be obtained by contacting Mr. Paul Arneson, MetalTek International, at 905 East St. Paul Avenue, Waukesha, WI 52188, or by phone at 262-544 7777. Information, opinions, and inquiries may be directed to Ms. Beverly Philpot, Hazardous Waste Program Manager, in DSWM's Central Office throughout the permit review process at the TN Tower, 312 Rosa L. Parks Ave, 14th Floor, Nashville, TN 37243, by phone at 615-795-1188, fax 615-532-0938, or email at Beverly.Philpot@tn.gov.

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