

**NUCLEAR FUEL SERVICES, INC. SUBMITS  
A HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT 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 application from Nuclear Fuel Services, Inc. (NFS) on April 1, 2024, for the renewal of NFS's current hazardous waste permit (TNHW-157). This facility (EPA ID TND003095635) is located in Unicoi County at 1205 Banner Hill Road, Erwin, TN 37650 (see map).

The current permit, TNHW-157, was issued on September 25, 2014, and effective for ten (10) years. Tennessee Hazardous Waste Management Regulations require that the facility submit the permit renewal application at least 180 days before the current permit expires. The facility submitted their Part A and Part B renewal application on April 1, 2024, thus enabling the facility to continue to operate under the current permit until the new 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-157, allows the facility to operate a one hundred and forty (140) cubic yard (28,276 gallons) capacity container storage unit for the management of mixed (hazardous and radioactive) waste located inside Building 310 Warehouse. It authorizes the storage of three types of mixed waste: Lead, Mercury, and Pyridine. The renewal application proposes to continue storage activities for only Lead and Mercury wastes in the same container storage unit.

NFS published a public notice on January 31, 2024, advising that NFS would hold a pre-application public meeting on March 6, 2024, as required by Tennessee Rule 0400-12-01-.07(1)(m). The purpose of the meeting was to provide information, answer questions, and receive comments concerning the permit reissuance. There was 1 attendee from the public included on the sign in sheet from the March 6, 2024, meeting. One oral and seven written comments were received during the comment period. The public will have another opportunity to comment when DSWM completes its review.

The permit renewal application also provides information on all Solid Waste Management Units (SWMUs) and Areas of Concern (AOCs) at the facility, including any previous or ongoing investigations or corrective actions for any releases of hazardous wastes or hazardous constituents. The conditions of this permit will require that any future and existing SWMUs or AOCs be evaluated for potential releases and remediation, as necessary.

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 fully 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 the permit application is determined to be 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/nfs-nor](https://tn.gov/environment/notices/nfs-nor) and at the DSWM Central Office on the 7th Floor of the Davy Crockett Tower, 500 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, TN 37243 (615-532-0780). Paper copies are available for review at DSWM's Johnson City Environmental Field Office, 2305 Silverdale Road, Johnson City, TN 37601-2162 (423-854-5400).

Further information on this matter may be obtained by contacting Mr. Jason Faddis, Environmental Representative, Nuclear Fuel Services, Inc., 423-735-5656. 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 Davy Crockett Tower, 500 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, TN 37243, by phone at 615-795-1188, fax 615-532-0938, or email at [Beverly.Philpot@tn.gov](mailto:Beverly.Philpot@tn.gov).

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