

NOTICE OF INTENT TO RENEW A HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT CORRECTIVE ACTION PERMIT AND UPDATE FINAL REMEDIES FOR THE FORMER ASHLAND DISTRIBUTION FACILITY KNOXVILLE

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) Division of Solid Waste Management (DSWM) proposes to renew a hazardous waste corrective action permit for the former Ashland Distribution (Ashland) Facility, Knoxville. This facility (EPA ID TND095058541) is located in Knox County at 5263 National Drive, Knoxville, TN 37914. DSWM has drafted the renewal permit to update final remedies for several areas of concern (AOCs). DSWM has also prepared a statement of basis which provides justification for the selected remedies. TDEC invites the public to submit comments on this proposal during a 45-day comment period ending on, Monday, November 15, 2021.

Permit TNHW-146 required Ashland to reapply for renewal prior to the current permit's expiration date. Ashland submitted the permit renewal application on April 3, 2020. Because the facility submitted their renewal application at least 180-days before the current permit was set to expire (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. As part of the permitting process, Ashland held a pre-application public meeting on December 17, 2019, as announced in the November 15, 2019, edition of [Knox News-Sentinel](#). No members of the public attended, and no comments were received.

The proposed permit would allow Ashland to continue to perform corrective action for solid waste management units and areas of concern. Ashland will continue to maintain institutional controls, operate an on-site groundwater remediation system, maintain an off-site in-line air sparge system, and perform sampling and analysis of groundwater and surface water.

Ashland will be required to investigate any release of hazardous waste or hazardous constituents discovered at the facility, regardless of the time at which waste was placed in a unit, and to take appropriate corrective action for any such release. Other proposed permit conditions include notification of imminent hazards and compliance with land disposal restrictions and organic air emission standards.

A fact sheet and a revised statement of basis have been prepared that provide additional information about the site and the proposed changes to the final remedy. If renewed, the permit will require the facility to continue monitoring and remediation of groundwater, monitoring surface water, maintaining the air-sparging system, and maintenance of institutional controls.

Based on the review of the renewal application and as authorized pursuant to Tennessee Rule 0400-12-01-.07(7), DSWM determined the application to be complete and has drafted a renewal permit. DSWM proposes to reissue 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 and the opportunity to request a public hearing.

DSWM invites the public to review and submit comments on the draft permit during the 45-day comment period ending on Monday, November 15, 2021. Electronic copies of the draft permit and fact sheet are available online at tn.gov/environment/notices/ashland and 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 draft permit are available for public inspection at the Knox County Public Library, 500 West Church Avenue, Knoxville, TN, 37902 (865-215-8701) and at the TDEC Knoxville Environmental Field Office, 3711 Middlebrook Pike, Knoxville, TN 37921 (865-594-6035).

To comment on the proposed permit renewal or request a public hearing, contact Mr. Roger Donovan in the Hazardous Waste Permitting of DSWM's Central Office at the Tennessee Tower, 312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 14th Floor, Nashville, TN 37243 (615-532-0864), email Roger.Donovan@tn.gov, or fax 615-532-0938. **Comments must be received by 4:30 p.m. CDT, Monday, November 15, 2021, to assure consideration.**

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 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 a final decision is issued, a Response to Comments document 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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