

DIVERSIFIED SCIENTIFIC SERVICES, INC. SUBMITS A HAZARDOUS WASTE 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 renewal applications from Diversified Scientific Services, Inc. (DSSI) on May 3, 2021, for renewal of their current hazardous waste permit (TNHW-150). This facility (EPA ID Number TND982109142) is located in Roane County at 657 Gallaher Road, Kingston, TN 37763. Prior to submitting their renewal application on May 3, 2021, the facility held a Pre-Application Public Meeting on November 19, 2020, with a public notice issued on October 16, 2020, as required by Tennessee Rule 0400-12-01-.07(1)(m). No oral or written comments were received from the public during the meeting. The public will have another opportunity to comment when DSWM completes its review.

The current permit, TNHW-150, allows the facility to store a maximum quantity of 32,907 gallons of mixed waste in containers in three storage buildings (Live Drum Room, Inert Waste Storage Area, and Container Storage Building Unit). The maximum treatment quantity for mixed waste in containers is 18,500 gallons/day and includes the following methods: Neutralization; Solubilization; Liquids Removal/Decanting; Solids Removal/Decanting; Liquids or Solids Transferring (between containers); Liquids or Solids Blending; Chemical Treatment/Filtration (includes precipitation, reduction, pH adjustments, engineered absorbents, and filtration); Debris or Lead Solids Macro/Microencapsulation; Debris Chemical Extraction; Mercury Amalgamation; Gas Adsorption; Deactivation; Mechanical Separation; and Mechanical Compaction. The permit also allows the facility to store a collective maximum quantity of 30,238 gallons and treat a maximum quantity of 40,416 gallons/day of mixed waste in four Liquid Storage Tanks, two Test Tanks, one Waste Feed Surge Tank, and one Solids Liquefaction Tank.

The renewal application proposes continuing operation of the current storage and treatment units. There will be no increase in the storage and treatment capacities.

The current permit, issued on September 30, 2011, was effective for ten years. Tennessee Hazardous Waste Management Regulations require that the facility submit the permit renewal application at least 180 days before the current permit expires. DSSI requested and received an extension to submit their renewal application less than 180 days before the current permit expires. The facility submitted their Part A and Part B renewal applications on May 3, 2021, 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 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 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 a draft permit or a notice of intent to deny the permit. DSWM will publish a public

notice announcing this tentative decision, and the public will have at least 45 days to submit written comments on the draft permit/proposed action or request a public hearing to present their comments. 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 the public comments received and making any appropriate revisions, the DSWM Director will issue a final permit decision to either issue or deny the permit. A Response to Comments will also be issued at that time.

Electronic copies of the permit application are available for review online at tn.gov/environment/notices/dssi-permit-app and the DSWM Central Office, 312 Rosa L Parks Ave, 14th Floor, Nashville TN 37243 (615-532-0780). Electronic copies are also available by request from TDEC Knoxville Environmental Field Office, 3711 Middlebrook Pike, Knoxville, TN 37921 (865-594-6035).

Further information on the application may be obtained by contacting Mr. Richard Devin of DSSI at 865-376-8706. Information, opinions, and inquiries may be directed to Ms. Dilraj Mokha in the DSWM's Central Office, throughout the permit review process: contact her at the DSWM's Central Office, TN Tower, 312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 14th Floor, Nashville, TN 37243, call 615-532-0821, fax 615-532-0938, or email Dilraj.Mokha@tn.gov.

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