

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REISSUE A HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT PERMIT TO EASTMAN CHEMICAL COMPANY, TENNESSEE OPERATIONS

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) Division of Land Protection (DLP)- Waste Management Branch (WBM), has tentatively decided to reissue a hazardous waste permit to Eastman Chemical Company, Tennessee Operations. The Eastman Chemical Company, Tennessee Operations (Eastman) (EPA ID TND003376928), is located in Sullivan County at 100 N Eastman Road, Kingsport, TN 37660.

The facility submitted their Part A and Part B renewal applications on March 17, 2023, thus enabling the facility to continue to operate under the current permit until the new permit is issued or denied. As part of the pre-application process, Eastman conducted a pre-application public meeting on February 21, 2023, as announced in the January 20, 2023, edition of the Kingsport Times News and a radio announcement on January 20, 2023, on FM 98.5 WTFM. There were no attendees from the public at the February 21, 2023, meeting. No verbal comments were received during the Public Meeting, and no written comments were received during the comment period.

The permit allows Eastman to operate eight (8) surface impoundments to store and a landfill to dispose of hazardous waste. The eight (8) surface impoundments with a combined capacity of 130.3 million gallons are used for storage of suspected off-quality effluent from the wastewater treatment system. The landfill is used for the disposal of residues from the Eastman's incineration units, bulk and containerized hazardous and non-hazardous solid waste, and Technology Enhanced Naturally Occurring Radioactive Materials (TENORM). The permit also requires Eastman to maintain groundwater monitoring and corrective action programs.

Based on the review of the application and as authorized pursuant to Tennessee Rule 0400-12-01-.07(7), DLP has determined the application to be complete and has prepared a draft permit. The DLP proposes to issue 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 ending Tuesday, September 22, 2026.** A fact sheet has been prepared that provides additional information about the site and the proposed permit. Pending consideration of any contrary information received, it is the present intent of the DLP to issue this permit. To comment on the proposed permit renewal, contact Brett Harris, DLP-WMB, Hazardous Waste Program Manager, Davy Crockett Tower; 7th Floor; 500 James Robertson Parkway; Nashville, Tennessee 37243 (615) 393-9221, or Brett.Harris@tn.gov.

A copy of the draft permit and fact sheet are available for public inspection at the Kingsport Public Library located at 2101 Fort Henry Dr, Kingsport, TN 37664, and the DLP Central Office located at the Davy Crockett Tower 7th Floor; 500 James Robertson Parkway; Nashville, TN 37243 (615) 532-0780 and at the TDEC Johnson City Environmental Field

Office, 2305 Silverdale DR, TN 37601, (423) 854-5400. Electronic viewing of the draft permit and fact sheet is available at:

<https://www.tn.gov/environment/program-areas/solid-waste/hw/pending-permit-docs.html>.

A public hearing is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 8, 2026**, to provide an additional opportunity for public comments. The public hearing will be held at the Toy F. Reid Employee Center located at 400 South Wilcox DR, Kingsport, TN 37660, as well as via video teleconference. The teleconference link is provided with the electronic documents at the link above. An information session will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. EDT for the public to inspect and discuss the permit application, draft permit, fact sheet, plans, and other materials with representatives of the Eastman and the DLP. The formal hearing will begin at 6:30 p.m., EDT with a presentation from the DLP on the tentative decision to issue the permit followed by a presentation by Eastman describing the activities at the facility. After the presentations, the DLP will receive oral comments on the draft permit from the public that will be recorded. The public may submit written comments at the meeting.

After considering all comments, the DLP 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 the DLP. The renewal permit will allow the facility to continue for ten (10) years.

Individuals with disabilities who wish to participate in these proceedings should contact the DLP Human Resource (HR) liaison Rachel Meredith at (615) 532-0780 or Rachel.E.Meredith@tn.gov or David Ludwig at (423) 229-1689 to discuss any auxiliary aids or services needed to facilitate such participation. Contact may be in person, by writing, telephone, or other means, and should be made no less than 10 working days prior to the event, to allow time to provide such aid or services. Contact the state's Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Coordinator (1-866-253-5827) for further information. Hearing-impaired callers may use the Tennessee Relay Service (1-800-848-0298).

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 (615) 532-0780 for more information.

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Central Office for a Mailing List Request Form. Email Solid.Waste@tn.gov or call (615) 552-8002.

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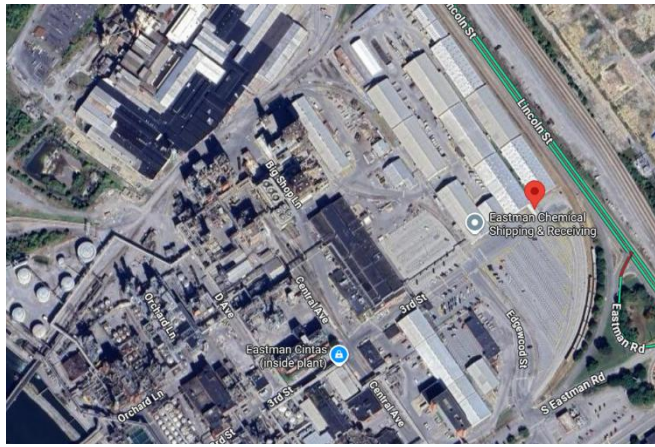


Figure 1 The Eastman Chemical Company
100 N Eastman Road, Kingsport, TN 37660.