

## MILAN ARMY AMMUNITION PLANT SUBMITS HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT 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 Milan Army Ammunition Plant (MLAAP) for the renewal of the current hazardous waste corrective action permit (TNHW-153). The MLAAP is a government-owned, contractor-operated (GOCO) military industrial installation currently operated by American Ordnance LLC (AO). While the installation as a whole is a GOCO site, the permit will reflect the National Guard Bureau as the owner and the United States Army (Army) as the operator of the permit. This facility (EPA ID TN0210020582) is located in Carroll and Gibson Counties, Tennessee, at 2280 Highway 104W, Milan, Tennessee 38358. (see map).

The current permit, TNHW-153, was issued on September 27, 2012. Production at MLAAP ceased, and the facility has been undergoing closure. In 2019, the Secretary of the Army declared the MLAAP mission complete and in excess to the needs of the Army. Since that time, MLAAP has been proceeding with the divestment of the installation. MLAAP historically treated reactive hazardous wastes but has not conducted treatment since 2021. MLAAP's hazardous waste treatment permit, TNHW-153, is proposed to be renewed to conduct closure operations at the former Ammunition Destruction Area.

The permit application has been prepared to reflect MLAAP's intent to permit a miscellaneous thermal treatment unit (MTTU) to complete closure activities at MLAAP's Open Detonation unit, also referred to as the Ammunition Destruction Area (ADA). Originally in permit TNHW-153, there were two MTTUs: an Open Burn (OB) Unit and an Open Detonation (OD) Unit. Both are located within Area W, an area referred to herein as the Waste Management Area (WMA). The OB has been closed and removed from TNHW-153 in accordance with Federal RCRA and Tennessee Rules and will not be included in this permit. The only remaining MTTU to be closed is the OD unit. If the permit application is approved, the OD Unit will be utilized to fulfill closure requirements.

The current permit, TNHW-153, requires the permittee to perform corrective action, monitoring, and investigation of any releases of hazardous waste or hazardous constituents at the facility, regardless of the time at which waste was placed in a unit, and to take appropriate corrective action for any such releases. The permit also requires the permittee to comply with all land disposal restrictions and air emission standards applicable to the facility and to notify the Commissioner of imminent hazards. Regular inspections are required to ensure that the institutional controls are being maintained. The facility is required to report annually on all sampling, maintenance, and inspection activities performed at the site.

Prior to submitting their Part B application on November 6, 2025, the facility held a Pre-Application Public Meeting on January 15, 2025, with a public notice issued on December 10, 2024, as required by Tennessee Rule 0400-12-01-.07(1)(m). No members of the public were present, and no comments were received during the meeting or public comment period.

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 <https://www.tn.gov/environment/program-areas/solid-waste/hw/pending-permit-docs.html>, in the Permitting Notices – Informational section, 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 Jackson Environmental Field Office, 1625 Hollywood Drive, Jackson, TN 38305 (731-512-1300).

Further information on this matter may be obtained by contacting Shelby Staten by phone at 731-686-6675. Information, opinions, and inquiries may be directed to Brett Harris, Hazardous Waste Program Manager in DSWM’s Central Office, throughout the permit review process at the Davy Crockett Tower, 500 James Robertson Parkway, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Nashville, TN 37243, by phone at 615-393-9221, fax 615-532-0938, or email at [Brett.Harris@tn.gov](mailto:Brett.Harris@tn.gov).

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