

## **PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON NEW ATLAS ORGANICS COMPOST FACILITY**

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC), Division of Solid Waste Management (DSWM), has tentatively decided to issue a composting permit to construct and operate a new Tier Two composting facility to Atlas Organics LLC and will conduct a public hearing Tuesday, December 6, 2022, to receive comments on its tentative decision.

The facility, identified as Atlas Organics CU06, LLC (CMP330000013), is proposed to be located in Hamilton County, at 1045 E. 23rd Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37408 (latitude 35.024007 N/longitude -85.301618 W). This permit would allow construction, operation, and closure of a Tier Two composting facility for waste materials classified as yard waste, pre- and post-consumer food waste, and/or certain wastes having similar characteristics and approved in writing by TDEC. No hazardous wastes, as regulated by the Tennessee Hazardous Waste Management Act (Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-212-101, et. seq.) and the Rules adopted pursuant to the Act, shall be accepted for disposal at this facility. The official responsible for operation of the facility is Mr. David Beckman, Atlas Organics LLC, P.O. Box 5065, Spartanburg, SC 29604 (864-327-2136).

DSWM has made a preliminary determination that Atlas's application meets the applicable requirements of Tennessee Rule Chapter 0400-11-01-.11, Requirements for Compost and Composting Facilities. Pending consideration of any comments received during the 45-day comment period, ending on Wednesday, January 4, 2023, DSWM intends to issue this permit.

The hearing, scheduled at the request of a Tennessee resident, will be held on Tuesday, December 6, 2022, in the TDEC Chattanooga Environmental Field Office, 1301 Riverfront Parkway, Chattanooga, Tennessee, as well as via video-teleconference. Information on how to join online is provided below. From 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. (CDT), an informational session will be held. The public may inspect and discuss the permit application, draft permit, fact sheet, plans, and other materials with the DSWM and with representatives of the applicant. Additionally, the hearing will provide an opportunity to submit comments for the record, written or spoken. The formal hearing will begin at 6:00 p.m. First, DSWM will explain its tentative decision to issue the permit, after which the applicant's representative will describe the proposed facility. Then, DSWM will receive oral comments on the draft permit from the public.

Those who wish to join the public hearing virtually can do so by using the following link [tn.gov/environment/notices/atlasorganics/hearing](https://tn.gov/environment/notices/atlasorganics/hearing). Information regarding how to join by computer will be posted to this website at least 3 days prior to the public hearing. Online participants will be able to view maps, pictures, and other content that will be shared.

DSWM invites the public to review and submit comments on this proposal at the hearing or anytime during the 45-day comment period ending on Wednesday, January 4, 2023. Electronic copies of the application and draft permit are available online at [tn.gov/environment/notices/atlasorganics](https://tn.gov/environment/notices/atlasorganics) and the DSWM Central Office on the 14<sup>th</sup> Floor of the Tennessee Tower, 312 Rosa L. Parks Ave, Nashville, TN 37243 (615-532-0780). Paper copies may be reviewed at the Chattanooga Public, 1001 Broad Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37402; telephone: (423) 643-7700 and the TDEC Chattanooga Environmental Field Office, 1301 Riverfront Parkway, Suite #206, Chattanooga, TN 37402 (423-634-5745).

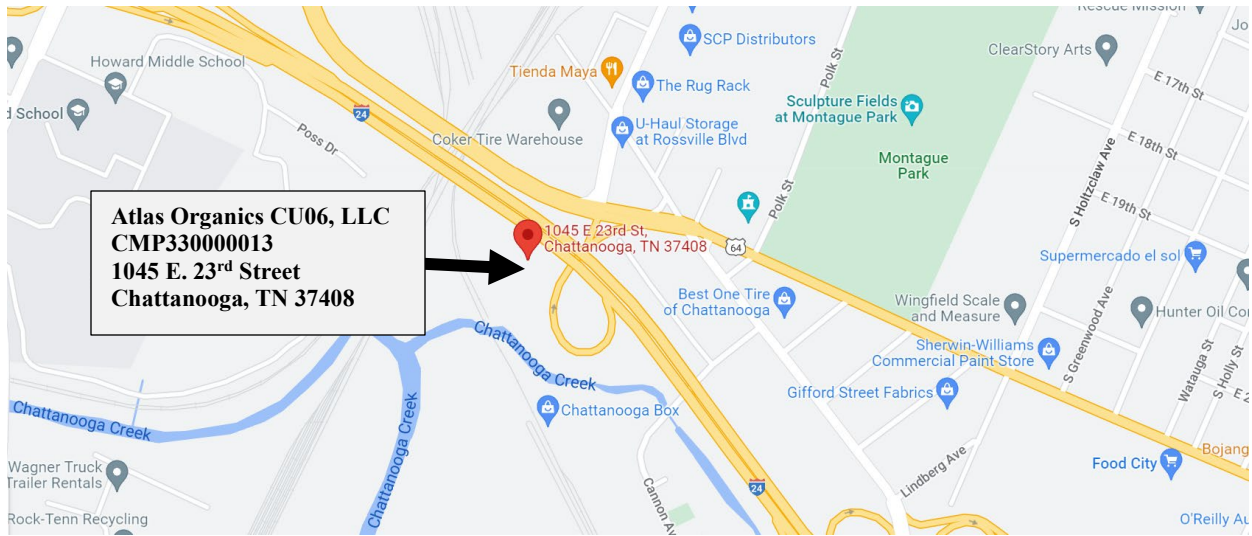
To comment on the draft permit, contact Ms. Brianna Rives in DSWM's Central Office at the TN Tower, 312 Rosa L. Parks Ave, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor, Nashville, TN 37243 (615-308-0104), email [Brianna.Rives@tn.gov](mailto:Brianna.Rives@tn.gov) or fax 615-532-0938. Comments must be received by 4:30 p.m. CDT on Wednesday, January 4, 2023, to assure consideration.

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