

## **COCKE COUNTY CLASS III LANDFILL PERMIT MODIFICATION – COMMENTS WELCOME**

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC), Division of Solid Waste Management (DSWM), has tentatively decided to issue a solid waste disposal facility permit major modification to Cocke County for their Class III Landfill. This major modification will result in an additional 3.8 acres of disposal area through a lateral and vertical expansion of the existing landfill.

The facility, identified as Cocke County Demolition Landfill (DML150000082), is located in Cocke County at 1100 Old Asheville Highway, Newport, TN (latitude 35°57'28" N/longitude 83°09'00" W). This permit would allow construction, operation, closure, and post-closure care of the Class III disposal facility for farming wastes, landscaping and land clearing wastes, construction/demolition waste, shredded automotive tires, 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 Mayor Crystal Ottinger, Cocke County, 360 East Main Street, Newport, TN 37821 (423-623-8791).

DSWM has made a preliminary determination that Cocke County's application meets the applicable requirements of Tennessee Rule Chapter 0400-11-01, Solid Waste Processing and Disposal. Pending consideration of any comments received during the 45-day comment period, DSWM intends to issue this permit modification.

DSWM invites the public to review and submit comments on this proposal anytime during the 45-day comment period ending on Tuesday, November 24, 2020. Electronic copies of the application and draft permit documents are available online at [tn.gov/environment/notices/cockeeco](http://tn.gov/environment/notices/cockeeco) and at the DSWM Central Office, William R. Snodgrass Tennessee Tower, 312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor, Nashville, TN 37243 (615-532-0780). Paper copies may be reviewed at the TDEC Knoxville Environmental Field Office, 3711 Middlebrook Pike, Knoxville, TN 37921 (865-594-6035).

To comment on the draft permit or request a public hearing on this issue, contact Brianna Rives at DSWM Central Office WRS Tennessee Tower, 312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor, Nashville, TN 37243 (615-532-2756), email [Brianna.Rives@tn.gov](mailto:Brianna.Rives@tn.gov) or fax 615-532-0938. Comments must be received by 4:30 p.m. CST on Tuesday, November 24, 2020 to assure consideration. A request for a public hearing must be in writing and state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. If a hearing is scheduled, another notice will be published at least 15 days in advance.

After considering all public comments, DSWM will make a final decision to issue or deny the permit. DSWM will provide notice of the final permit decision and a Response to Comments addressing all significant input received on the draft permit to the applicant and to each person who has submitted written comments. These documents will also be available online and at the repositories listed above.

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