

COMPOST FACILITY MODIFICATION IN THE CITY OF MEMPHIS – COMMENTS WELCOME

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) Division of Solid Waste Management (DSWM), has tentatively decided to issue a permit, modifying an existing solid waste processing facility to a Tier Two composting facility. This modification will result in the modification of a Tier One composting facility into a Tier Two composting facility that will receive waste materials classified as municipal, commercial, food, and yard wastes.

The facility, identified as Earth Complex (CMP790000011), is located in Shelby County at 2389 Hennington Avenue, Memphis, TN 38109 (latitude 35.064409 N/longitude -90.144137 W). This permit would allow construction, operation, and closure of the Tier Two composting facility for waste materials classified as municipal, commercial, food, yard wastes 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. Philip Davis, City of Memphis Solid Waste Deputy Director, 125 N. Main Street, Room 628, Memphis, Tennessee 38103 (901-636-6872).

DSWM has made a preliminary determination that the City of Memphis'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, 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 Monday, October 5, 2020. Electronic copies of the application and draft permit documents are available online at tn.gov/environment/notices/earthcomplex and at the DSWM Central Office, William R. Snodgrass Tennessee Tower, 312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 14th Floor, Nashville, TN 37243 (615-532-0780). Paper copies may be reviewed at the City of Memphis, Gaston Park Public Library, 1040 S. Third Street, Memphis, TN 38106 (901-415-2769) and the TDEC Memphis Environmental Field Office, 8383 Wolf Lake Drive, Bartlett, Tennessee 38133 (901-371-3000).

To comment on the draft permit or request a public hearing on this issue, contact Jeremy Hooper in DSWM's Central Office at the TN Tower, 312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 14th Floor, Nashville, TN 37243 (615-532-0072), email Jeremy.Hooper@tn.gov or fax 615-532-0938. Comments must be received by 4:30 p.m. CST on Monday, October 5, 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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CMP790000011
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