PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON SEVIER SOLID WASTE INC. DEMOLITION LANDFILL EXPANSION

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC), Division of Solid Waste Management (DSWM), will conduct a public hearing Wednesday, September 20, 2023 to receive comments on its tentative decision to issue a solid waste disposal facility permit major modification for the Sevier Solid Waste Inc. Class III Landfill.

The facility, identified as Sevier Solid Waste Inc. Class III Landfill (DML780000126), is located in Sevier County, at 2106 Ridge Road, Pigeon Forge, Tennessee (latitude 35.8910583/longitude -85.5835028). The waste materials to be accepted will not change and are classified as demolition/construction wastes, farming wastes, landscape wastes, dry compost plant residuals, and certain wastes having similar characteristics as approved in writing by the Department. 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. Tom Leonard, Manager, Sevier Solid Waste Inc, P.O. Box 4520, Pigeon Forge, TN 37863 (865-453-5676).

DSWM has made a preliminary determination that this proposal 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 ending on Monday, October 9, 2023, DSWM intends to issue this permit.

The hearing will be held on Wednesday, September 20, 2023, at the Sevier County Courthouse, Commission Room, 125 Court Avenue, Room 306 W, Sevierville, TN 37862, 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. (EDT), 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. There will also be an opportunity for comments to be recorded or written and submitted during this time. The formal hearing will begin at 6:00 p.m. First DSWM will explain its tentative decision to issue the permit. The applicant's representative will describe the proposed facility. DSWM will then 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/sevierdemo/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 Monday, October 9, 2023. Electronic copies of the application and draft permit are available online at tn.gov/environment/notices/sevierdemo and the DSWM Central Office on the 14th Floor of the Tennessee Tower, 312 Rosa L. Parks Ave, Nashville, TN 37243 (615-532-0780). Paper copies may be reviewed at Pigeon Forge Public Library, 2449 Library Drive, Pigeon Forge, TN 37863 (865-429-7490) and the TDEC Knoxville Environmental Field Office, 3711 Middlebrook Pike, Knoxville, TN 37921 (865-594-6035).

To comment on the draft permit, contact Ms. Brianna Rives in DSWM's Central Office at the TN Tower, 312 Rosa L. Parks Ave, 14th Floor, Nashville, TN 37243 (615-308-0104), email <u>Brianna.Rives@tn.gov</u> or fax 615-532-0938. Comments must be received by 4:30 p.m. CDT on Monday, October 9, 2023, to assure consideration.

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DATE OF NOTICE: August 25, 2023

