



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION**

Division of Solid Waste Management  
Davy Crockett Tower, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
500 James Robertson Parkway  
Nashville, Tennessee 37243

January 21, 2026

Matthew Lavender, Area President  
Knoxville Landfills, LLC  
8917 Rutledge Pike  
Knoxville, TN 37806

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**RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

**RE: Final Permit Decision – Major Modification  
Riverside C&D Class III Landfill – DML47000011**

Dear Mr. Lavender:

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC), Division of Solid Waste Management (DSWM) is hereby issuing the enclosed permit to you for the above-referenced disposal facility. A copy of the financial assurance worksheet, final permit decision summary, response to public comments received, and final fact sheet are also enclosed.

I appreciate your interest in complying with State statutes and look forward to working with you again. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Abigail Moseley of this office by email at [Abigail.Moseley@tn.gov](mailto:Abigail.Moseley@tn.gov) or call 615-917-5879.

Sincerely,

Lisa A. Hughey, CHMM  
Director

Enclosures – 5

cc: W. Michael Stubbs, P.E., *Hodges, Harbin, Newberry, & Tribble, Inc.*  
Dave Sanders, CHMM, Sr. Environmental Scientist, *Hodges, Harbin, Newberry, and Tribble, Inc.*  
Murray Long, Corporate Landfill Director, *Meridian Waste*  
Ian Jakul, Program Administrator, TDEC Division of Financial Assurance  
Revendra Awasthi, DSWM, Knoxville Environmental Field Office Manager  
James Tinch, TDEC Regional Director for External Affairs, Knoxville Environmental Field Office  
Rebekah Poston, DSWM, Public Participation Officer, Nashville Central Office  
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Permit: DML47000011

Date: January 21, 2026

State of Tennessee  
Department of Environment and Conservation  
Division of Solid Waste Management

Solid Waste Management Program  
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**REGISTRATION AUTHORIZING SOLID WASTE  
DISPOSAL ACTIVITIES IN  
TENNESSEE**

Registration Number:           DML47000011          

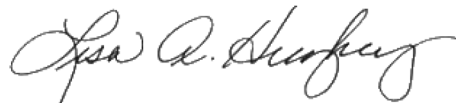
Date Issued:                   January 21, 2026                  

Issued to: **Knoxville Landfills, LLC**

**Activities Authorized:**

Construction, operation, closure, and post-closure care of a Class III disposal facility located in Knox County, at 3330 Delrose Drive, Knoxville, Tennessee, for the disposal of landscaping and land clearing wastes, demolition/construction waste, shredded automotive tires, and/or certain wastes having similar characteristics and approved in writing by the Department.

By my signature, this registration is issued in compliance with the provisions of the Tennessee Solid Waste Disposal Act (Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-211-101, et seq.), and applicable regulations developed pursuant to this law and in effect; and in accordance with the conditions and other terms set forth in this registration document and attached Registration Conditions.



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Lisa A. Hughey, CHMM, Director  
Division of Solid Waste Management

## PERMIT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Re-certification by Permittee for Facilities Whose Initial Operation is Delayed - If the facility does not initiate construction and/or operation within one year of the date of this permit, the Permittee must re-certify the application in accordance with Rule 0400-11-01-.02(3)(d).
2. Duty to Comply - The Permittee must comply with all conditions of this permit, unless otherwise authorized by the Department. Any permit noncompliance, except as otherwise authorized by the Department, constitutes a violation of the Act and is grounds for enforcement action, or for permit termination, revocation and re-issuance, or modification.
3. Need to Halt or Reduce Activity Not a Defense - It shall not be a defense for a Permittee in an enforcement action that it would have been necessary to halt or reduce the permitted activity in order to maintain compliance with the conditions of this permit.
4. Duty to Mitigate - In the event of noncompliance with the permit, the Permittee shall take all reasonable steps to minimize releases to the environment and shall carry out such measures as are reasonable to prevent adverse impacts on human health or the environment.
5. Proper Operation and Maintenance - The Permittee shall at all times properly operate and maintain all facilities and systems of treatment and control (and related appurtenances) which are installed or used by the Permittee to achieve compliance with the conditions of this permit. Proper operation and maintenance includes effective performance, adequate funding, adequate operator staffing and training, and adequate laboratory and process controls, including appropriate quality assurance procedures. This provision requires the operation of back-up or auxiliary facilities or similar systems only when necessary to achieve compliance with the conditions of the permit.
6. Permit Actions - This permit may be modified, revoked and re-issued, or terminated for cause. The filing of a request by the Permittee for a permit modification, revocation and re-issuance, or termination, or a notification of planned changes or anticipated noncompliance, does not stay any existing permit condition.
7. Property Rights - This permit does not convey any property rights of any sort, or any exclusive privilege.
8. Duty to Provide Information - The Permittee shall furnish to the Commissioner, within a reasonable time, any relevant information which the Commissioner may request to determine whether cause exists for modifying, revoking and re-issuing, or terminating this permit, or to determine compliance with this permit. The Permittee must also furnish to the Commissioner, upon request, copies required to be kept by this permit. All records, including a copy of this permit and the approved Part I and Part II application, must be maintained at the facility or other locations as approved by the Commissioner.
9. Inspection and Entry - The Permittee shall allow the Commissioner, or an authorized representative, to:

- (i) Enter at any reasonable time the Permittee's premises where a regulated facility or activity is located or conducted, or where records must be kept under the conditions of this permit;
- (ii) Have access to and copy, at reasonable times, any records that must be kept under the conditions of this permit;
- (iii) Inspect at any reasonable time any facilities, equipment (including monitoring and control equipment), practices or operations regulated or required under this permit (Note: If requested by the Permittee at the time of sampling, the Commissioner shall split with the Permittee any samples taken.);
- (iv) Sample or monitor at reasonable times, for the purposes of assuring permit compliance or as otherwise authorized by the Act any substances or parameters at any location; and
- (v) Make photographs for the purpose of documenting items of compliance or noncompliance at waste management units, or where appropriate to protect legitimate proprietary interests, require the Permittee to make such photos for the Commissioner.

10. Monitoring and Records

- (i) Samples and measurements taken for the purpose of monitoring shall be representative of the monitored activity.
- (ii) The Permittee shall retain records of all required monitoring information. The Permittee shall maintain records for all groundwater monitoring wells and associated groundwater surface elevations, for the active life of the facility, and for the post-closure care period as well. This period may be extended by request of the Commissioner at any time.
- (iii) Records of monitoring information shall include:
  - (I) The date, exact place, and time of sampling or measurements;
  - (II) The individual(s) who performed the sampling or measurements;
  - (III) The date(s) analyses were performed;
  - (IV) The individual(s) who performed the analyses;
  - (V) The analytical techniques or methods used (including equipment used); and
  - (VI) The results of such analyses.

11. Reporting Requirements

- (i) The Permittee shall give notice to the Commissioner as soon as possible of any planned physical alterations or additions to the permitted facility.
- (ii) Monitoring results shall be reported at the intervals specified elsewhere in this permit.
- (iii) The Permittee shall report orally within 24 hours from the time the Permittee becomes aware of the circumstances of any release, discharge, fire, or explosion from the permitted solid waste facility which could threaten the environment or human health outside the facility. Such report shall be made to the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency, using the 24-hour toll-free number (800) 262-3300.
- (iv) Where the Permittee becomes aware that it failed to submit any relevant facts in a permit application or submitted incorrect information in a permit application or in any report to the Commissioner, it shall promptly submit such facts or information.

12. Periodic Survey

- (i) Within 60 days of his receipt of the written request of the Commissioner to do so, the Permittee shall cause to be conducted a survey of active and/or closed portions of his facility in order to determine if operations (e.g., cut and fill boundaries, grades) are being conducted in accordance with the approved design and operational plans. The Permittee must report the results of such survey to the Commissioner within 90 days of his receipt of the Commissioner's request.
- (ii) The Commissioner may request such a survey:
  - (I) If he has reason to believe that operations are being conducted in a manner that significantly deviates from the approved plans; and/or
  - (II) As a periodic verification (but no more than annually) that operations are being conducted in accordance with the approved plans.
- (iii) Any survey performed pursuant to this part must be performed by a qualified land surveyor duly authorized under Tennessee law to conduct such activities.

13. Duration of Permits - This permit shall be effective for the operating life of the facility.

14. Effect of Permit - The issuance of this permit does not authorize the Permittee to injure persons or property or to invade other private rights, or to violate any local law or regulations.

15. Transfer, Modification, Revocation and Re-issuance, and Termination of Permits - This permit may be transferred, modified, revoked or reissued, or terminated as set forth in 0400-11-01-.02(6).

16. Applicable Standards - All applicable facility standards of Rule Chapter 0400-11-01, Solid Waste Processing and Disposal Amendments shall be considered conditions of this registration.
17. Penalties - Any violation of the conditions or other terms of this registration may subject the registrant to the penalties set forth in Tennessee Code Annotated Section 68-211-114 and 68-211-117.
18. Hazardous Waste Restriction - No hazardous waste, as regulated by the Tennessee Hazardous Waste Management Act (Tennessee Code Annotated Section 68-212-101, et seq.), and the Rules adopted pursuant to that Act, shall be accepted at this facility.
19. Construction and Operation - The Permittee shall construct and operate the facility in accordance with the approved engineering plans and operations manual which becomes a condition of this permit as Attachment I.
20. Financial Assurance - Prior to beginning operation, the Permittee must file a Financial Assurance Instrument in accordance with Rule 0400-11-01-.03.
21. Special Waste - Except as specifically provided for in the Facility-Specific Conditions of this permit, the Permittee may not accept for disposal any special waste unless approved to do so in writing by this Department.
22. Automobile Batteries - This facility is specifically prohibited from accepting automobile batteries for disposal.

## **VARIANCES AND WAIVERS**

The following variances or waivers from standards or requirements in Rule 0400-11-01, Solid Waste Processing and Disposal Amendments, are hereby granted in accordance with Rule 0400-11-01-.01(5):

1. Rule 0400-11-01-.04(3) Buffer Zone Standards for Siting Landfills requires that all fill areas for disposal facilities not be constructed 500 feet from all residences, unless the owner of the residential property agrees in writing to a shorter distance. Letters to waive the buffer zone restrictions have been provided from each of the property owners that have residences within 500 feet of the permitted fill areas.

## **FACILITY-SPECIFIC PERMIT CONDITIONS**

The following conditions of this permit are established pursuant to Rule 0400-11-01-.02(5)(b):

1. If any rock outcrops are discovered in new excavation areas, such discoveries shall be reported to the Division of Solid Waste Management (Division) before proceeding further. The Division shall also examine all finished base grades before waste is placed in any newly developed area.
2. Constructed structural fill labeled within the design drawing as “unregulated fill” must be constructed from solely natural rock, dirt, pavement, concrete, and brick rubble consistent with Rule 0400-11-01-.02(1)(b)(3)(xiii). The structural fill areas must be constructed in such a manner that they are structurally stable, under the supervision of a professional engineer. The boundaries of the structural fill area must be clearly marked so that no other material will be placed within this area.
3. The Permittee must submit to the Division by October 1, 2026, and every three years thereafter during the active life of the landfill, a survey depicting the current contours of the landfill including the limits of all placed waste superimposed with the final permitted contours. This survey must include calculations of the remaining life of the permitted landfill in cubic yards and years. A calculation of airspace utilization (lb/cy) must also be included. This condition shall be superseded by any future changes to Chapter 0400-11-01 regarding survey requirements relevant to Class III disposal facilities.

## Riverside C&D Class III Landfill Major Modification Approved

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC), Division of Solid Waste Management (DSWM), has issued a permit major modification to Knoxville Landfills, LLC. The facility, identified as Riverside C&D Class III Landfill (DML470000011) is located in Knox County at 3330 Delrose Drive, Knoxville, Tennessee (latitude 35.980347 N/longitude -83.867839 W).

This permit allows construction, operation, closure, and post-closure care of the Class III disposal facility for the disposal of 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.

DSWM made the draft of this permit available for review during a 45-day public comment period which ended on January 5, 2026. DSWM has prepared a Response to Comments document, which summarizes comments received during the public comment period.

The final permit and response to comments are posted online. Visit <http://www.tn.gov/environment/calendar-of-events/2025/12/11/riverside-landfill-expansion.html> to access the facility information in the Dataviewer. Two locations also have paper copies available for review:

TDEC Central Office  
TDEC DSWM, Davy Crockett Tower  
500 James Robertson Parkway, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Nashville, TN 37243  
615-532-0780

TDEC DSWM Knoxville  
Environmental Field Office  
3711 Middlebrook Pike, Suite 101,  
Knoxville, TN 37921  
865-594-6035

For questions, contact the facility's official responsible for operation or DSWM's Solid Waste Permitting Manager:

Matthew Lavender, Area President  
Knoxville Landfills, LLC  
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Mascot, TN 37806  
904-400-0368  
[mlavender@meridianwaste.com](mailto:mlavender@meridianwaste.com)

Mr. Nickolaus Lytle  
TDEC DSWM, Davy Crockett Tower  
500 James Robertson Parkway, 7th Floor  
Nashville, TN 37243  
615-854-4581  
[Nickolaus.Lytle@tn.gov](mailto:Nickolaus.Lytle@tn.gov)

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If it is hard for you to read, speak, or understand English, TDEC may be able to provide translation or interpretation services free of charge. Please contact Janelle Starke at 615-906-2950 for more information.

If you would like to receive notices like this directly, contact DSWM's Central Office for a Mailing List Request Form. Email [Solid.Waste@tn.gov](mailto:Solid.Waste@tn.gov) or call 615-532-0078.

# **RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENTS**

## **Riverside C&D Class III Landfill**

Lateral Expansion

DML470000011

3330 Delrose Drive

Knoxville, Tennessee 37914

January 16, 2026

Prepared by the Division of Solid Waste Management



## Preface

This document contains the comments received during the public comment period, both written and oral, for the proposed major modification of the Riverside Class III Disposal Facility and the response to comments from the **Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC), Division of Solid Waste Management (DSWM)**. Comments received orally were shortened to remove content not relevant to the permit application. It should be noted that DSWM is only required to address and respond to technical and regulatory specific comments. Comments made in either support or opposition to the permit modification will have no significant impact on the final decision unless they also present relevant, factual information to substantiate their position, Rule 0400-11-01-.02(4)(j)1(ii).

When a permit application meets all the requirements/standards of Rule Chapter 0400-11-01, Solid Waste Processing and Disposal (referred hereafter as the Regulations), the DSWM is required to issue the permit. Therefore, when a concern is addressed by a requirement of the Regulations, then the regulatory rule citation is provided along with a summary of how the *Meridian Waste* application addressed the requirement. Further, the response will note the location in the application where this information may be found. When a concern is not addressed by a requirement of the DSWM Regulations but is addressed by other TDEC Division Regulations or Permit, then information is provided concerning the other TDEC Division Regulations or Permit. After careful consideration/evaluation of all comments received, the DSWM is issuing the permit because the *Meridian Waste* permit application has been found to meet all requirements and standards of the TDEC's Divisions Regulations.

### Comment 1:

My name is [resident] and I live in [subdivision]. About  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile from the landfill. I and many residents have been looking forward to the day when the landfill would close, and the traffic would cease. But this is obviously not to be. We have enjoyed conversations with Matt Lavendar and Meridian management and appreciate their efforts in reaching out to the community. I think the two things that we are most concerned with are the mud and dust on the road on Delrose. Again, we appreciate the wash facility that Meridian has in place. They have indicated that they want to pave the road internally within the facility so that after the trucks have been at the wash facility, they don't pick up mud and dirt as they exit the landfill and return to Delrose. So, we do look forward [to that] and then Meridian has indicated – and Matt and Jack have confirmed – that they are still planning to pave that road and we look forward to that project being completed. As I've thought of this, the other issue that we would encourage them to pursue is to ensure that all vehicles arriving at and exiting are following the local tarp ordinances so that refuse is not blown off the trucks. Nick, I did want to say I had been hoping for an email, I don't believe – I know my name was on the list to receive an email about this hearing and I don't believe I got one. So, you may want to look into that. We did find out about it through communications from one of our residents. Right. Thank you.

**Response 1:**

Rule 0400-11-01-.04(2)(j) states that the operator must take dust control measures necessary to prevent dust from creating a nuisance or safety hazard to adjacent landowners. The approved facility operations manual states that dust will be controlled by using water trucks and by adding additional stone materials in problem areas. Additionally, the approved facility engineering plans include details regarding the wheel wash station to help prevent mud from exiting the landfill property.

Rule 0400-11-01-.04(2)(d) states that the facility must be operated and maintained in a manner to minimize litter. The approved facility operations manual expands on the facility's litter control practices to include the use of movable screens to capture wind-blown litter as well as routine litter collection around the site by facility personnel. Any litter issues off-site can be reported to the Tennessee Department of Transportation (*TDOT*) *Litter Hotline* at 1-877-854-8837 or to the *Knox County Solid Waste Office* 865-215-5865.

Public participation records have been updated to include the residents' contact information as it was not previously on the DSWM distribution list. Those who wish to be added to the distribution list and receive future notices directly from the DSWM may do so by contacting the DSWM Central Office for a Mailing List Request Form at [Solid.Waste@tn.gov](mailto:Solid.Waste@tn.gov) or 615-532-0780. Additionally, all public hearings hosted by TDEC can be found on the TDEC website at this link: <https://www.tn.gov/environment/calendar-of-events.html>

**Comment 2:**

My name is [resident]. I am one of the many people to be impacted by the planned expansion of the Riverside Landfill at 3330 Delrose Drive, Knoxville. Having lived just across the street since the landfill's inception, I have seen the effects of the landfill on this community. I'm not sure if you are aware that the landfill is not only in direct proximity to the Holston River and many houses. It is also very close to one of the only parks in this community. While I know the owners have tried to be good neighbors, as the landfill has increased in size, there have been problems with the property being flooded, homeless encampments on the property grounds, and the near-constant movement of heavy trucks in a quiet residential neighborhood. It is my belief that the people of this community deserve the same consideration that other neighborhoods in Knoxville would receive. I don't think anyone would have allowed the construction of this landfill in the first place if it would have been [located in] West Knoxville. Knoxville has a long history of discriminatory practices and the ongoing presence of a landfill in a predominately minority neighborhood reflects badly. Please consider denying the expansion of this facility, it is the right thing to do. Sincerely, [resident].

**Response 2:**

Rule 0400-11-01-.04(2)(n) specifies that facilities must not be located in a 100-year floodplain unless it is demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Commissioner that:

1. Location in the floodplain will not restrict the flow of the 100-year flood nor reduce the temporary water storage capacity of the floodplain.
2. The facility is designed, constructed, operated, and maintained to prevent wash-out of any solid waste.

This facility is not located within the 100-year floodplain and meets the above regulatory requirement.

Rule 0400-11-01-.04(2)(b) requires a facility to have a means to control entry at all times. Per the approved facility operations manual, the existing facility has a natural, wooded, barrier combined with a security fencing system which surrounds the landfill property. Additionally, the entrance is controlled by a fence and a gate, which will be locked by facility personnel at the end of each day. If there is evidence of a “homeless encampment” on the property, please reach out to the *Knoxville Environmental Field Office* at 865-594-6035 or local law enforcement to file a complaint for further investigation.

The comment related to the landfill’s proximity to a neighborhood, that neighborhood’s demographics, and location within a regional area is viewed as a general non-technical statement against the landfill expansion. TDEC has no formal response to this comment. TDEC has found this proposal to meet all residential buffer standards or has expressed written permission to operate with the buffer from the affected property owners. Tennessee Solid Waste Regulations do not provide for a demonstration of need to approve or deny a permit modification.

**Comment 3:**

Residents of Roane County have become aware of TDEC DSWM’s tentative decision to issue a solid waste disposal facility permit major modification for the *Riverside C&D Landfill* lateral expansion. We submit that you should consider incorporating into the permit stronger conditions to discourage disposal of wind turbine waste from other parts of the United States.

There is an active special waste profile (4712052024a) for disposal of glass fiber composite material from *Carbon Rivers, Inc.* ETPP Site in Roane County. A similar profile is also in place for Carbon Rivers to use the Chestnut Ridge Landfill and Recycling Center.

*Carbon Rivers, Inc.* ETPP Site has been cited for numerous major violations from Recovered Material Processing Facilities (RMPF) inspections by DSWM and from *Division of Water Resources* inspections. They are understood to have been referred for an Enforcement Action Request. The facility has received wind turbine waste from other areas of the United States and has struggled to recycle sufficient quantity to remain within storage limits of its RMPF permit and in compliance with environmental requirements for outdoor storage. The volume of waste from activity to limit further accumulation or to potentially clean up the site after operations are forced to cease is a challenge to the assurance of adequate future disposal capacity for our region.

In conclusion, we encourage TDEC DSWM to incorporate more specific and stringent conditions into these types of permits to address issues like the one raised.

**Response 3:**

The *Carbon Rivers, Inc.* ETTP site has historically used the Riverside C&D Landfill and others to dispose of wind turbine blades in an effort to remove materials as required by a Notice of Violation issued to *Carbon Rivers, Inc.* Disposal of this material must follow the specific conditions set forth in the special waste approvals referenced in the above comment. All latest records regarding the compliance status for *Carbon Rivers, Inc.* can be found on the Dataviewer link below:

[https://dataviewers.tdec.tn.gov/dataviewers/f?p=19035:34031:::::P34031\\_SITE\\_ID:171275](https://dataviewers.tdec.tn.gov/dataviewers/f?p=19035:34031:::::P34031_SITE_ID:171275)

The permit decision on the expansion of the Riverside C&D Landfill is independent from the compliance issues at Carbon Rivers, Inc.

## **FACT SHEET**

### **Riverside Class III Landfill (DML47000011) Lateral Expansion**

#### **I. BACKGROUND**

- A. Name of Applicant: Knoxville Landfills, LLC  
8917 Rutledge Pike  
Mascot, TN 37806
- B. Type of Facility: Class III Landfill
- C. Status: Existing Facility – Proposed Horizontal Expansion
- D. Type of Modification: Major Modification
- E. Site Location: The facility is located at 3330 Delrose Drive, Knoxville, Tennessee, Knox County.
- F. Property Area: Approximately 103 Acres
- G. Permitted Disposal Area: Previously 32.4 Acres
- H. Approved Expansion Area: The approved lateral expansion added 7 acres to the Previous Permitted Disposal Area.
- I. Type of Waste: The type of waste accepted at the Knoxville Landfills, LLC Class III landfill includes landscaping and land clearing waste, demolition/construction waste, shredded automotive tires, and/or certain wastes having similar characteristics and approved in writing by the Department.

#### **II. PLANS AND DOCUMENTATION**

##### **A. Hydrogeologic Report:**

- i. Prepared by: Bunnell-Lammons Engineering, Inc.
- ii. Reviewed by: Molly Stanford, Environmental Scientist  
Division of Solid Waste Management  
Knoxville Environmental Field Office

##### **B. Engineering Plans**

- i. Prepared by: Hodges, Harbin, Newberry & Tribble, Inc.
- ii. Reviewed by: Lewis Haynes, PhD, CHMM  
Revendra Awasthi, CHMM, Field Office Manager  
Division of Solid Waste Management

Knoxville Environmental Field Office

Bassam Faleh, Environmental Protection Specialist  
Nickolaus Lytle, Permits Manager  
Division of Solid Waste Management  
Central Office

- iii. Final review: Lisa A. Hughey, CHMM, Division Director  
Craig Almanza, Deputy Director Central Office Operations  
Brian Wolf, P.E., Solid Waste Program Manager  
Rob Burnette, P.E., Chief Engineer  
Christopher Scott, P.G. Statewide Geologist  
Division of Solid Waste Management  
Central Office
- iv. Complete Submittal: October 14, 2024  
Permit Review: October 28, 2025

III. FINAL PERMIT DECISION

A. Final Permit Variances/Waivers:

Rule 0400-11-01-.01(5) provides that, after public notice and an opportunity for public comment, any standard or requirement in the solid waste regulations may be waived by the Division if the operator can demonstrate to the Division that the standard is inapplicable, inappropriate, or unnecessary to the applicant's facility or that it is equaled in effect by alternative standards or requirements.

- 1. Rule 0400-11-01-.04(3) Buffer Zone Standards for Siting Landfills requires that all fill areas for disposal facilities not be constructed 500 feet from all residences, unless the owner of the residential property agrees in writing to a shorter distance. Letters to waive the buffer zone restrictions have been provided from each of the property owners that have residences within 500 feet of the permitted fill areas.

B. Final Facility-Specific Permit Conditions:

Rule 0400-11-01-.02(5)(b) allows the Division to establish conditions in permits necessary to achieve compliance with the Solid Waste Disposal Act and regulations. The following are those facility-specific conditions found in the draft permit for this facility:

- 1. If any rock outcrops are discovered in new excavation areas, such discoveries shall be reported to the Division of Solid Waste Management (Division) before proceeding further. The Division shall also examine all finished base grades before waste is placed in any newly developed area.
- 2. Constructed structural fill labeled within the design drawing as "unregulated fill" must be constructed from solely natural rock, dirt, pavement, concrete, and brick rubble consistent with Rule 0400-11-01-.02(1)(b)(3)(xiii). The structural fill areas must be constructed in such a manner that they are structurally stable, under the supervision of a professional engineer. The boundaries of the structural fill area must be clearly marked so that no other material will be placed within this area.

3. The Permittee must submit to the Division by October 1, 2026, and every three years thereafter during the active life of the landfill, a survey depicting the current contours of the landfill including the limits of all placed waste superimposed with the final permitted contours. This survey must include calculations of the remaining life of the permitted landfill in cubic yards and years. A calculation of airspace utilization (lb/cy) must also be included. This condition shall be superseded by any future changes to Chapter 0400-11-01 regarding survey requirements relevant to Class III disposal facilities.

C. Public Participation:

- i. Public Comment Period: Began November 21, 2025  
Ended January 5, 2026, 4:30 EDT

Public comments were to be sent to Ms. Abigail Moseley in  
DSWM's Central Office:  
500 James Robertson Parkway, 7th Floor,  
Nashville, TN 37243  
615-917-5879  
[Abigail.Moseley@tn.gov](mailto:Abigail.Moseley@tn.gov)

- ii. Public Hearing: A public hearing occurred:  
Thursday, December 11, 2025  
Information Session - 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. EDT  
Formal Hearing – 6:00 p.m. EDT  
In-person - Pellissippi State Community College  
Strawberry Plains Campus, Room ST3200,  
7201 Strawberry Plains Pike  
Knoxville, TN 37914  
Online - [www.tn.gov/environment/calendar-of-  
events/2025/12/11/riverside-landfill-expansion.html](http://www.tn.gov/environment/calendar-of-events/2025/12/11/riverside-landfill-expansion.html)