Public Notice

Mississippi Environmental Quality Permit Board

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Tronox, LLC has submitted a solid waste permit application to the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) for the renewal and vertical expansion of their on-site nonhazardous industrial landfill, Tronox Landfill No. 2, located at 40034 Tronox Road, Hamilton, MS 39746. The permit application proposes a vertical height increase to the currently permitted disposal area and would allow the facility to continue to accept and dispose of nonhazardous process residuals and process wastewater solids.

The MDEQ, as the staff of the Mississippi Environmental Quality Permit Board (Permit Board), has reviewed the application and has preliminarily determined that the applicant has met the necessary requirements for a permit. Therefore, the staff has developed a draft permit based on our review of the information submitted by the applicant. A copy of the draft permit may be found on the MDEQ website at the following link: <https://www.mdeq.ms.gov/ensearch/epd-permits-at-public-notice/>. The available information also includes a rationale document that contains information on the proposed landfill project and the development of the draft permit. This information can also be acquired by contacting the MDEQ as described at the end of this notice.

The draft permit for the industrial landfill site, Solid Waste Management Permit SW0480040573, recognizes a modified final height of 297 feet above mean sea level, which is a thirty-foot height increase from a currently permitted final height and will increases the total landfill disposal capacity by approximately 1,169,500 cubic yards. The draft permit also reduces the permitted disposal footprint from 42.6 acres to 42.4 acres. The landfill will continue to only accept nonhazardous process residuals, process wastewater solids and other waste generated onsite at the Tronox, LLC Hamilton facility.

The MDEQ is soliciting public input on the draft permit on behalf of the Permit Board for the proposed permit modifications to the industrial landfill. Public input on the draft permit and supporting documentation is an important element in the staff evaluation and resulting recommendation to the Permit Board. The draft permit conditions have been developed to ensure compliance with all State and Federal regulations but are subject to change based on information received through public comments.

Persons wishing to comment on or object to the draft permit recommendations are invited to submit comments in writing to Mr. Ross Williams at the Permit Board's address shown above or by email to rwilliams@mdeq.ms.gov, no later than June 12, 2023, the end of the thirty (30) day public comment period. All comments received from the public by this date will be reviewed and considered in the final determinations regarding the draft permit. Please be advised that comments or concerns related to local zoning or land use are generally within the jurisdiction of the local government and not the Permit Board. If sufficient public interest and/or requests are received by the MDEQ for a public hearing on the proposed draft permit, the MDEQ may hold a public hearing on this matter. Persons wishing to request a public hearing may do so by submitting that request in writing to Mr. Ross Williams or to the Chief of the Waste Division at the address shown above.

Any person that does not have internet access or that is interested in additional information on the draft permit or permit application may contact Mr. Ross Williams at the Permit Board’s address and telephone number above. The draft permit and rationale document are also available for review at the MDEQ office during normal business hours at the address below:

Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality

515 East Amite Street

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Please bring the foregoing to the attention of persons whom you know may be interested.