

Public Notice
Mississippi Environmental Quality Permit Board
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The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality is considering reissuance of a statewide Hot Mix Asphalt General Permit. This permit covers the State of Mississippi and will authorize discharges of industrial storm water into waters of the State and the construction and operation of air emissions equipment from hot mix asphalt facilities that fall under the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Code of 2951 for Asphalt Paving Mixtures and Blocks. With regards to air emissions equipment, the proposed general permit contains emission limits and operating restrictions pertaining to production, allowable fuels and fuel throughput, and control of emissions from specified emission sources to ensure the hot mix asphalt facility is a synthetic minor operating source.

The staff of the Permit Board is soliciting all relative information pertaining to the proposed draft permit to ensure that the final staff recommendation on the draft permit complies with all State and Federal regulations. Public review and comment 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 as a result of public participation.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations are invited to submit comments in writing to Carla Brown at <https://www.mdeq.ms.gov/brown-carla/> or to the Permit Board address shown above, no later than **September 16, 2022**. All comments received by this date will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the draft permit. A public hearing will be held if the Permit Board finds a significant degree of public interest in the proposed permits. Persons wishing to request a public hearing may do so by submitting that request in writing to Carla Brown at <https://www.mdeq.ms.gov/brown-carla/> or to the Permit Board address shown above. The Permit Board is limited in the scope of its analysis to environmental impact. Any comments relative to zoning or economic and social impacts are within the jurisdiction of local zoning and planning authorities and should be addressed to them.

Additional details, including a copy of the draft general permit, are available by writing or calling the Public Records Request Officer at the above Permit Board address and telephone number or by completing the form at the following website: <https://www.mdeq.ms.gov/about-mdeq/public-records-request/public-records-request-form/>. Additionally, a copy of the draft permit and statement of basis may be found on the MDEQ's website at: <https://opcgis.deq.state.ms.us/ensearchonline/epd-permits-at-public-notice.aspx>. This information is also available for review at the office of the MDEQ at the Permit Board address shown above during normal business hours. Please bring the foregoing to the attention of persons whom you know will be interested.