Public Notice

Mississippi Environmental Quality Permit Board

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98 Waste, LLC, has submitted a permit application to the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) for the expansion and renewal of its permitted class I rubbish site, the 98 waste Class I Rubbish Disposal Site, located at 979 US Highway 98 East, Hattiesburg, MS 39401. The solid waste permit modification proposes a 5-acre expansion to the available disposal area and allows the facility to continue to accept and dispose of class I rubbish wastes.

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: <http://opc.deq.state.ms.us/publicnotice.aspx>. The available information also includes a rationale document that contains information on the proposed rubbish 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 class I rubbish site, Solid Waste Management Permit SW0180020597 recognizes an increase in disposal area for the site (previously permitted under Certificate of Coverage R1-114) from 15.02 acres to 20 acres. The class I rubbish site will continue to accept class I rubbish wastes including construction and demolition debris such as wood, concrete, brick, cardboard, natural vegetation such as trees and limbs, crockery, metal, certain plastics and other similar wastes. The service area for the facility is Forrest, Lamar, Perry and Stone Counties.

The MDEQ is soliciting public input on the draft permit on behalf of the Permit Board for the proposed modifications to the class I rubbish site operations. 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. The final staff recommendation would also include the revocation of the existing Certificate of Coverage R1-114 issued for the existing rubbish site operations.

Persons wishing to comment on or object to the draft permit recommendations are invited to submit comments in writing to Mr. Reed Sanders at the Permit Board's address shown above or by email to rsanders@mdeq.ms.gov, no later than May 10, 2021, 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. Reed Sanders 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. Reed Sanders 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.