

FACT SHEET
Augusta Liquidations, LLC, Augusta, Georgia
Renewal of Hazardous Waste Facility Permit No. HW-016(CA)
Public Comment Period: July 17, 2023 – August 31, 2023

1. The Environmental Protection Division (EPD) of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, under the authority of the Georgia Hazardous Waste Management Act, O.C.G.A. Section 12-8-60, et. seq., as amended, announces its intent to renew Hazardous Waste Facility Permit No. HW-016(CA) issued to Augusta Liquidations, LLC (ALL) located in Augusta, Georgia. If approved, the permit renewal will require ALL to continue investigations and testing necessary to revise the corrective action strategy for the facility and develop a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) to remediate organic and inorganic contaminants in soil and groundwater remaining from historical manufacturing activities.
2. The purpose of the permit renewal process is to afford the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD), interested citizens and other governmental agencies the opportunity to evaluate the ability of ALL to comply with the applicable hazardous waste management requirements promulgated under the Georgia Hazardous Waste Management Act.
3. ALL submitted a permit renewal request to EPD in accordance with the provisions in the Georgia Rules for Hazardous Waste Management, Chapter 391-3-11-.11. Pursuant to 391-3-11-.11(7) of the Georgia Rules for Hazardous Waste Management, EPD is required to make a final administrative decision regarding issuance of a renewed permit. EPD intends to approve ALL's permit renewal request.
4. ALL purchased the facility in 2019 from Fibrant, LLC (Fibrant) and assumed responsibility for environmental investigations and corrective actions for contaminants remaining from historical manufacturing activities. Fibrant previously operated an organic chemical manufacturing plant located at 1472 Columbia Nitrogen Road, Augusta, Georgia. Hazardous materials formerly managed at the site included organic and inorganic industrial chemical products such as chlorinated solvents, benzene-containing materials, and chromium-containing materials; some of which were released to the environment. DSM Chemicals North America, LLC (predecessor of Fibrant, LLC) was issued Hazardous Waste Facility Permit No. HW-016(ST&CA) on September 30, 2011 for the treatment of hazardous waste by combustion in two industrial boilers, the storage of hazardous waste in a tank, and the investigation of potential releases of hazardous constituents into the environment at solid waste management units along with corrective action responsibility. Fibrant ceased manufacturing operations and closed the permitted hazardous waste boilers and tanks and the clean closure certification was approved on June 14, 2018. Fibrant's permit was modified from a storage and corrective action permit to a corrective action only permit in 2018.
5. A draft permit renewal has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Georgia Rules for Hazardous Waste Management, Chapter 391-3-11, which contains the conditions for the investigation and corrective action of releases of hazardous constituents into the environment. The draft permit renewal does not allow for disposal of hazardous waste on-site.
6. The proposed permit renewal is divided into three (3) parts, as follows, and a cover sheet, which establishes the basic legal authority for issuing the permit: Section I sets forth standard conditions applicable to all hazardous waste management facilities and Section II provides

the conditions for groundwater monitoring, and the evaluation, reporting, and submittal of a corrective action plan for Solid Waste Management Units and Areas of Concern. Section III provides specific conditions for ongoing remedial measures at the Solid Waste Management Area while a revised site-wide Corrective Action Plan is being developed.

7. A public comment period has been arranged from July 17, 2023 – August 31, 2023. During the public comment period, a copy of the draft permit renewal and supporting documents will be available for public review at <https://epd.georgia.gov/public-announcements-0/land-protection-branch-public-announcements> and at the following locations during regular business hours:

Georgia Environmental Protection Division

Land Protection Branch
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive SE
Floyd Towers East, Suite 1058
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

and

Augusta-Richmond County Public Library

823 Telfair Street
Augusta, GA 30901
Phone: (706) 821-2600

8. EPD will schedule a public hearing on the draft permit renewal if a request for one is received by the Director before the close of the public comment period.
9. All comments received on or before August 31, 2023 by the Georgia EPD at the above address or by email at epd.comments@dnr.ga.gov will be considered when the final decision is made to issue or deny the draft permit renewal. If you choose to email your comments, please be sure to include the words “Augusta Liquidations Permit Renewal” in the subject line to help ensure your comments are forwarded to the correct staff. The applicant and those persons who submit written comments or request notice of the final permit decision will be notified of the final permit determination made by the Director of the Georgia EPD. EPD will announce any substantial changes in the final determination by public notice.
10. For additional information on the permitting process, including procedures for comments, contact Holly Nelson at (404) 657-8600 or holly.nelson1@dnr.ga.gov.