

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE PERMIT

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-020 issued to Perma-Fix of South Georgia, Inc. (PFSG) located in Valdosta, Georgia. If renewed, the permit will require post-closure care at regulated units that were unable to achieve clean-closure, and continue to require the permittee to conduct investigation and corrective action to remediate releases of hazardous constituents into the environment.

PFSG owns and previously operated a hazardous waste treatment and storage facility located at 1612 James P. Rodgers Circle, Valdosta, Georgia. Hazardous waste formerly managed at the facility included industrial chemical products such as ignitable and chlorinated solvents, volatile organic compounds, and semi-volatile organic compounds; some of which were released to the environment. PFSG was issued a renewal Hazardous Waste Facility Permit No. HW-020(S&T) on February 26, 2007 for the storage and treatment of hazardous waste in tanks and containers and the investigation of potential releases of hazardous constituents into the environment at solid waste management units. Following a facility fire in 2013, PFSG decided to stop storing and treating hazardous waste. The facility failed to demonstrate clean-closure of the permitted tank and container units and was required to submit a permit application for post-closure care of the regulated units.

A draft post-closure permit has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Rules, Chapter 391-3-11, which contains the conditions for post-closure care of regulated units, and for the investigation and corrective action of any discovered releases of hazardous constituents into the environment from operations at the facility. The draft permit does not allow for disposal of hazardous waste on-site.

Before making its final decision on whether to issue the renewal permit, state and federal regulations require that the EPD provide an opportunity for public comment. Accordingly, a public comment period has been arranged for December 13, 2019 through February 3, 2020. During the public comment period, a copy of the draft renewal permit and supporting documents will be available for public review at the following locations during regular business hours:

Georgia Environmental Protection Division
Land Protection Branch
Hazardous Waste Management Program
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive SE
East Tower, Suite 1054
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

and

McMullen Southside Library
527 Griffin Avenue
Valdosta, GA 31601
Phone: (229) 253-8313

EPD invites comments during the public comment period to be made in writing or by email at EPDComments@dnr.state.ga.us. If you choose to email your comments, please be sure to include the words "PFSG, Valdosta Permit Renewal" in the subject line to help ensure your comments will be 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 EPD. EPD will announce any substantial changes in the final determination by public notice. All comments received on or before February 3, 2020 will be considered when the final decision to issue or deny the renewal permit is made. Written comments should be forwarded to the following address:

Georgia Environmental Protection Division
Attention: Mike Elster, Unit Coordinator
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive SE
East Tower, Suite 1054
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Any questions regarding the permit application, the renewal permit or the public participation process should be addressed to Mike Elster at 404-657-8624.