

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF INTENT TO MODIFY 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 modify Hazardous Waste Facility Permit No. HW-016(ST&CA), which will be issued to Fibrant, LLC (Fibrant). The permitted facility is located at 1472 Columbia Nitrogen Road, Augusta, Richmond County, Georgia and is operated by Fibrant. If modified, the permit will remove the requirements for the clean closed hazardous waste treatment and storage units which have been remediated and closed, remove references to operation of the multi-phase extraction system, and revise other permit conditions to update corrective action conditions. The permit will continue to require the investigation and corrective action of any discovered releases of hazardous constituents into the environment from current or past operations at the facility.

Fibrant, LLC was a global producer and supplier of high-quality chemical performance products and services. Hazardous wastes were generated from manufacturing and maintenance processes. Due to declining market conditions, the organic chemical manufacturing portions of the plant were shut down in fourth quarter 2016. The entire facility was fully decommissioned in third quarter 2018. This modification request to the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) was made to remove all conditions solely applicable to operating facilities, and the revision of relevant sections of Permit Number HW-016(ST&CA) to reflect the facility's corrective action-only status, since all manufacturing and associated hazardous waste generation, treatment and storage has ceased. No disposal of hazardous waste occurs at the Fibrant facility.

A draft modified permit has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Rules, Chapter 391-3-11, which contains the conditions for investigation and corrective action of any discovered releases of hazardous constituents into the environment from current or past 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 modified permit, state and federal regulations require that the EPD provide an opportunity for public comment. Accordingly, a public comment period has been arranged for May 1, 2019 through June 20, 2019. During the public comment period, a copy of the draft modified 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
Attention: Mike Elster

2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive SE
East Tower, Suite 1054
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

and

Augusta-Richmond County Public Library
823 Telfair Street
Augusta, GA 30901

For the purpose of soliciting public comments, a public hearing on the modifications will be held on June 5, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Augusta-Richmond County Public Library in Meeting Room B.

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 "Fibrant, LLC Permit Modification" somewhere 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 June 20, 2019 will be considered when the final decision to issue or deny the modified permit is made. Written comments should be forwarded to the following address:

Georgia Environmental Protection Division
Attention: Mike Elster, Unit Coordinator
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East Tower, Suite 1054
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Any questions regarding the permit application, the modified permit or the public participation process should be addressed to Mike Elster at 404-656-2833.