

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF INTENT TO RENEW 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-016(CA) issued to Augusta Liquidations, LLC (ALL). The permitted facility is located in Augusta, Richmond County, Georgia and was formerly operated by Fibrant, LLC (Fibrant) as a manufacturing facility prior to closure of the facility. 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.

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 June 14, 2018. Fibrant's permit was modified from a storage and corrective action permit to a corrective action only permit in 2018.

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 from previous 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 renewed permit, State and federal regulations require that the EPD provide an opportunity for public comment. Accordingly, a public comment period has been arranged for 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 online 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
Hazardous Waste Management Program
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive SE
Floyd Towers East, Suite 1058
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

and

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

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.

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 “Augusta Liquidations Permit Renewal” in the subject line to help ensure your comments are forwarded to the correct staff. All comments received on or before August 31, 2023 will be considered when the final decision to issue or deny the permit renewal is made. Written comments should be forwarded to the following address:

Attention: Sharon Priyadarshini, Unit Coordinator
Georgia Environmental Protection Division
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive SE
Floyd Towers East, Suite 1058
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Any questions regarding the permit renewal application, the draft permit, or the public participation process should be addressed to Holly Nelson at 404-657-8600 or holly.nelson1@dnr.ga.gov.

BROADCAST RELEASE

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Supporting information is available for review at the following locations during regular business hours and at <https://epd.georgia.gov/public-announcements-0/land-protection-branch-public-announcements>, during a public comment period scheduled from July 17, 2023 – August 31, 2023:

Georgia Environmental Protection Division
Land Protection Branch
Hazardous Waste Management Program
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive SE
East Tower, Suite 1058
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

and

Augusta-Richmond County Public Library
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Augusta, GA 30901
Phone: (706) 821-2600

Interested persons may submit their comments by email to epd.comments@dnr.ga.gov or by regular mail to the following address:

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