

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-011(CA-2) issued to Tri-State Steel Drum, Inc. (TSSD) located in Graysville, Georgia. If renewed, the permit will continue to require the permittee to conduct investigation and corrective action to remediate releases of hazardous constituents into the environment.

TSSD was issued Hazardous Waste Facility Permit No. HW-011(S) on September 28, 1984 for the storage of 24,750 gallons of hazardous waste in containers. The initial permit was later amended to increase container storage capacity and to add a fuel blending tank farm. The permit was subsequently renewed on February 3, 2000 to allow for the storage and treatment of hazardous waste in containers, tanks, and miscellaneous units. In 2001, the facility opted to close its regulated units, submitted a permit modification to remove all storage and treatment units from the permit, and subsequently clean closed its regulated units. The modified permit, issued on March 15, 2002, required the investigation of releases of hazardous constituents into the environment from previous operations at the facility, and if applicable, to conduct corrective action to remediate those releases. The renewal permit, if approved, will continue those requirements.

A draft renewal permit has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Rules, Chapter 391-3-11, which contains the conditions for the investigation and corrective action of any discovered 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 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 July 24, 2019 through September 10, 2019. 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

Catoosa County Library
108 Catoosa Circle
Ringgold, Georgia 30736
Phone: 706-965-3600

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 "TSSD, Graysville Permit Renewal" 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 September 10, 2019 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.