

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 modify Hazardous Waste Facility Permit No. HW-076(CA)-2 issued to Ensco Environmental Services of Georgia, Inc. (Ensco) located in Dalton, Georgia. If modified, the permit will continue to require the permittee to conduct investigation and corrective action to remediate releases of hazardous constituents into the environment.

Southeastern Waste Treatment Company (SEWT) operated the facility located at 1015 New South Harris Street in Dalton, GA as a treatment, storage, and disposal site for hazardous and non-hazardous waste between 1975 and 1985. The historic operations resulted in volatile organic compound (VOC) impacts to the environment. Ensco acquired the property in December 1986 and conducted treatment, storage, and consolidation of hazardous and non-hazardous waste at the site from 1988 to September 2000 under the requirements of the Hazardous Waste Facility Permit. Ensco ceased hazardous waste management and storage operations at the facility in September 1999 and completed EPD-approved closure activities in January 2002. The site was sold to Barrett Properties, L.L.C. of Dalton, GA in May 2003, though Ensco continues to be responsible for the corrective action activities at this facility. The modified permit, if approved, will incorporate the Corrective Action Plan (CAP) and subsequently require Ensco to implement the corrective action.

A draft modified 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 known and 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 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 March 15, 2022, through April 29, 2022. During the public comment period, a copy of the draft 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

Dalton-Whitfield County Library
310 Cappes Street
Dalton, GA 30720
Phone: (706) 876-1360

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 "Enesco Dalton Permit Modification" 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 April 29, 2022 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: Emilea Dukes, Unit Coordinator
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive SE
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 Emilea Dukes at 470-524-4740.