

FACT SHEET
MATTHEWS INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION (D.B.A. THE YORK
GROUP, INC. / YORK CASKET HARDWARE)
LAWRENCEVILLE, GEORGIA

A draft permit has been prepared to modify the above-referenced Hazardous Waste Facility Permit No. HW-092(D). This fact sheet has been prepared in accordance with Section 391-3-11-.11(5)(h) (40 CFR Part 124) of Georgia's Rules for Hazardous Waste Management in order to briefly advise the public of the principal facts and the significant factual, legal, methodological and policy questions considered in preparing the draft permit. The permit modification designates Solid Waste Manage Unit 12 (RU-1) and Solid Waste Management Unit 14 (RU-2) as having achieved corrective action completion.

I. PERMIT PROCESS

The purpose of the permitting process is to afford the Environmental Protection Division (EPD), interested citizens and other governmental agencies the opportunity to evaluate the ability of Matthews International Corporation (d.b.a. The York Group, Inc. / York Casket Hardware) (the Permittee) to comply with the applicable hazardous waste management requirements promulgated under the Georgia Hazardous Waste Management Act. The Permit conditions are set forth in one concise document which describes all the applicable requirements with which the Permittee must comply for the permit's duration.

II. PERMIT STRUCTURE

The permit is divided into four parts. A cover sheet first sets forth the basic legal authority for issuing the permit. Section I specifies the standard conditions which are applicable to all hazardous waste management facilities. Section II specifies the conditions for post-closure care. Section III specifies the conditions for corrective action for the remediation of any contamination resulting from the operation of the regulated units. Section IV specifies a program for assessing and remediating all releases of hazardous wastes or constituents to the environment, which may have occurred but are not related to the units already addressed.

III. FACILITY DESCRIPTION

Matthews International Corporation (d.b.a. The York Group, Inc. / York Casket Hardware) formerly manufactured casket hardware and performed fabric dyeing and embossing operations. Former manufacturing techniques employed at the facility included nickel, copper, and zinc plating. These plating processes generated hazardous wastes, which were stored and treated without a required Hazardous Waste Facility Permit. The facility has ceased placement of hazardous waste in the hazardous waste storage and treatment units and has closed these units in accordance with an approved closure plan. The two regulated units on the property are the former Electroplating Area and the former Evaporation Area. York no longer utilizes plating processes at its facility.

On September 2, 2016, EPD reissued Hazardous Waste Facility Permit Number HW-092(D) to York Casket Hardware for the post-closure care and corrective action of two RCRA waste management units and AOC-6.

On June 4, 2020, EPD modified Hazardous Waste Facility Permit Number HW-092(D) to Matthews International Corporation (d.b.a. York Casket Hardware) to designate Area of Concern 6 (AOC-6) and associated Solid Waste Management Unit 9 (SWMU-9) as having achieved corrective action completion.

DISPOSAL OF ADDITIONAL HAZARDOUS WASTE AT THE FACILITY IS NOT ALLOWED.

IV. PROCEDURES FOR REACHING A FINAL DECISION

The issuance of the Hazardous Waste Facility Permit Modification to Matthews International Corporation (d.b.a. The York Group, Inc. / York Casket Hardware) will be administered by EPD. EPD has rules which require a permit to be issued for all facilities which treat, store, or dispose of hazardous waste, or require post-closure care and corrective action.

The State of Georgia received final authorization for the 1984 amendments to the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), as amended, on September 18, 1986. Therefore, upon issuance, this permit will constitute a full RCRA permit as required by the Georgia Hazardous Waste Management Act and RCRA.

Georgia's Rules for Hazardous Waste Management Section 391-3-11-.11(4)(a) [40 CFR 124.10] require that the public be given a minimum forty-five (45) day comment period for each draft permit prepared. The comment period will begin on November 26, 2025, and end on January 13, 2026. Any person interested in commenting on the draft permit must do so within the forty-five (45) day comment period. Comments may be emailed to EPD.Comments@dnr.ga.gov. If you choose to email your comments, please be sure to include the words "York Modified Permit" in the subject line to help ensure your comments are forwarded to the correct staff. Written comments may be mailed to the following address:

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When the Director of EPD makes his decision with respect to the permit issuance, notice will be given to the applicant and each person who has submitted written comments or requested notice of the final permit renewal decision. The permit renewal is final 30 days after issuance.