

**FACT SHEET
SCOVILL FASTENERS
CLARKESVILLE, GEORGIA
EPA ID NO GAD003480530**

A draft permit has been prepared to modify the above-referenced Hazardous Waste Facility Permit No. HW-090(D). This fact sheet has been prepared in accordance with Section 391-3-11-.11(5)(h) (40 CFR Part 124) of the Georgia's Rules for Hazardous Waste Management in order to briefly advise the public of the principal facts and significant factual, legal, methodological and policy questions considered in preparing the draft permit. The permit modification designates the three former wastewater treatment basins as having achieved corrective action completion.

I. PERMIT PROCESS

The purpose of the permitting process is to afford the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD), interested citizens and other governmental agencies the opportunity to evaluate the ability of Scovill Fasteners (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 that describes all 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 then specifies the standard conditions which are applicable to all hazardous waste management facilities. Section II specifies the conditions for the post-closure care for three closely spaced and concrete-lined surface impoundments. Section III specifies the conditions for ground water monitoring and corrective action for any contamination resulting from previous operations at the facility. Section IV specifies the conditions for corrective action for solid waste management units and areas of concern from all releases of hazardous waste or constituents to the environment, which may have occurred but are not related to units already addressed.

III. FACILITY BACKGROUND

Scovill Fasteners is located on Georgia Highway 385 South/U.S. Highway 441 Business in Clarkesville, Habersham County, and has operated at this location since 1956. The site was formerly a lumberyard. From 1956 to 1963, the facility assembled zippers. In 1963, the facility obtained their first metal stamping machine, began manufacturing buttons, and electroplating operations. Prior to 1973, wastewater generated at the facility was discharged to the Clarkesville city sewer system. In 1973, Scovill constructed an on-site Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) that discharged to three concrete-lined basins (equalization basin, effluent polishing basin, and emergency holding basin) that operated until 1989. The former equalization basin was a holding area for pretreated chromium and cyanide wastes, and untreated acid/alkaline wastes. The former polishing pond was a holding area for treated wastewater prior to discharge to the Soque River. The former emergency holding pond was a backup for the equalization basin.

The facility, which is directly adjacent to residential, commercial and industrial activity, occupies 28.4 acres. The facility owner changed its name to Scovill Apparel Fasteners Inc. (1985), to GSG Fasteners, LLC, doing business as (dba) Scovill Fasteners, Inc. (2011) and to Morito Scovill Americas, LLC, dba Scovill Fasteners (2014).

On December 31, 1992, Scovill Fasteners, Inc. was issued Hazardous Waste Permit HW-090 (D) for post-closure care of the three former wastewater treatment basins, corrective action and groundwater monitoring to address the release of hazardous constituents into the environment from previous operations at the facility. The permit was renewed in October 2004 and October 2016. On November 27, 2024, EPD approved a request to modify Hazardous Waste Permit HW-090 (D) to Morito Scovill Americas, LLC, (dba Scovill Fasteners) to designate the three former wastewater treatment basins as having achieved corrective action completion.

THIS PERMIT DOES NOT AUTHORIZE ANY ADDITIONAL DISPOSAL OF HAZARDOUS WASTE AT THE FACILITY.

IV. PROCEDURES FOR REACHING A FINAL DECISION

The issuance of the Hazardous Waste Facility Permit Modification to Morito Scovill Americas, LLC, (dba Scovill Fasteners) 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 August 12, 2026, and end on September 25, 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 "Scovill Fasteners 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 modification decision. The permit modification is final 30 days after issuance.