PUTNAM COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT TIER II COMPOST FACILITY NOTICE OF INTENT TO TERMINATE PERMIT – COMMENTS WELCOME

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC), Division of Solid Waste Management (DSWM), has tentatively decided to issue a tier two compost facility permit termination to Putnam County Solid Waste Management for their Tier II Compost Facility. This termination was requested on March 20, 2023, by the permittee, Putnam County Solid Waste Management.

The facility, identified as Putnam County Solid Waste Management Tier II Compost Facility (CMP710000009), is located in Putnam County at 11089 Cookeville Boatdock Road, Baxter, TN (latitude 36.035517 N/longitude - 85.655206 W). Putnam County was awarded a TDEC Organics Management Grant in 2018 to support a countywide composting effort at schools, nursing homes, restaurants, and homes. The composting facility was permitted on January 3, 2020, to construct, operate, and close a solid waste composting facility for the processing/composting of food wastes, wood wastes, hay, and other similar organic materials. The facility was constructed, but never received waste or produced any compost. The official responsible for the facility is Doug Ashburn, Putnam County Solid Waste Management Director, 1846 South Jefferson Avenue, Cookeville, TN 38506 (931-528-3884).

Per inspection by DSWM personnel on April 21, 2023, DSWM has confirmed the facility is closed. DSWM has made a preliminary determination that the Putnam County Solid Waste Management Tier II Compost Facility meets the applicable termination requirements of Tennessee Rule Chapter 0400-11-01, Solid Waste Processing and Disposal. Pending consideration of any comments received during the 45-day comment period, DSWM intends to issue this permit termination.

To comment on the draft permit or request a public hearing on this issue, contact Brianna Rives in DSWM's Central Office at the TN Tower, 312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 14th Floor, Nashville, TN 37243, by phone at (615) 308-0104, by email at Brianna.Rives@tn.gov or by fax at (615)532-0938. Comments must be received by 4:30 p.m. CDT on Monday, August 14, 2023, to assure consideration.

After considering all public comments, DSWM will make a final decision to terminate the permit. DSWM will provide notice of the permit termination and a Response to Comments addressing all significant input received on the termination to the applicant and to each person who has submitted written comments. These documents will also be available online and at the repositories listed above.

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