

PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON RHEA COUNTY LANDFILL EXPANSION

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC), Division of Solid Waste Management (DSWM), will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, November 29, 2023, to receive comments on its tentative decision to issue a solid waste disposal facility permit major modification for the Rhea County Landfill.

The facility, identified as Rhea County Landfill (SNL720000269), is located in Rhea County at 207 Sanitary Drive, Dayton, Tennessee (latitude 35.559600° N/longitude -84.911665° W). This permit would allow construction, operation, closure, and post-closure care of the Class I disposal facility for the disposal of domestic wastes, commercial wastes, institutional wastes, municipal solid wastes, bulky wastes, landscaping and land clearing wastes, industrial wastes, construction/demolition wastes, farming wastes, shredded automotive tires, dead animals, special wastes, and/or certain wastes having similar characteristics and approved in writing by TDEC. No hazardous wastes, as regulated by the Tennessee Hazardous Waste Management Act (Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-212-101, et. seq.) and the Rules adopted pursuant to the Act, shall be accepted for disposal at this facility. The official responsible for the operation of the facility is Mr. Paul Marks, Area General Manager, Capital Waste Services, 207 Sanitary Road, Dayton, TN 37321 (423-315-7742).

DSWM has made a preliminary determination that this proposal meets the applicable 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 ending on Wednesday, December 27, 2023, DSWM intends to issue this permit.

The hearing will be held on Wednesday, November 29, 2023, at the Rhea County Courthouse, 1475 Market St., Dayton, TN 37321, as well as via video-teleconference. Information on how to join online is provided below. From 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. (EDT), an informational session will be held. The public may inspect and discuss the permit application, draft permit, fact sheet, plans, and other materials with the DSWM and with representatives of the applicant. There will also be an opportunity for comments to be recorded or written and submitted during this time. The formal hearing will begin at 6:00 p.m. First DSWM will explain its tentative decision to issue the permit. The applicant's representative will describe the proposed facility. DSWM will then receive oral comments on the draft permit from the public.

Those who wish to join the public hearing virtually can do so by using the following link tn.gov/environment/notices/rhea-county/hearing. Information regarding how to join by computer will be posted to this website at least 3 days prior to the public hearing. Online participants will be able to view maps, pictures, and other content that will be shared.

DSWM invites the public to review and submit comments on this proposal at the hearing or anytime during the 45-day comment period ending on Wednesday, December 27, 2023. Electronic copies of the application and draft permit are available online at tn.gov/environment/notices/rhea-county and the DSWM Central Office on the 14th Floor of the Tennessee Tower, 312 Rosa L. Parks Ave, Nashville, TN 37243 (615-532-0780). Paper copies may be reviewed at the Clyde W. Roddy Public Library, 371 1st Ave, Dayton, TN 37321 (423-775-8406) and the TDEC Chattanooga Environmental Field Office, 1301 Riverfront Parkway, Suite #206, Chattanooga, TN 37402 (423-634-5745).

To comment on the draft permit, contact Ms. Brianna Rives in DSWM's Central Office at the TN Tower, 312 Rosa L. Parks Ave, 14th Floor, Nashville, TN 37243 (615-308-0104), email Brianna.Rives@tn.gov or fax 615-532-0938. Comments must be received by 4:30 p.m. CDT on Wednesday, December 27, 2023, to assure consideration.

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DATE OF NOTICE: NOVEMBER 12, 2023

