

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF SOLICITATION OF PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR HAZARDOUS WASTE
MANAGEMENT PERMIT RENEWAL

CAVENHAM FOREST INDUSTRIES LLC
9502 CREOSOTE ROAD
GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI
MISSISSIPPI PERMIT NUMBER: HW057226961
EPA I.D. NUMBER: MSD 057 226 961

Public Notice Start Date: April 15, 2022
Public Notice End Date: May 30, 2022

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The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) is issuing this public notice of their proposed intentions to renew environmental permit issued to Cavenham Forest Industries LLC (Cavenham) pursuant to the Mississippi Solid Wastes Disposal Law of 1974 and the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA).

The Cavenham facility is the site of a former wood treating operation that utilized the treating chemicals creosote and pentachlorophenol. The facility is required to obtain a Hazardous Waste post-closure care permit from MDEQ for a closed wastewater treatment surface impoundment that was closed with waste remaining in the unit. It was determined that there had been a release of hazardous constituents to ground water, so the permit also requires corrective action to remediate contaminated groundwater. This proposed permit renewal is based on a permit application that Cavenham submitted in 2017 for continued post-closure care activities of its closed surface impoundment. Other areas of contamination on the site are regulated by a separate permit issued by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4.

The public comment period for this permit renewal will run from April 15, 2022 until May 30, 2022.

Why does Cavenham need a Hazardous Waste Management Permit?

Generally, facilities that store, treat or dispose of large volumes of hazardous waste are required to do so under the terms and conditions of a Hazardous Waste Management Permit. Cavenham is conducting post-closure care and corrective action on a closed RCRA unit. The current Hazardous Waste Management Permit from the MDEQ expired on September 30, 2017; however, the permit was administratively continued pending a decision on the permit renewal. The MDEQ permit renewal that is the subject of this public notice includes requirements that relate to long-term post-closure management activities for the closed surface impoundment. The environmental media of most concern from past releases is groundwater.

The staff of the Permit Board has developed this draft permit based on information submitted to the Permit Board by the applicant, appropriate State and Federal agencies, and other interested parties. The staff of the Permit Board is soliciting all relative information pertaining to the proposed activity, including public comment, to ensure that the final staff recommendation on the draft permit complies with all State and Federal regulations. Public review and comment on the draft permit and supporting documentation is an important element in the staff evaluation and resulting recommendation to the Permit Board. The draft permit conditions have been developed to ensure compliance with all State and Federal regulations but are subject to change based on information received as a result of public participation.

Where can documents be viewed?

Additional details, including the draft permit, Fact Sheet, and other supporting information can be accessed on the website www.mdeq.ms.gov/cavenham. Any person who does not have internet access and is interested in viewing these documents, or is interested in additional information, may contact the persons listed below.

The permit application and other facility information can be viewed by appointment at MDEQ. To request an appointment, please complete an Online Public Records Request Form at <https://www.mdeq.ms.gov/about-mdeq/public-records-request>.

MDEQ offices can at the following location:

MDEQ

Patrick Alan Nunnelee Building

515 East Amite Street

Jackson, MS 39201

Hours: Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. CST

Additionally, a copy of the draft permit and Fact Sheet can be reviewed at the following library during normal business hours:

Orange Grove Branch Library

12135 Old Hwy 49

Gulfport, MS 39503

Phone: (228) 832-6924

How do I provide comments on the Draft Hazardous Waste Management Permit?

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed permit renewals are invited to submit comments in writing to the contacts listed below by mail and/or email. Written comments must be received no later than May 30, 2022. All comments received by this date will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the permit renewals. A public hearing will be held if the Permit Board finds a significant degree of public interest in the proposed permit. The Permit Board is limited in the scope of its analysis to environmental impact. Written comments may be submitted to the following by mail or email:

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How will public comments be considered in the final permitting decisions?

The MDEQ will review and consider all comments received within the public comment period before making their final permitting recommendation. All written comments will be compiled as part of the permitting record. A Response to Comments document will be developed and made available addressing relevant public comments on the proposed permit renewal decision.

The final decision on the MDEQ's permitting determination will be made by the Mississippi Environmental Quality Permit Board. In making the final decision, the Permit Board will consider all issues and concerns raised that fall within the Board's jurisdiction over the proposed permit renewal. The Board will determine whether modifications to the draft permit are necessary to address public comments

and concerns for the project. Any interested party aggrieved by the Board's decision may file a written request for a formal hearing on the decision. A final decision would then be made by the Permit Board after that formal hearing. Any person aggrieved by that final Board decision may appeal the permit action within the 30-day period provided for in Section 49-17-29(4)(b) Mississippi Code of 1972.

Please bring the foregoing to the attention of persons you know who may be interested.