

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

**PUBLIC NOTICE
OF
PROPOSED BROWNFIELD AGREEMENT SITE**

Pursuant to the Mississippi Brownfields Voluntary Cleanup and Redevelopment Act Mississippi Code Annotated Sections § 49-35-1 through § 49-35-27 (Act), notice is hereby given that Hodges Redevelopment GWD, LLC has submitted an application to the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) to enter into a Brownfield Agreement with the Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality (MCEQ) with regard to a tract of land located in Section: 9, Township: 19 N, Range: 1 E in Greenwood, Mississippi and more particularly described as the former Three Rivers Inn. The proposed Brownfield Agreement Site previously operated as temporary housing. Construction materials in the building have been determined to contain Asbestos Containing Materials (“ACM”) in excess of the Environmental Protection Agency 1% ACM threshold. Hodges Redevelopment GWD, LLC has proposed to properly remove ACM from Site structures before demolishing said buildings. Paired with the ACM removal, Hodges Redevelopment GWD, LLC will file a Notice of Brownfield Agreement Site with the property deed and enter into a Brownfield Agreement to control or eliminate exposure to contamination while remediation is ongoing. The proposed future land use of the site will be a commercial building, specifically a restaurant.

The staff of the MCEQ has evaluated the proposed Brownfield Agreement and believes that, with the conditions and restrictions contained within the proposed Brownfield Agreement, the site will be in compliance with all applicable State and Federal laws and standards and will be protective of the public health and the environment once the Brownfield Agreement is completed. Therefore, the staff of the MCEQ has made a preliminary decision, based on available information, to recommend to the MCEQ that the proposed Brownfield Agreement be approved.

Based on site specific public health and environmental risks as provided by the Act, MDEQ believes the remedial action of the Brownfield Agreement will be protective of human health and the environment. The public is invited to submit any written comments regarding the proposed Brownfield Agreement no later than close of business on May 23, 2022 to Thomas Wallace at:

Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 2261
Jackson, Mississippi 39225
Phone: 601-961-5240

All comments received by that date will be part of the record and considered in the formulation of a final decision in this matter. A copy of the proposed Brownfield Agreement is available for inspection and copying at MDEQ offices located at 515 East Amite Street, Jackson, MS by contacting MDEQ’s Public Record office at (601) 961-5758. A copy of the proposed Brownfield Agreement is also available for inspection at the county courthouse of Leflore County, Mississippi. It is expected that the MCEQ will consider the proposed Brownfield Agreement during its regular meeting to be held at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 26, 2022 at 515 E. Amite Street, Jackson, Mississippi. Questions or comments should be directed to the MDEQ representative set forth above.