



MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

COMMUNITY NOTICE

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CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP



(First Chemical Corporation, acquired by Oleo-X)

On June 9, 2022, First Chemical Corporation *d/b/a* Oleo-X (Oleo-X) acquired the former First Chemical Corporation, A Chemours Company. The facility is located at 1001 Industrial Road, Pascagoula, MS. Under the previous owner, First Chemical was primarily engaged in the manufacture of Aniline, Nitrobenzene, Forafac, and other specialty organic chemicals. The new owner, Oleo-X, will be engaged in the processing of soybean oil to remove gums, thereby, creating a renewable feedstock for biorefining. The process will involve heating the oil, washing, chemical addition to remove impurities, solids separation, bleaching with clay and final solids removal. The method proposed by Oleo-X of processing/cleaning of soybean oil will not generate hazardous waste.

On July 27, 2022, Oleo-X submitted a *True Minor Determination* request to withdraw the Title V Operating Permit (TVOP) application on file with MDEQ and terminate the existing TVOP, AIR Ref. No. 1280-00022, previously held by First Chemical Corporation (Chemours). Based on information provided in the *True Minor Determination*, potential uncontrolled emissions for the existing process units that will remain in operation appear to be below the Title V major source thresholds. The facility will be a true minor source and as such will **not** be required to have a TVOP. This means that the uncontrolled emissions of all air pollutants from the proposed emission sources are projected to be below the Title V thresholds of a 100 tons per year (tpy) for Criteria Pollutants, 10 tpy for individual Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs) and 25 tpy for any combination of HAPs.

Additionally, Oleo-X has requested the transfer and/or reissuance of the following permits and/or coverages:

- **Hazardous Waste Management Operating Permit** (MSD 033 471 031) – The former First Chemical and Oleo-X are closing all existing hazardous waste management units (four hazardous waste storage tanks and a hazardous waste incinerator) in accordance with the requirements in the existing hazardous waste management operating permit. MSD 033 471 031 will be transferred and jointly issued to Oleo-X and The Chemours Company FC, LLC. Once MDEQ has approved a final closure certification for the previously operated hazardous waste units, the permittees will be required to maintain a hazardous waste management permit with the MDEQ for the post-closure care of the site, including financial assurance requirements.
- **Hazardous Waste Management Corrective Action Permit** (MSD 033 471 031) – This EPA issued permit expires on September 25, 2022. EPA is currently working with OLEO-X to transfer and reissue the permit jointly to OLEO-X and The Chemours Company FC, LLC. OLEO-X will continue to manage corrective action activities under the terms of Hazardous Waste Management Corrective Action Permit and the permittees will also be required to maintain financial assurance for the remediation and corrective action activities.
- **Coverage under the Industrial Stormwater General NPDES Permit** (MSR 110075)
- **Water Pretreatment Permit** (MSP 090360) – An updated application to reflect Oleo-X’s operations was received by MDEQ on August 3, 2022.

The additional permit actions listed above are under review. Updates regarding public participation (if applicable) will be shared following review of each individual permitting action.

Should you have any questions regarding any of the actions described above, please contact the following:

- True Minor Determination – Jeffrey Bland, Environmental Permits Division/ Air I Branch – 601-961-5112 or jbland@mdeq.ms.gov
- Hazardous Waste Operating Permit – Krista Caron, Waste Division/Hazardous Waste Branch – 601-961-5719 or kcaron@mdeq.ms.gov
- Hazardous Waste Management Corrective Action Permit – Brian Bastek, EPA Region IV, RCRA Corrective Action Section – 404-562-8511 or bastek.brian@epa.gov
- Industrial Stormwater General NPDES Permit Coverage - Carrie Barefoot, Environmental Permits Division/401 Stormwater Branch – 601-961-5249 or cbarefoot@mdeq.ms.gov
- Water Pretreatment Permit – Tracy Tomkins. Environmental Permits Division/Water I Branch – 601-961-5622 or ttomkins@mdeq.ms.gov