**Hot Mix Asphalt General Permit – Public Notice Instructions**

Mississippi Environmental Quality Permit Board

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Jackson, Mississippi 39225

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1. **The Public Notice and NOI must be submitted to MDEQ five working days prior to start of the public notice to ensure the information is available for public review.**
2. The Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) facility owner/operator is responsible for publishing a notice for 30-day public comment to obtain a new coverage or major modification to existing coverage under the Hot Mix Asphalt General Permit (HMAGP).
3. An HMAGP Public Notice shall only address one facility.
4. The public notice must be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the facility will be/is located. (If there is no local county paper, publish the notice in a paper with general circulation in the area of the facility.)
5. The public notice must be published one time, on or before the start date listed in the public notice.
6. The 30-day notice period does not include the day of publication and ends at close-of-business 30 days later.
7. The 30-day notice cannot end on a weekend or end on a holiday. If the notice ends on one of these, then the notice period will be extended to the next business day.
8. The NOI and Change Request Form (for a modification) and Public Notice will be made available on MDEQ’s website for public review for the entire 30-day public notice period.
9. Submit a notarized proof of publication of the notice as soon as possible to the Air 2 Branch Manager, Environmental Permits Division at the Permit Board address noted above or to the Air 2 permit engineer handling the permit action, if known. Coverage cannot be issued until proof of publication is received.

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**Public Notice Start Date: *[start date]***

*[Company Name (Owner and Operator, if applicable) and Facility Name]* located *at [physical street address of Facility]* in *[city/county],* Mississippi*, [contact telephone number],* has applied to the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) for coverage and/or modification under MDEQ’s Hot Mix Asphalt General Permit to construct and operate a Hot Mix Asphalt facility.

The Hot Mix Asphalt General Permit has been developed to ensure compliance with all State and Federal regulations. Facilities granted coverage under this permit and adhering to the conditions contained therein should operate within State and Federal environmental laws and standards concerning the construction and operation of air emissions equipment and the discharge of storm water associated with industrial activities.

The proposed project consists of construction and operation of a Hot Mix Asphalt facility or a major modification to the Hot Mix Asphalt facility as indicated in the Change Request Form*.* Under the General Permit, all Hot Mix Asphalt facilities must control emissions of particulate matter from the dryer and related silos and comply with other limitations regarding asphalt production, fuels combusted, and rock/RAP crusher operation. With these limitations, potential emissions will be below the Prevention of Significant Deterioration major source thresholds specified in the Mississippi Regulations for the Prevention of Significant Deterioration of Air Quality, 11 Miss. Admin. Code Pt. 2, Ch. 5. Potential emissions will also be below the Air Title V major source thresholds as specified in 11 Miss. Admin. Code Pt. 2, Ch. 6.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed request for coverage are invited to submit comments in writing to the **Air 2 Branch Manager, Environmental Permits Division** at the Permit Board's address shown above or via email at [www.mdeq.ms.gov/whitlock-jaricus](http://www.mdeq.ms.gov/whitlock-jaricus) no later than 30 days from the public notice start date. The deadline for comment shall be extending to the following calendar day should the 30-day period end on a weekend or State holiday. All comments received or postmarked by this date will be considered in the determination regarding coverage approval. After receipt of public comments and thorough consideration of all comments, MDEQ will formulate its recommendations regarding coverage approval.

Additional details about the proposed project are available by writing or calling the **Air 2 Branch Manager, Environmental Permits Division** at the above Permit Board address and telephone number. A copy of the Notice of Intent or Change Request Form and public notice are also available on the MDEQ’s website at: <https://opcgis.deq.state.ms.us/ensearchonline/recently-received-general-permit-noi.aspx>. A copy of the Hot Mix Asphalt General Permit is available at [www.mdeq.ms.gov/hmagp](http://www.mdeq.ms.gov/hmagp). This information is also available for review during normal business hours at the office of the MDEQ at the Permit Board address shown above. Please bring the foregoing to the attention of persons whom you know will be interested.