

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY 2632
OFFICIAL MINUTES
MARCH 26, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Commission on Environmental Quality was held on Thursday, March 26, 2026, in-person in the Commission Hearing Room at the offices of the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, 515 East Amite Street, Jackson, Mississippi, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Commissioners present were: Patrick Johnson, Jr., Jack Norris, Kent Parrish, Jr., Chat Phillips, Gregg Rader, Jack Winstead and Billy VanDevender.

Others present were: Chris Wells, Executive Director, Thomas Wallace, Jaricus Whitlock, Marquita Johnson, Tad Campbell, staff of MDEQ; and other staff members and visitors whose names appear elsewhere in these minutes.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Chat Phillips. Mr. Phillips introduced and welcomed Mr. Gregg Rader, the newest member to the Commission on Environmental Quality. After Mr. Phillips led the invocation, the following business was transacted:

Approval of Minutes

On motion made by Mr. VanDevender and seconded by Mr. Winstead, the minutes of the January 22, 2026, meeting were approved and adopted by the Commission as the Official Minutes.

Commission Approval of Environmental Response Action Contractor (ERAC)

Mr. Thomas Wallace stated that MDEQ staff reviewed an application from a consulting firm requesting to be listed as an Environmental Response Action Contractor (ERAC) and determined it to be complete and acceptable. Therefore, on behalf of staff, Mr. Wallace recommended that the Commission approve the following firm as an ERAC:

Snyder Environmental, LLC dba EIS Holding, LLC
P.O. Box 3317
North Little Rock, AR 72203

Following staff presentation and deliberation, on motion made by Mr. Winstead and seconded by Mr. Parrish, the Commission unanimously voted to approve Snyder Environmental, LLC dba EIS Holding, LLC, from North Little Rock, AR as an ERAC.

Commission Approval of Brownfield Agreement

On behalf of MDEQ staff, Mr. Thomas Wallace, recommended that the Commission approve the Brownfield Agreement between the Commission and Murphy Oil Trading Company (Eastern) regarding the remediation of brownfield property located at 6522 North Frontage Road, Meridian, Lauderdale County, Mississippi. This property has been under remediation for about 18 years and, due to several circumstances, has remained incomplete. MDEQ legal staff has worked diligently on these issues in order to get the remediation process back functioning. Murphy Oil Trading Company, located on neighboring property, has acquired this property, and agreed to continue the remediation process until completion. The administrative record for this environmental response project is referred to as the Former Mid-Continent Bulk Terminal site. The Mid-Continent Bulk Terminal site is contaminated with petroleum compounds in soils and groundwater in excess of Target Remediation Goals (TRGs). Therefore, remediation of the Brownfield Agreement Site is necessary. The proposed use of the Site after completion of all remediation will be commercial/industrial. Staff of MDEQ evaluated the Brownfield Agreement and believes that, with the conditions and restrictions contained within the Brownfield Agreement, the Site will be in compliance with applicable State and Federal laws and standards and will be protective of public health and the environment. Mr. VanDevender asked if MDEQ had provided Murphy Oil with a time frame in which to complete the remediation project. Mr. Wallace stated that a Corrective Action Plan will be included with the Brownfield Agreement which specifies the type of remediation to take place but, due to the magnitude of the remediation project, a deadline for completion has not been imposed. There was some concern by the Commission to make sure the remediation process progresses. Keith Turner, who represents Murphy Oil, also briefly addressed the

Commission. Following staff presentation and deliberation, on motion made by Mr. Norris and seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the Brownfield Agreement between the Commission and Murphy Oil Trading Company (Eastern).

Request for Approval of Proposed Amendments of MDEQ Asbestos Regulations

On behalf of the MDEQ Air Division, Mr. Jaricus Whitlock, requested that the Commission approve the proposed amendments to MDEQ's asbestos regulations that pertain to the accreditation and certification of individuals that conduct activities for the abatement of asbestos containing material in the State of Mississippi. The proposed revisions were previously sent to the Commission for review and are primarily intended to update the allowable training requirements for certain personnel that may abate asbestos containing material and update applicable definitions in accordance with Mississippi State law, which was amended through the "Asbestos Abatement Accreditation and Certification Act" in 2025, to more closely align with Federal requirements. A public comment period was held, along with a virtual public hearing, and no comments were received. Therefore, on behalf of staff, Mr. Whitlock requested approval to finalize the proposed revisions to MDEQ's asbestos regulations. Following staff presentation and after deliberation, on motion made by Mr. Winstead and seconded by Mr. Parrish, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the proposed amendments to MDEQ's asbestos regulations that pertain to the accreditation and certification of individuals that conduct activities for the abatement of asbestos containing material in the State of Mississippi.

Commission Briefing on the Draft 303(d) List of Impaired Water Bodies

On behalf of MDEQ staff, Ms. Marquita Johnson briefed the Commission on the 2026 Draft Mississippi Section 303(d) List of Impaired Water Bodies. The Clean Water Act requires that states submit an impaired waters list to EPA every two years. The Draft 2026 Mississippi 303(d) List was previously forwarded to the Commission for review and is currently at public notice from March 13, 2026, through April 13, 2026, to receive public comments. Ms. Johnson stated that staff will return to the Commission following the public notice and required hearing to request the adoption of the Final 2026 303(d) list. This briefing was for informational purposes only, requiring no action by the Commission.

Solid Waste Assistance Grants

On previous authority delegated to the MDEQ Executive Director, the Commission was provided a listing by staff of the following solid waste assistance grants that have been awarded to local governments:

<u>County/Municipality</u>	<u>Grant Amount</u>
Benton County Board of Supervisors	\$11,839.00
Grenada County Board of Supervisors	\$13,506.00
Lee County Board of Supervisors	\$21,587.00
Marion County Board of Supervisors	\$19,216.00
Oktibbeha County Board of Supervisors	\$17,962.00
Panola County Board of Supervisors	\$41,019.08
Pearl River County Board of Supervisors	\$22,836.00
Tallahatchie County Board of Supervisors	\$17,687.00
Tate County Board of Supervisors	\$34,981.91
Tippah County Board of Supervisors	\$17,269.00

Asbestos Certifications

On previous authority delegated to the Head, Office of Pollution Control, the staff reported that 257 asbestos certifications had been issued since the last report.

Lead Paint Certifications

On previous authority delegated to the Head, Office of Pollution Control, the staff reported that 109 lead paint certifications had been issued since the last report.

Underground Storage Tank (UST) Certifications

On previous authority delegated to the Head, Office of Pollution Control, the staff reported that 2 new and 22 renewed certifications to those who install, alter, or remove underground storage tanks had been issued since the last report.

Wastewater Operator Certifications

On previous authority delegated to the Head, Office of Pollution Control, the staff reported that 18 new and 17 renewed wastewater operator certificates had been issued since the last report.

Emergency Clean-Up Expenses

On previous authority delegated to the MDEQ Executive Director, the staff reported the Emergency Clean-Up Expenses incurred since the Commission's last meeting. A list of these expenses is made a part of these minutes and is filed in the Official Minutes File.

Administrative Orders

On previous authority delegated to the MDEQ Executive Director, the staff reported that 19 Administrative Orders have been issued since the Commission's meeting on January 22, 2026. A list of these orders is made a part of these minutes and is filed in the Official Minutes File.

Other Business

Executive Director Chris Wells provided the Commission with a legislative update regarding legislation supported by MDEQ and legislation the agency is monitoring to see if there will be any impacts to MDEQ. Mr. Wells also stated that the Senate confirmed the appointments of Jack Norris and Gregg Rader to the Commission. Finally, Mr. Wells briefed the Commission on language contained in MDEQ's appropriations bill. Mr. Wells and the Commission discussed some of this legislation and the potential effects to the agency.

Setting of Meeting

The Commission decided to meet next on April 23, 2026, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.


CHAIR

ATTEST:


EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

EMERGENCY CLEAN-UP EXPENSES

To: CTEH
Amount: \$42,499.07 **Date of Response:** 11/04/2025
For: Costs associated with providing supervision, labor, equipment, and materials to monitor the air for an ammonia release.

To: E3 Environmental
Amount: \$5,977.40 **Date of Response:** 04/06/2025
For: Costs associated with providing supervision, labor, equipment and materials to respond to a chlorine release in Prentiss County.

To: E3 Environmental
Amount: \$6,016.18 **Date of Response:** 10/16/2025
For: Costs associated with providing supervision, labor, equipment and materials to respond to and clean up a petroleum product spill in Union County.

To: E3 Environmental
Amount: \$5,630.99 **Date of Response:** 01/04/2026
For: Costs associated with providing supervision, labor, equipment and materials to respond to and clean up a diesel spill in Lincoln County.

(Attachment 2)
3/26/2026

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS

	<u>Respondent</u>	<u>Order No.</u>	<u>Summary</u>
1	BFI Waste Systems of Mississippi, LLC Madison, Co., MS	Order No. 7653 26 Respondent agrees to pay MDEQ as a penalty in the amount of \$250,000 within 45 days of the Agreed Order.	Respondent owns/operates the Little Dixie Landfill located at 1716 N. County Line Road, Ridgeland, MS in Madison County. The Agreed Order resolves an enforcement action re: odors and other violations. The violations are outlined in Section 1 of the Agreed Order.
2	State Title V Program Fee	Order No. 7654 26	This order approves the Title V Program Fee Schedule for SFY2027 as recommended by staff. This decision will become final unless, pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 49-17-41 (Rev. 2012), an interested party files a sworn petition with the Commission within thirty (30) days from the date of this Order requesting an evidentiary hearing before the Commission or its hearing officer.
3	McIngvale Square, LLC DeSoto Co., MS	Order No. 7655 26	Respondent completed the corrective actions described in and required by Brownfield Agreement #7378-24 and petitioned for completion of the agreement.
4	Masum Mostafa (Owner) Maher Ali Mohamed Alashmely (Operator) Marshall Co., MS	Order No. 7656 26 Respondent agrees to pay MDEQ a penalty in the amount of \$1,855.	Respondent owns/operates USTs at 59 Victoria Road, Victoria, MS. Respondent failed to test pressurized piping shear valves within the previous twelve (12) months {280.35}, failed to test spill prevention integrity once every twelve (12) months {280.30 (c)}, failed to inspect overfill devices once every twelve (12) months. {280.30 (d)}, failed to test cathodic protection system within six (6) months of installation / repair and /or once every three (3) years thereafter {280.32 (b)(1)} and failed to test automatic line leak detectors once every twelve (12) months {280.44 (a)}.
5	Puneeth Karawadra Jackson Co., MS	Order No. 7657 26 Respondent agrees to pay MDEQ a penalty in the amount of \$500.	Respondent owns/operates USTs at 7711 Highway 613, Moss Point, MS. Respondent failed to pay tank fees in a timely manner pursuant to Mississippi Code Annotated § 49-17-421 (Rev. 2023).
6	Gurdev S. Kamboj (Owner) Deya Aldalali (Operator) Copiah Co., MS	Order No. 7658 26 Respondent agrees to pay MDEQ a penalty in the amount of \$1,000.	Respondent owns/operates USTs at 8098 Sylvarena Road, Wesson, MS. Respondent failed to pay tank fees in a timely manner pursuant to Mississippi Code Annotated §

			49-17-421 (Rev. 2023).
7	Mohammed Aldlalie Grenada Co., MS	Order No. 7659 26 Respondent agrees to pay MDEQ a penalty in the amount of \$1,575	Respondent owns/operates USTs at 383 Paper Mill Road, Grenada, MS. Respondent failed to provide adequate release detection method / records for a UST system. {280.40-280.45}, one or more sensors were not properly positioned; and failed to repair and retest automatic line leak detectors within 90 days of annual testing failure. {280.44 (a)}.
8	Radiant Group of Companies LLC (Owner) Radiant Group of Properties, LLC (Operator) Nael Hussein (Operator) De Soto Co., MS	Order No. 7660 26 Respondent agrees to pay MDEQ a penalty in the amount of \$1,250.	Respondent owns/operates USTs at 550 Church Road, Southaven, MS. Respondent failed to provide adequate release detection method / records for a UST system. {280.40-280.45}, one or more sensors were not properly positioned.
9	Lovedeep Singh Hinds Co., MS	Order No. 7661 26 Respondent agrees to pay MDEQ a penalty in the amount of \$750.	Respondent owns/operates USTs at 1070 Raymond Road, Jackson, MS. Respondent failed to meet UST system overflow prevention requirements {280.20 (d)}, failed overflow prevention devices were not corrected within 90 days of failure.
10	Nouryon Pulp and Performance Chemicals LLC Lowndes Co., MS	Order No. 7662 26 Respondent agreed to pay MDEQ a penalty in the amount of \$37,500.00.	Respondent was in violation of the discharge limitations required by NPDES Permit No. MS0040215. These violations are outlined in Section 1 of the Agreed Order.
11	Nabil Eidhah Lee Co., MS	Order No. 7663 26 Respondent agrees to pay MDEQ a penalty in the amount of \$500.	Respondent owns/operates USTs at 1002 Lawndale Road, Tupelo, MS. Respondent failed to pay tank fees in a timely manner pursuant to Mississippi Code Annotated § 49-17-421 (Rev. 2023).
12	South Road Runner Inc (Owner) Mir Shah (Operator) Marshall Co., MS	Order No. 7664 26 Respondent agrees to pay MDEQ a penalty in the amount of \$1,000.	Respondent owns/operates USTs at 480 Highway 178 East, Holly Springs, MS. Respondent failed to pay tank fees in a timely manner pursuant to Mississippi Code Annotated § 49-17-421 (Rev. 2023).
13	MD Shana Ullaha DeSoto Co., MS	Order No. 7665 26 Respondent agrees to pay MDEQ a penalty in the amount of \$1,975.	Respondent owns/operates USTs at 3914 Highway 305, Hernando, MS. Respondent failed to provide adequate release detection method / records for a UST system. {280.40-280.45}, failed to test pressurized piping shear valves within the previous twelve (12) months {280.35}, failed to test spill prevention integrity once every twelve (12) months {280.30 (c)}, failed to inspect overflow devices once every twelve (12) months. {280.30

			(d) }, failed to test electronic interstitial monitoring devices once every twelve (12) months {280.43 (g)}, and failed to test automatic line leak detectors once every twelve (12) months {280.44 (a)}. No testing was conducted between September 2025 and February 2026.
14	H & H Shell Rankin Co., MS	Order No. 7666 26 Respondent agrees to pay MDEQ a penalty in the amount of \$2,000	Respondent owns/operates USTs at 1918 Hwy 471, Brandon, MS. Respondent failed to provide adequate release detection method / records for a UST system. {280.40-280.45}, one or more containment sumps have an inch or more of water in them and repairs have not been initiated or made.
15	49 Investments, Inc Rankin Co., MS	Order No. 7667 26 Respondent agrees to pay MDEQ a penalty in the amount of \$750.	Respondent owns/operates USTs at 1719 Highway 49 South, Florence, MS. Respondent failed to inspect overfill devices once every twelve (12) months. {280.30 (d) }, overfill devices failed 9/19/2025 and were not repaired or retested within ninety (90) days of failure.
16	Abdul Karim (Owner) Amgad Idris Ahmed Alassar (Operator) Harrison Co., MS	Order No. 7668 26 Respondent agrees to pay MDEQ a penalty in the amount of \$500.	Respondent owns/operates USTs at 2018 Pass Road, Biloxi, MS. Respondent failed to pay tank fees in a timely manner pursuant to Mississippi Code Annotated § 49-17-421 (Rev. 2023).
17	Shiv Properties LLC Bolivar Co., MS	Order No. 7669 26 Respondent agrees to pay MDEQ a penalty in the amount of \$850.	Respondent owns/operates USTs at 303 North Bayou Avenue, Cleveland, MS. Respondent failed to test cathodic protection system within six (6) months of installation / repair and /or once every three (3) years thereafter {280.32 (b)(1)}.
18	Karamjot Inc Madison Co., MS	Order No. 7670 26 Respondent agrees to pay MDEQ a penalty in the amount of \$3,750.	Respondent owns/operates USTs at 405 Lake Harbour Drive, Ridgeland, MS. Respondent failed to provide adequate release detection method / records for a UST system. {280.40-280.45} annual precision line tightness test was not conducted, failed to inspect overfill devices once every twelve (12) months. {280.30 (d) }, and failed to test automatic line leak detectors once every twelve (12) months {280.44 (a)}; failed overfill prevention device and automatic line leak detectors were not repaired and retested within ninety (90) days.

19	Brandon Investments Group LLC Rankin Co., MS	Order No. 7671 26 Respondent agrees to pay MDEQ a penalty in the amount of \$4,550.	Respondent owns/operates USTs at 3006 Greenfield Road, Brandon, MS. Respondent failed to provide adequate release detection method / records for a UST system. {280.40-280.45}, failed to test pressurized piping shear valves within the previous twelve (12) months {280.35}, failed to test spill prevention integrity once every twelve (12) months {280.30 (c)}, failed to inspect overfill devices once every twelve (12) months. {280.30 (d) }, failed to test electronic interstitial monitoring devices once every twelve (12) months {280.43 (g)}, failed to test automatic line leak detectors once every twelve (12) months {280.44 (a)}, failed to conduct containment sump integrity testing at installation or every three (3) years thereafter {280.31}, and failed to report a suspected or confirmed release {280.50}
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