

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
Mississippi Environmental Quality Permit Board  
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Date of Public Hearing: June 10, 2026

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MDEQ Contact (Air): Jaricus Whitlock

Magnolia Materials, LLC (“Magnolia Materials”), located at 87 County Road 166 in Oxford, MS, has applied to the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) for the following permitting actions: Issuance of Coverage under the Large Construction Storm Water General Permit (No. MSR109782); Issuance of Coverage under the Hot Mix Asphalt General Permit (No. MSR700115). The applicant’s operations fall within Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Code 2951 – Asphalt Paving Mixtures and Blocks. Staff of the Mississippi Environmental Quality Permit Board (“Permit Board”) will hold a public hearing on this matter from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM on June 10, 2026, at the Oxford Conference Center located at 102 Ed Perry Boulevard; Oxford, MS 38655.

The proposed Magnolia Materials site encompasses approximately 22.92 acres within the Berry Branch watershed, of which about 13.71 acres will be disturbed for construction of the asphalt plant. The planned construction activities include grading, installation of utilities, road construction, construction of the asphalt plant as well as a small office building, and the development of a stormwater management area at the major drainage basin outfall. The primary erosion and sediment control measures will include silt fencing along disturbed areas, inlet protection, rock filter dams and wattles in proposed drainage swales, a temporary sediment basin, and vegetative stabilization of disturbed areas.

Overall, Magnolia Materials proposes to construct a Greenfield stationary hot mix asphalt plant that will produce asphalt at a maximum potential rate of 300 tons per hour and not to exceed 500,000 tons per year based on a rolling 12-month period. The proposed asphalt production involves the operation of a natural gas-fired drum dryer controlled by a baghouse, the on-site storage and conveyance of various solid materials [i.e., raw aggregates, reclaimed asphalt pavement, lime, and other additives], the storage and use of liquid asphalt cement, and the truck loadout and dispatch of finished asphalt mix. Specifically, lime material will be stored within a silo that will be controlled by a baghouse. The proposed facility will not conduct the following activities on-site: rock or recycled asphalt pavement crushing, the operation of stationary emergency engines; gasoline dispensing operations.

The staff of the Permit Board have reviewed the information submitted to the Permit Board by the applicant, the 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 potential issuance of the respective General Permit coverages comply with all State and Federal regulations. Public review and comment on the proposed coverages and supporting documentation are an important element in the staff evaluation and the final determination by the Permit Board.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed coverages are invited to submit comments in writing to Mrs. Montie Hardaway Glenn at <https://www.mdeq.ms.gov/hardaway-montie/> (for stormwater), Mr. Jaricus Whitlock at <https://www.mdeq.ms.gov/whitlock-jaricus/> (for air), or to the Permit Board address shown above no later than the end of June 10, 2026. All comments received by this date will be considered by the Permit Board in their final determination of the proposed coverages. Any comments relative to zoning or economic and social impacts are within the jurisdiction of local zoning and planning authorities and should be addressed to them.

The Permit Board is created by Mississippi Law for the purpose of issuing or denying, under such conditions and limitations as it may prescribe, environmental protection permits to control or prevent the release of contaminants into the air and waters of the State. By law, the Board is composed of the Chief of the Bureau of Environmental Health within the State Department of Health; the Director of the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks, the Director of the Office of Land and Water Resources within the Department of Environmental Quality, the Supervisor of the State Oil and Gas Board; the Director of the Department of Marine Resources; the Director of Geology within the Department of Environmental Quality; and the Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce or their respective designees.

The purpose of the public hearing is to explain the proposed permitting actions and to receive comments from the public regarding the actions. Upon arrival at the public hearing, everyone will be asked to register and note if they expect to make a statement. Statements will be received in the order of registration (i.e., first to register will be the first to give public comment). However, everyone will be given an opportunity to comment, including those who indicated during registration that they did not expect to comment. Comments can be presented in writing if preferred. Please know that seating in the meeting room will be on a first come, first serve basis. Standing room will only be available in accordance with the location's safety guidelines. Please contact Mr. Jaricus Whitlock via the email provided herein to request interpreter services for hearing impaired.

All comments made during this public hearing will be transcribed and made part of the Permit Board file on this matter. Before making any decision, the Permit Board will consider all issues and concerns raised regarding environmental protection. Any interested party aggrieved by the final decision of the Permit Board on this matter may file a written request for a formal evidentiary hearing afterwards in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. Section 49-17-29(4)(b) (Rev. 2003). Thereafter, any person aggrieved by that decision may appeal to the chancery court in the county of the proposed project.

Documents relevant to the proposed coverages may be found at the following link for public distribution: <https://www.mdeq.ms.gov/permits/environmental-permits-division/additional-information-for-permits-at-public-notice/>. Additional details and documents not posted through the referenced link are available by writing or calling the Public Records Request Officer at the above Permit Board address and telephone number or by completing the form at the following website: <https://www.mdeq.ms.gov/about-mdeq/public-records-request/public-records-request-form/>. This information is also available for review at the MDEQ main office at the Permit Board address shown above during normal business hours. Please bring the foregoing to the attention of persons whom you know will be interested.