

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY 2640
OFFICIAL MINUTES
MAY 28, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Commission on Environmental Quality was held on Thursday, May 28, 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., Kent Parrish, Jr., Chat Phillips, and Jack Winstead.

Commissioners Jack Norris, Gregg Rader and Billy VanDevender were not present.

Others present were: Chris Wells, Executive Director, Brent Jones, Adrien Perkins, Jessica Schaub, 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 and after he welcomed interns in the audience to MDEQ, the following business was transacted:

Approval of Minutes

On motion made by Mr. Winstead and seconded by Mr. Johnson, the minutes of the March 26, 2026, meeting were approved and adopted by the Commission as the Official Minutes.

Water Pollution Control Revolving Loan Fund (WPCRLF) Program, Adoption of FY-2026 Intended Use Plan

On behalf of MDEQ staff, Mr. Brent Jones recommended the Commission adopt the draft FY-2026 Intended Use Plan, which was previously sent to them for review. This document identifies the loan funds available to our communities for the construction of wastewater infrastructure, the communities to receive these loan funds, the loan interest rate, program deadlines, and other related information. Public comments on the draft Intended Use Plan were solicited through a public comment period and public hearing. No comments were received from the public. Comments were received from EPA Region 4 which resulted in minor text changes. Following staff presentation and deliberation, on motion made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Parrish, the Commission unanimously voted to adopt the Water Pollution Control Revolving Loan Fund (WPCRLF) Program FY-2026 Intended Use Plan and issue a corresponding Order to be executed by the Executive Director.

2026 Mississippi 303(d) List of Impaired Water Bodies

On behalf of MDEQ staff, Ms. Adrien Perkins recommended the Commission adopt the Final 2026 Mississippi Section 303(d) List of Impaired Water Bodies. Staff previously briefed the Commission at the March meeting on the Draft 2026 Mississippi 303(d) List of Impaired Water Bodies. Public Notice of the Draft List began March 13, 2026, and ended April 13, 2026. Two comments were received and the draft list was updated based on these comments. A public hearing was held on April 13, 2026. No public comments were received at the public hearing, and EPA issued an email of no comment on the Draft List. Commission members were previously provided a document package which included the Final List, the public notice and proof of publication, a record of the two comments received during the public notice, and EPA's email of no comment. Ms. Perkins requested the Commission adopt the Final 2026 Mississippi Section 303(d) List of Impaired Water Bodies and propose the 303(d) List to EPA Region 4 for their final approval and file the list with the Mississippi Secretary of State in compliance with state law. Mr. Phillips acknowledged and thanked everyone for their comments. Following staff presentation and after deliberation, on motion made by Mr. Winstead and seconded by Mr. Parrish, the Commission unanimously voted to adopt the 2026 303(d) List of Impaired Water Bodies and propose the list to EPA Region 4 for their final approval along with an accompanying Order.

Solid Waste Assistance and Waste Tire 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>
City of Clinton	\$25,000.00
City of Vicksburg	\$25,000.00
Forrest County Board of Supervisors	\$5,432.22
Harrison County Board of Supervisors	\$23,672.00
Hinds County Board of Supervisors	\$25,763.00
Jefferson Davis County Board of Supervisors	\$16,014.00
Lamar County Board of Supervisors	\$18,380.00
Leflore County Board of Supervisors	\$17,962.00
Lincoln County Board of Supervisors	\$25,900.00
Marshall County Board of Supervisors	\$20,052.00
Neshoba County Board of Supervisors	\$23,854.00
Newton County Board of Supervisors	\$10,000.00
Noxubee County Board of Supervisors	\$18,941.00
Quitman County Board of Supervisors	\$13,087.00
Rankin County Board of Supervisors	\$31,330.00
Scott County Board of Supervisors	\$17,269.00
Union County Board of Supervisors	\$16,152.00
Washington County Board of Supervisors	\$28,854.00

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

<u>County/Municipality</u>	<u>Grant Amount</u>
Golden Triangle Regional Solid Waste Management Authority	\$90,000.00
Jefferson Davis County Board of Supervisors	\$25,000.00
Kemper County Board of Supervisors	\$25,000.00
Lincoln County Board of Supervisors	\$40,000.00

Asbestos Certifications

On previous authority delegated to the Head, Office of Pollution Control, the staff reported that 299 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 108 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 11 new and 20 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 9 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 28 Administrative Orders have been issued since the Commission's meeting on March 26, 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 informed the Commission that MDEQ is actively engaged in issues surrounding Data Centers and will do its part to balance environmental protection with economic growth. MDEQ has established a workgroup within the agency to research the impacts of these facilities and address questions and concerns that the public may have with objective and non-biased data. There was some brief discussion between Mr. Wells and the Commission about Data Centers and the potential environmental impact.

Setting of Meeting

The Commission decided to meet next on June 25, 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: E3 Environmental
Amount: \$23,234.00 **Date of Response:** 11/25/2025
For: Costs associated with providing supervision, labor, equipment, and materials to respond to and clean up a Dimethyl Sulfoxide spill in Pearl River County.

To: E3 Environmental
Amount: \$2,982.33 **Date of Response:** 12/17/2025
For: Costs associated with providing supervision, labor, equipment and materials to respond to and clean up a petroleum product in Marshall County.

To: E3 Environmental
Amount: \$5,812.43 **Date of Response:** 12/20/2025
For: Costs associated with providing supervision, labor, equipment, and materials to respond to and clean up a petroleum product in Greene County.

To: E3 Environmental
Amount: \$14,677.74 **Date of Response:** 02/19/2026
For: Costs associated with providing supervision, labor, equipment and materials to respond to and clean up a Ferric Chloride spill in Benton County.

To: E3 Environmental
Amount: \$49,992.14 **Date of Response:** 04/07/2026
For: Costs associated with providing supervision, labor, equipment and materials to respond to and clean up an oil spill in Smith County.

(Attachment 2)
5/28/2026

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS

	<u>Respondent</u>	<u>Order No.</u>	<u>Summary</u>
1	Southern Natural Gas Company, LLC Jefferson Davis Co., MS	Order No. 7672 26 Respondent agreed to pay MDEQ a penalty in the amount of \$22,500.00.	Respondent was in violation of 40 CFR 63.6100 and Table 1 to Subpart YYYY of Part 63, Title 40 for exceeding the Formaldehyde limitation of 91 parts per billion by volume, dry basis (ppbvd) during a stack test of Emission Point AA-013 on August 6, 2025.
2	Town of Coahoma Coahoma Co., MS	Order No. 7673 26 Respondent agreed to pay MDEQ a penalty in the amount of \$2,250.00.	Respondent was in violation of 11 Miss. Admin. Code Pt. 6, R. 1.1.1.B(2)(a) for operating without a valid NPDES Permit and Condition No. S-3 of NPDES Permit No. MS0025151 for failing to timely submit annual Discharge Monitoring Reports.
3	Tate County Solid Waste Management Plan	Order No. 7674 26	This order approves the comprehensively updated version of the Tate County Solid Waste Management Plan. The plan describes the provisions and services for managing solid wastes in the county for the 20-year planning period as required by State Law.
4	Murphy Oil Trading Company Lauderdale Co., MS	Order No. 7675 26	This Brownfield Agreement is for the purpose of requiring remedial activities at the former Mid-Continent Bulk Terminal site in Meridian, MS. An Environmental Covenant is included with this agreement as an institutional control.
5	In the Matter of the Adoption of Amendments to Title 11 of the Mississippi Administrative Code, Part 2, Chapter 10, Entitled "Regulations for the Accreditation and Certification of Asbestos Abatement Personnel"	Order No. 7676 26	The initial decision of the Commission in this matter is to adopt the amendments 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.
6	Parminder Singh Leake Co., MS	Order No. 7677 26 Respondent agrees to pay MDEQ a penalty in the amount of \$1,400.	Respondent owns/operates USTs at 1201 Highway 35 N, Carthage, MS. Respondent failed to meet UST corrosion protection performance standards {280.32} and failed to meet UST system overflow prevention requirements {280.20 (d)}, failed components were not corrected within 90 days of failure.

7	RNR Investment LLC Benton, Co., MS	Order No. 7678 26 Respondent agrees to pay MDEQ a penalty in the amount of \$1,600. A penalty of \$10,000 will be held in abeyance, pending Respondent's compliance with the requirements of the Agreed Order.	Respondent owns/operates USTs at 492 Ripley Avenue, Ashland, MS and 16226 Boundary Drive, Ashland, MS. Respondent failed permanently close a UST system that has been temporarily out of use for more than twelve (12) months {280.70 (c)}, failed to maintain / provide records for inspection by MDEQ {280.35}, 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 designate a UST Compliance Manager {280.37}
8	Merwan Aidarous (Owner) Khalid Ettaouli (Operator) De Soto Co., MS	Order No. 7679 26 Respondent agrees to pay MDEQ a penalty in the amount of \$1,650.	Respondent owns/operates USTs at 7820 Highway 51, Southaven, 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)}, failed to test pressurized piping shear valves within the previous twelve (12) months {280.35}, failed to inspect overfill devices once every twelve (12) months. {280.30 (d) and failed to inspect the automatic tank gauging system within the previous twelve (12) month period {280.43 (d)}.
9	Beth Holdings LLC Yalobusha Co., MS Panola Co., MS	Order No. 7680 26 Respondent agrees to pay MDEQ a penalty in the amount of \$9,360	Respondent owns/operates USTs at 114 Wise Street, Water Valley, MS; 725 Highway 6 East, Batesville, MS and 600 East Lee Street, Sardis, MS. Respondent failed to provide adequate release detection method / records for a UST system. {280.40-280.45}, 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)}, failed to test automatic line leak detectors once every twelve (12) months {280.44 (a)}; failed to test pressurized piping shear valves within the previous twelve (12) months {280.35}, failed to inspect the automatic tank gauging system within the previous twelve (12) month period {280.43 (d)}, 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 conduct containment sump

			inspection once every twelve (12) months {280.31}, failed to perform monthly walk through inspections for the previous 12 months {280.38}, and failed to inspect the impressed current cathodic protection system rectifier every 60 days {280.32 (c)}
10	Kathy Lineberry Coahoma Co., MS	Order No. 7681 26 Respondent agrees to pay MDEQ a penalty in the amount of \$840.	Respondent owns/operates USTs at 3915 Highway 1 North, Rena Lara, MS. Respondent failed to provide adequate release detection method / records for a UST system. {280.40-280.45} and failed to inspect the automatic tank gauging system within the previous twelve (12) month period {280.43 (d)}.
11	Kartikumar Patel (Owner) Lovedeep Singh (Operator) Rankin Co., MS	Order No. 7682 26 Respondent agrees to pay MDEQ a penalty in the amount of \$2,000.	Respondent owns/operates USTs at 613 Second Street, Pelahatchie, MS. Respondent failed to pay tank fees in a timely manner pursuant to Mississippi Code Annotated § 49-17-421 (Rev. 2023); failed to meet UST corrosion protection performance standards {280.32 (b)(1)}, failed to designate a UST Compliance Manager {280.37}; and failed to meet UST spill prevention requirements {280.20 (c)}.
12	Bill Karan Lauderdale Co., MS	Order No. 7683 26 Respondent agrees to pay MDEQ a penalty in the amount of \$1,100.	Respondent owns/operates USTs at 2122 24 th Ave, Meridian, MS. Respondent failed to pay tank fees in a timely manner pursuant to Mississippi Code Annotated § 49-17-421 (Rev. 2023); and failed to designate a UST Compliance Manager {280.37}.
13	Dutch Oil Company Lowndes Co., MS	Order No. 7684 26 Respondent agreed to comply with the terms and conditions of Synthetic Minor Operating Permit No. 1680-00081, which was issued on May 3, 2021, until the Permit Board acts on the renewal application dated March 9, 2026.	Respondent was in violation of Condition 1.C.1 of Synthetic Minor Operating Permit No. 1680-00081 for failing to submit a timely renewal application to the Mississippi Environmental Quality Permit Board.
14	Gold Coast Commodities, Inc. Rankin Co., MS	Order No. 7685 26 Respondent agreed to pay MDEQ a penalty in the amount of \$25,000.00. Additionally, Respondent submitted to MDEQ a revised closure plan and implementation schedule, which were approved by MDEQ. Respondent agreed to permanently close the wastewater lagoon by July 31, 2026.	Respondent failed to complete closure of its wastewater lagoon in accordance with its implementations schedule in violation of Section 2.F. of Agreed Order No. 7279-23.

15	Ray Nash LLC Leflore Co., MS	Order No. 7686 26 Respondent agrees to pay MDEQ a penalty in the amount of \$800.	Respondent owns/operates USTs at 310 Fulton, Greenwood, MS. Respondent 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)}
16	945 Goodman LLC (Owner) Fuel South Express (Carrier) Circle K Stores Inc (Operator) DeSoto Co., MS	Order No. 7687 26 Respondent agrees to pay MDEQ a penalty in the amount of \$7,500.	Respondent 945 Goodman LLC and Circle K Stores Inc owns/operates USTs at 945 Goodman Road East, Southaven, MS. Respondent, Fuel South Express sales and delivers fuel to USTs at 945 Goodman Road East, Southaven, MS. Respondent failed to adhere to MDEQ classification of USTs at Fast Gas Southaven Facility # 12380 as ineligible for delivery, deposit, or acceptance of a regulated substance. {280.36}.
17	Mountain Portfolio Owner MS 2 LLC Pike Co., MS	Order No. 7688 26 Respondent agrees to pay MDEQ a penalty in the amount of \$8,970. A penalty of \$8,970 will be held in abeyance, pending Respondent's compliance with the requirements of the Agreed Order.	Respondent owns/operates USTs at 1021 Dudley Rimes Road, Magnolia, MS. Respondent failed to provide adequate release detection method / records for a UST system. {280.40-280.45}, 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)}, failed to test automatic line leak detectors once every twelve (12) months {280.44 (a)}; failed to test pressurized piping shear valves within the previous twelve (12) months {280.20}, 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 inspect the impressed current cathodic protection system rectifier every 60 days {280.32 (c)}, failed to designate a UST Compliance Manager {280.37}; failed to perform annual inspection of temporarily out of use UST systems inspection and applicable site assessment {280.70}, and failed to pay tank fees in a timely manner pursuant to Mississippi Code Annotated § 49-17-421 (Rev. 2023).
18	Mountain Portfolio Owner MS 2 LLC Hinds Co., MS	Order No. 7689 26 Respondent agrees to pay MDEQ a penalty in the amount	Respondent owns/operates USTs at 1201 Ellis Avenue, Jackson, MS and 1308 Woodrow Wilson Boulevard,

		of \$12,000. A penalty of \$12,000 will be held in abeyance, pending Respondent's compliance with the requirements of the Agreed Order.	Jackson, MS. Respondent failed to permanently close a UST system {280.70 (c)}, failed to provide adequate release detection method / records for a UST system. {280.40-280.45}, failed to test automatic line leak detectors once every twelve (12) months {280.44 (a)}; failed to test pressurized piping shear valves within the previous twelve (12) months {280.20}, 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 perform annual inspection of temporarily out of use UST systems inspection and applicable site assessment {280.70}, and failed to pay tank fees in a timely manner pursuant to Mississippi Code Annotated § 49-17-421 (Rev. 2023).
19	Mountain Portfolio Owner MS LLC Hinds, Hancock Counties, MS	Order No. 7690 26 Respondent agrees to pay MDEQ a penalty in the amount of \$22,350. A penalty of \$22,350 will be held in abeyance, pending Respondent's compliance with the requirements of the Agreed Order.	Respondent owns/operates USTs at 905 Northside Drive, Jackson, MS; 6709 Medgar Evers Blvd, Jackson, MS; and 612 Highway 90 W, Waveland, MS. Respondent failed to permanently close a UST system {280.70 (c)}, failed to provide adequate release detection method / records for a UST system. {280.40-280.45}, 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)}, failed to test automatic line leak detectors once every twelve (12) months {280.44 (a)}; failed to test pressurized piping shear valves within the previous twelve (12) months {280.20}, 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 inspect the automatic tank gauging system within the previous twelve (12) month period {280.43 (d)}, failed to designate a UST Compliance Manager {280.37}; failed to perform annual inspection of temporarily out of use UST systems inspection and applicable site assessment {280.70}, and failed to pay tank fees in a timely manner

			pursuant to Mississippi Code Annotated § 49-17-421 (Rev. 2023).
20	Mountain Portfolio Owner Alarms LLC Hinds, Harrison, Pike, Leake Counties, MS	Order No. 7691 26 Respondent agrees to pay MDEQ a penalty in the amount of \$32,170. A penalty of \$32,170 will be held in abeyance, pending Respondent's compliance with the requirements of the Agreed Order.	Respondent owns/operates USTs at 4775 Clinton Boulevard, Jackson, MS; 24281 Highway 53, Saucier, MS; 214 West Presley Boulevard, McComb, MS; 5308 Clinton Boulevard, Jackson, MS; 3103 Highway 16 West, Edinburg, MS; and 12515 Three Rivers Road, Gulfport, MS. Respondent failed to permanently close a UST system {280.70 (c)}, failed to conduct containment sump inspection once every twelve (12) months {280.31}, failed to provide adequate release detection method / records for a UST system. {280.40-280.45}, 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)}, failed to test automatic line leak detectors once every twelve (12) months {280.44 (a)}; failed to test pressurized piping shear valves within the previous twelve (12) months {280.20}, 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 inspect the impressed current cathodic protection system rectifier every 60 days {280.32 (c)}, failed to designate a UST Compliance Manager {280.37}; failed to perform annual inspection of temporarily out of use UST systems inspection and applicable site assessment {280.70}, and failed to pay tank fees in a timely manner pursuant to Mississippi Code Annotated § 49-17-421 (Rev. 2023).
21	JW Stores LLC Hancock Co., MS	Order No. 7692 26 Respondent agrees to pay MDEQ a penalty in the amount of \$750.	Respondent owns/operates USTs at 107 NE Interchange Street, Bay Saint Louis, MS. Respondent failed to meet UST system overfill prevention requirements {280.20 (d)}, failed components were not corrected <i>within 90 days of failure</i> .
22	Harsimranjit Singh Hinds Co., MS	Order No. 7693 26 Respondent agrees to pay MDEQ a penalty in the amount of \$2,000.	Respondent owns/operates USTs at 602 South State Street, Jackson, MS. Respondent failed to provide adequate

			release detection method / records for a UST system. {280.40-280.45}, failed to inspect the impressed current cathodic protection system rectifier every 60 days {280.32 (c)}, 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)}, failed to test automatic line leak detectors once every twelve (12) months {280.44 (a)}, failed to test pressurized piping shear valves within the previous twelve (12) months {280.20}, and failed to inspect the automatic tank gauging system within the previous twelve (12) month period {280.43 (d)}.
23	Amit Benerjee Hinds Co., MS	Order No. 7694 26 Respondent agrees to pay MDEQ a penalty in the amount of \$500.	Respondent owns/operates USTs at 418 Savannah Street, Jackson, MS. Respondent failed to maintain / provide records for inspection by MDEQ {280.35}.
24	Tarsem Singh (Owner) Amninder Singh (Operator) Lincoln Co., MS	Order No. 7695 26 Respondent agrees to pay MDEQ a penalty in the amount of \$2,200.	Respondent owns/operates USTs at 63 Bogue Chitto Road, Bogue Chitto, MS. Respondent failed to provide adequate release detection method / records for a UST system. {280.40-280.45} and failed to test pressurized piping shear valves within the previous twelve (12) months {280.20}
25	Doel Property LLC (Owner) Hafiz AKM Parvez (Operator) DeSoto Co., MS	Order No. 7696 26 Respondent agrees to pay MDEQ a penalty in the amount of \$3,500.	Respondent owns/operates USTs at 8995 Highway 304 West, Hernando, MS. Respondent failed to maintain / provide records for inspection by MDEQ {280.35}, failed to provide adequate release detection method / records for a UST system. {280.40-280.45}, failed to inspect the automatic tank gauging system within the previous twelve (12) month period {280.43 (d)}, and failed to report a suspected or confirmed release {280.50}.
26	Forrest County Solid Waste Management Plan	Order No. 7697 26	This order approves the modification of the Forrest County Solid Waste Management Plan for the Service Area Expansion of the 98 Waste LLC Class I Rubbish Disposal Site.
27	Three Rivers Regional Solid Waste Management Plan	Order No. 7698 26	This order approves the comprehensively updated version of the Three Rivers Regional Solid Waste Management Plan. The plan describes the provisions and services for managing solid waste in the region for the 20-

			year planning period as required by the State.
28	Lawrence County Board of Supervisors Lawrence County, MS	Order No. 7699 26 Respondent agrees to pay MDEQ a penalty in the amount of \$4,000.	Respondent owns and operates a Class I rubbish site located 791 Ferguson Mill Road, Silver Creek, Mississippi. Respondent failed to timely submit the required 2025 annual solid waste report.