



STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION
DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES
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November 22, 2021

Mr. Lawrence J Hollander
Vice President, Safety and Compliance
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Subject: Notice of Intent to Terminate State Operating Permit No. SOP-79049
Airgas USA, LLC.
Sullivan County

Dear Mr. Hollander:

This letter is to inform you the Division of Water Resources (the division) intends to terminate the above referenced permit. Airgas USA, LLC submitted a request for termination on November 10, 2021, including a photo log of the closure progress and final result. The carbide lime holding pond has been permanently closed, the lime material has been removed offsite, and the site restored with imported soil, soil blending, and a geotextile and one foot stone cap. The site closure plan spanned twelve weeks starting August 16, 2021 and ended November 6, 2021.

A 30-day public comment period must precede termination and you will be notified at the close of the comment period of the division's action. The notice affords the public an opportunity to review the draft permit and, if necessary, request a public hearing on this issuance process.

If you have questions, please contact the Johnson City Environmental Field Office at 1-888-891-TDEC; or, at this office, please contact Mr. Courtland Vice at (615) 532-0625 or by E-mail at Courtland.Vice@tn.gov.

Sincerely,

Vojin Janjić
Manager, Water-Based Systems

Enclosure

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