



**State of Tennessee**  
**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION**  
**Division of Solid Waste Management**

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May 6, 2021

Matthew Cruz  
Biowaste, LLC  
210 Mitchell Blvd  
Tullahoma, TN 37388

RE: Minor Permit Modification – April 1, 2021  
Notice of Deficiency  
Biowaste, LLC, SWP160001538

VIA EMAIL [m.cruz@biowastetn.com](mailto:m.cruz@biowastetn.com)

Dear Mr. Cruz,

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, Division of Solid Waste Management (DSWM) has reviewed the Minor Permit Modification request, received via e-mail on April 1, 2021. Based on a review of this information, DSWM notes there is no statutory provision for a processing “permit by rule” minor modifications and a new complete processing permit application must be submitted.

Please note that permit by rule requirements changed with the December 30, 2019 Rule revisions after Biowaste’s initial 2017 application. Please make sure the new application/modification follows current requirements and note citation references have changed. This form (Solid Waste Permit by Rule Notification, CN-1035) and associated rules can be found at <https://www.tn.gov/environment/permit-permits/waste-permits1/solid-waste-management-permit-by-rule.html>. Note the modifications requested are not deemed minor, Jackson Law approvals may be required. Financial assurance may be required if operations exceed certain thresholds.

The minor permit modification requested that Biowaste be allowed to clarify its 2017 submitted operational procedures such that only those wastes deemed biohazardous would be processed in

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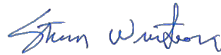
the autoclave. The generator of wastes handled by Biowaste would continue to make waste determinations, and Biowaste would continue to only accept non-hazardous waste. Any non-hazardous, non-medical wastes generated at medical facilities serviced by Biowaste (i.e. medical records) would be contained and processed within the existing building, containers, holding areas, and compactor as described in the existing permit application, excepting they would not be autoclaved.

Please contact me via e-mail at [monica.sowders@tn.gov](mailto:monica.sowders@tn.gov) or phone at (931) 698-0009 or Steve Wintheiser via e-mail at [steven.wintheiser@tn.gov](mailto:steven.wintheiser@tn.gov), or phone at (931) 840-4158 if you have any questions regarding this information.

Sincerely,

  
Monica Sowders (May 6, 2021 16:45 CDT)

Monica Sowders  
Environmental Specialist



Steven D. Wintheiser  
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