TENNESSEE WILDLIFE RESOURCES AGENCY CHICKASAW COMPOST FACILITY NOTICE OF INTENT TO TERMINATE PERMIT – COMMENTS WELCOME

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC), Division of Solid Waste Management (DSWM), has tentatively decided to issue a tier two compost facility permit termination to Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) for their Tier II Compost Facility. This termination was requested on August 31, 2023, by the permittee, TWRA.

The facility, identified as TWRA Composting Site, Chickasaw Compost Facility (CMP350000012), is located in Hardeman County at 3820 Big Springs Road, Medon, Tennessee 38356 (latitude 35.385974 N/longitude -88.855768 W). The composting facility was permitted on August 20, 2021, to construct, operate, and close a solid waste composting facility for the processing/composting of deer carcass parts resulting from deer processing and TWRA sampling efforts. The facility was never constructed and did not receive waste or produce any compost. The official responsible for the facility is Mr. Jeremy Dennison, CWD Field Coordinator, 200 Lowell Thomas Drive, Jackson, Tennessee 38301 (731-234-0107).

Per inspection by DSWM personnel on October 23, 2023, DSWM has confirmed the facility is closed. DSWM has made a preliminary determination that the TWRA Composting Site, Chickasaw Compost Facility meets the applicable termination requirements of Tennessee Rule Chapter 0400-11-01, Solid Waste Processing and Disposal. Pending consideration of any comments received during the 45-day comment period, DSWM intends to issue this permit termination.

DSWM invites the public to review and submit comments on this proposal anytime during the 45-day comment period ending on Monday, May 20, 2024. Electronic copies of the application and draft permit documents are available online at tm.gov/environment/notices/twrachickasaw and the DSWM Central Office, William R. Snodgrass Tennessee Tower, 312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 14th Floor, Nashville, TN 37243 (615-532-0780). Paper copies may be reviewed at the TDEC Jackson Environmental Field Office, 1625 Hollywood Drive, Jackson, Tennessee 38305 (731-512-1300).

To comment on the draft permit termination or request a public hearing on this issue, contact Brianna Rives in DSWM's Central Office at the TN Tower, 312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 14th Floor, Nashville, TN 37243, by phone at (615) 308-0104, by email at Brianna.Rives@tn.gov or by fax at (615)532-0938. Comments must be received by 4:30 p.m. CDT on Monday, May 20, 2024 to assure consideration.

After considering all public comments, DSWM will make a final decision to terminate the permit. DSWM will provide notice of the permit termination and a Response to Comments addressing all significant input received on the termination to the applicant and to each person who has submitted written comments. These documents will also be available online and at the repositories listed above.

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