

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REISSUE HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT PERMIT TO BRISTOL METALS LLC

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) Division of Solid Waste Management (DSWM) has tentatively decided to reissue a corrective action permit to Bristol Metals, LLC (Bristol). Bristol (EPA ID No. TND003374790) is located in Sullivan County at 390 Bristol Metals Road, Bristol, TN 37620. TDEC invites the public to submit comments on this proposal during a 45-day comment period ending on **Wednesday, August 23, 2023**.

Bristol's current permit, TNHW-147, was issued on March 15, 2011, and was effective for ten years. The facility submitted its permit renewal application to DSWM on December 15, 2020, 180 days before the expiration date of the effective permit which allows Bristol to continue operations under the current permit until a final decision is made on the application. A public notice announcing receipt of the application was published in a local newspaper on March 5, 2021. As part of the pre-application process, the facility conducted a pre-application public meeting on November 20, 2020, as announced in a public notice published on October 16, 2020. No public comments were received at this meeting.

Bristol Metals, LLC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Ascent Industries Co. and is located in Bristol, Tennessee. The physical property is owned by STORE Master Funding XII LLC. Bristol has manufactured stainless steel pipe at this site since 1948. Bristol is currently covered under a post-closure permit (TNHW-147) with a groundwater monitoring system. The post-closure landfill conducted a soil investigation in 2008 and found analytical results to be below the regulatory levels for industrial use. This resulted in the area being closed and no longer requiring post-closure care. The current permit also includes the corrective action conditions for the solid waste management units (SWMUs) and areas of concern (AOCs). The corrective action requirements remain in effect. As such, the draft permit contains the corrective action requirements for the Bristol Metals facility. Exposure and security concerns for the site's groundwater remediation components require Bristol Metals to maintain engineered and institutional controls. The controls will prevent exposures by limiting site access and use, and by enforcing other administrative/security measures. Bristol Metals will be required to perform inspections to ensure that those controls are being maintained and properly applied. Groundwater contamination will require remediation and monitoring to ensure that human health and the environment remain protected. Although the full nature and extent of contamination have been investigated and are being addressed, the draft permit still contains notification and assessment requirements for any newly discovered SWMUs or Areas of Concern (AOC) and newly discovered releases from existing units.

Based on the review of the application and as authorized pursuant to Tennessee Rule 0400-12-01-07(7), DSWM has determined the application to be complete and has drafted a permit. DSWM proposes to issue the permit under the authority of the Tennessee Hazardous Waste Management Act of 1977, as amended, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-212-101 et seq., and Rule Chapter 0400-12-01, Hazardous Waste Management. In accordance with Rule 0400-12-01-.07(7)(e), this notice requires a 45-day comment period, beginning on the date of this publication. A fact sheet has been prepared that provides additional information about

the site and the proposed permit. Pending consideration of any contrary information received, it is the present intent of DSWM to issue this permit. If issued, the permit would be effective for ten years.

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, August 8, 2023, at the AVOCA Branch Library located at 1550 Volunteer Parkway, Bristol, TN 37620 as well as via video teleconference. Information on how to join online is provided below. An information session will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., EDT for the public to inspect and discuss the permit application, draft permit, fact sheet, plans, and other materials with representatives of Bristol and DSWM. The formal hearing will begin at 6:00 p.m., EDT with a presentation from DSWM on the tentative decision to issue the permit followed by a presentation by Bristol describing the activities at the facility. After the presentations, DSWM will receive oral comments on the draft permit from the public that will be recorded. The public may submit written comments at the meeting.

Those who wish to join the public hearing virtually can do so by using the following link: tn.gov/environment/notices/bristol-metals/hearing. Information regarding how to join by computer will be posted to this website at least 3 days prior to the public hearing. Online participants will be able to view maps, pictures, and other content that will be shared.

Electronic copies of the draft permit, including the fact sheet, are available online at tn.gov/environment/notices/bristol-metals. Paper copies are available for review at the AVOCA Branch Library, 1550 Volunteer Parkway, Bristol, TN 37620 or the TDEC Johnson City Field Office located at 2305 Silverdale Road Johnson City, TN 37601 (423-854-5400), or the DSWM Central Office located at 312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 14th Floor, Nashville, TN 37243 (615-795-1188).

To comment on the proposed corrective action permit renewal, contact Ms. Beverly Philpot, Hazardous Waste Program Manager, located at DSWM's Central Office at the TN Tower, 312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 14th Floor, Nashville, TN 37243, by phone at 615-795-1188, by email at Beverly.Philpot@tn.gov or by fax at 615-532-0938. **Comments must be received by 4:30 p.m. CDT, Wednesday, August 23, 2023, to assure consideration.**

After considering all comments, DSWM will make a final decision to either issue or deny the permit. Notice will be given to the applicant and each person who has submitted written comments or requested notice of the final decision. At the time of a final permit decision, a Response to Comments addressing all significant input received on the draft permit will be made available to the public. The final decision shall become effective upon signing by the Director of DSWM.

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