

**EASTMAN CHEMICAL COMPANY**  
**HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT PERMIT RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR**  
**EASTMAN CHEMICAL COMPANY, TENNESSEE OPERATIONS**

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) Division of Solid Waste Management (DSWM) received Part A and Part B hazardous waste management permit applications from the Eastman Chemical Company on March 17, 2023, for renewal of Eastman's current hazardous waste permit (TNHW-155). This facility (EPA ID TND003376928) is located in Sullivan County at 100 North Eastman Road, Kingsport, TN 37660 (see map).

Prior to submitting the renewal application on March 17, 2023, the facility held a Pre-Application Public Meeting on February 21, 2023, with a public notice issued on January 20, 2023, as required by Tennessee Rule 0400-12-01-.07(1)(m). The public will have another opportunity to comment when DSWM completes its review.

The current permit, TNHW-155, allows the facility to operate eight (8) surface impoundments to store and a landfill to dispose of hazardous waste. The eight (8) surface impoundments with a combined capacity of 130.3 million gallons are used for storage of suspected off-quality effluent from the wastewater treatment system. The landfill is used for the disposal of residues from the permittee's incineration units, bulk and containerized hazardous and non-hazardous solid waste, and Technologically Enhanced Naturally Occurring Radioactive Materials (TENORM). The renewal application proposes to continue with the same operations and capacity.

The current permit, TNHW-155, was issued on September 15, 2013. The facility was to submit its Part B renewal application at least 180 days before the current permit was set to expire. Tennessee Hazardous Waste Management Regulations allow the facility to continue to operate under the current permit until another permit is issued or denied. If renewed, the permit will allow the facility to continue to operate and maintain hazardous waste operations for an additional ten years.

As set forth in the Regulations, a complete permit application, consisting of a Part A and a Part B, must include certain text, drawings, and other information adequate to demonstrate that the facility will fully comply with the various technical and administrative standards applicable to such a facility. Evaluation of the renewal application involves an in-depth review of the application materials by DSWM staff, with support from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 4, and subsequent correspondence between DSWM and the facility, identifying and correcting any deficiencies in the submitted information.

Once it determines the application is complete, DSWM will make a tentative decision to either grant or deny the permit and issue either a draft permit or a notice of intent to deny the permit. Public Notice will be given of this tentative decision, and the public will have at least 45 days to submit written comments on the draft permit/proposed action. A public hearing, if requested, may also be held to receive public comments within this public comment period. After considering the public comments received and making any appropriate revisions, the DSWM director will issue a final permit decision to either issue a final permit or terminate the existing permit. A Response to Comments will also be issued at that time.

Electronic copies of the application are available online at [tn.gov/environment/notices/eastman/app](https://tn.gov/environment/notices/eastman/app) and at the DSWM Central Office on the 14th Floor of the Tennessee Tower, 312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, Nashville, TN 37243 (615-532-0780) and at DSWM's Johnson City Environmental Field Office, 2305 Silverdale Road, Johnson City, TN 37601-2162 (423- 854-5400). Copies are available for review at the Kingsport Public Library, 400 Broad Street, Kingsport, TN 37660 (423-220-9489) and at the Mt. Carmel Public Library, 100 1/2 Main Street, Mt. Carmel, TN 37645 (423-357-4011).

Further information on this matter may be obtained by contacting Mr. David Ludwig, Environmental Representative, Eastman Chemical Company, (423-229-1689), [David.Ludwig@eastman.com](mailto:David.Ludwig@eastman.com); Information, opinions, and inquiries may also be directed to Ms. Beverly Philpot, DSWM, TN Tower, 312 Rosa L. Parks Ave, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor, Nashville, TN 37243, (615-795-1188), email [Beverly.Philpot@tn.gov](mailto:Beverly.Philpot@tn.gov).

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