

Notice of Public Hearing
Mississippi Environmental Quality Permit Board
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Public Notice Date: January 16, 2025 MDEQ Contact: Charity Rockingham
Public Hearing Date: February 20, 2025

JWC Environmental, LLC, has submitted a permit application to the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) for the proposed operation of a municipal solid waste transfer station, known as the Lauderdale County Waste Transfer Station, to be located at 3201 Southern Way Boulevard, Meridian, MS, 39303 which is located within the Key Brothers Industrial Park owned by the Lauderdale County Economic Development District. The facility will primarily accept garbage and other municipal solid wastes from residential, commercial, industrial, or institutional sources for temporary storage prior to transporting the wastes to a permitted solid waste disposal facility. MDEQ will hold a public hearing on the proposed project at 6 p.m. on Thursday, February 20, 2025. This public hearing is being held at the Lauderdale County Courthouse Boardroom located at 612 22nd Avenue South, Meridian, MS 39301.

The MDEQ, as the staff of the Mississippi Environmental Quality Permit Board (Permit Board) has developed a draft permit based on our review of the information submitted by the applicant to the MDEQ. A copy of the draft permit may be found on the MDEQ website at: <https://www.mdeq.ms.gov/ensearch/epd-permits-at-public-notice/>. The available information also includes the rationale document that contains information on the proposed project and development of the draft permit. These documents and additional information may be found on the MDEQ Scheduled Public Hearings link at <https://opcgis.deq.state.ms.us/ensearchonline/public-hearings.aspx>.

The draft permit for the proposed municipal solid waste transfer station, Solid Waste Management Permit No. SW00380060622, would authorize the operation of the facility. The submitted solid waste permit application proposes to allow the facility to collect and temporarily store municipal solid waste, transfer the waste to long haul vehicles, and transport the waste to an approved municipal solid waste landfill. Additionally, the facility may sort and segregate recyclable materials from the incoming waste stream or receive pre-sorted recyclables, for temporary storage prior to transporting the recyclables to a legitimate end-use facility or disposal facility. Municipal solid wastes and garbage will be off-loaded and managed within a fully enclosed 5,000 square foot building. The total property area to be owned by JWC Environmental, LLC is approximately 7 acres within the Key Brothers Industrial Park. The approved service area for the facility, as approved by the Lauderdale County Board of Supervisors, includes the counties of Clarke, Jasper, Kemper, Lauderdale, Neshoba, and Newton in Mississippi along with the contiguous Alabama counties of Choctaw and Sumter.

The MDEQ is soliciting public input on this proposed project and draft permit on behalf of the Permit Board. The purpose of the public hearing is to describe the proposed project and to receive comments from the public regarding the project and the draft permit. Upon arrival at the public hearing, everyone will be asked to register and note if they expect to make a statement. Statements will be received in the order of registration (i.e., first to register will be the first to give public comment). However, everyone will be given an opportunity to comment including those who indicated during registration that they did not expect to comment. Persons commenting should keep comments reasonably concise and relate, at least generally, to the responsibilities of the Permit Board. Because a large number of people may wish to speak, a reasonable time limit on each speaker may be imposed during the hearing. During the public hearing, comments can also be presented to MDEQ in writing, in lieu of or in addition to verbal comments, if preferred.

All comments made during the public hearing will be transcribed and made a part of the Permit Board file. In making a final decision, the Permit Board may consider all issues and concerns raised that fall within the Board's jurisdiction over the proposed project. Please be advised that comments or concerns related to local zoning or land use are generally within the jurisdiction of the local government and not the Permit Board. The Board may make a decision to approve or deny the proposed permit or to modify the current draft permit for the proposed project. Any interested party aggrieved by the Board's decision may file a written request for a formal hearing on the decision. A final decision would then be made by the Permit Board after that formal hearing. Any person aggrieved by the final

Permit Board decision may appeal to the Chancery Court in the county of the proposed project.

The Permit Board was created by Mississippi Law for the purpose of issuing or denying environmental protection permits to control or prevent the release of contaminants into the air and waters of the State under such conditions and limitations as it may prescribe. By law, the Board is composed of the Chief of the Bureau of Environmental Health within the State Department of Health; the Director of the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks, the Director of the Office of Land and Water Resources within the Department of Environmental Quality, the Supervisor of the State Oil and Gas Board; the Director of the Department of Marine Resources; the Director of the Office of Geology within the Department of Environmental Quality; and the Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce or their respective designees.

Any person that does not have internet access or that is interested in additional information on the draft permit or permit application may contact Ms. Charity Rockingham at the Permit Board's address and telephone number above. The draft permit and supporting documents are also available for review at the office of the MDEQ at the Permit Board physical address shown above during normal business hours.

Please bring the foregoing to the attention of persons whom you know may be interested.