

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

NOTICE OF DRAFT HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT RENEWAL PERMIT

Permittee: Pine Bluff Arsenal
Location: 10020 Kabrich Circle,
Pine Bluff, Jefferson County, Arkansas
EPA I. D. No.: AR0213820707
Permit Number: 9H-RN1

The Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) proposes to issue a Hazardous Waste Management Permit renewal requested by the U.S. Army, Pine Bluff Arsenal (Applicant) located in Jefferson County, Arkansas. ADEQ proposes to approve this Permit renewal under the authority of the Arkansas Hazardous Waste Management Act (Act 406 of 1979, as amended), Arkansas Code Annotated Section 8-7-201 and following, and the U.S. Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) of 1976, as amended (42 United States Code Section 6901, and following).

The Arsenal has been in existence since 1941 and consists of approximately 15,000 acres of government-owned land. Approximately one-third of this acreage is used for the production, manufacture, demilitarization, and storage of military materials. The remaining two-thirds are undeveloped. The majority of the undeveloped area is planted and managed for timber production. No changes in permitted capacity were requested with this proposed draft renewal Permit.

The 86 Hazardous Waste Landfill (LF) is located on the northwest corner of the Arsenal. The LF was constructed in two phases. Phase I consist of disposal Cells #1 and #2 (also referred to as trenches in the part B Permit renewal application). Phase II consist of Cells #3 and #4. A fifth cell was planned, but and will not be constructed and is not a part of this permitting decision. Construction of Phase I began in 1986 and was completed in 1989. Phase II construction began in 1994 and was completed in 1995. During September of 1999, landfill Cell #1 caught fire causing damage to the liner and leachate collection system. The waste and debris from landfill Cell #1 were subsequently excavated and placed in landfill Cell #2. Landfill Cell #1 was clean closed and landfill Cell #2 was closed in conformance with the Permit in November 2003. Currently, landfill Cell #3 is active and landfill Cell #4 is not being used at this time.

Individuals may review the administrative record in the Records Management Section, ADEQ, State Police Headquarters, One State Police Plaza, near Interstate 30 and Geyer Springs, Little Rock, Arkansas, or at the Watson Memorial Library, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, 1200 N. University Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

Documents comprising the administrative record include:

1. RCRA PART B PERMIT RENEWAL APPLICATION (revised 11/15/1996; 11/15/2001; 08/08/2003; 01/13/2006; 01/30/2006)
2. PUBLIC NOTICE
3. FACT SHEET
4. DRAFT PERMIT No. 9H-RN1

After the public comment period, ADEQ will make a decision on the draft renewal Permit. ADEQ will, in response to written requests, hold a public hearing whenever the ADEQ Director determines such a hearing might clarify issues concerning the proposed Permit renewal. Any request for a hearing must include the requestor's name and address and state the nature of issues to be raised in a hearing. ADEQ will issue a public notice of a hearing at least 30 days prior to the scheduled hearing.

ADEQ maintains a list of interested individuals who are mailed copies of a Fact Sheet on or near the day of publication of a public notice relating to these proposed actions.

All persons, including the Permittee, who wish to comment, request a public hearing, or add their names to the mailing list concerning ADEQ decisions relating to the Permit renewal, must do so by delivering, mailing, or e-mailing written comments, along with their name and mailing address to:

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All comments and requests for a public hearing must be received by 4:30 p.m. on April 12, 2006. Only comments regarding the proposed Permit renewal will be considered.

Submitting written comments to ADEQ or making oral statements on the record at the public hearing on the tentative permitting decision provides individuals with legal standing to appeal a final Department permitting decision. Comments supporting or opposing the tentative decision will provide legal standing. Only parties with legal standing may appeal a permitting decision.

Dated this 26 Day of February 2006

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