

Notice of Request to Modify Post-Closure Permit for Black Hawk County Landfill

Notice is hereby given that the Black Hawk County Solid Waste Management Commission (BHCSWMC) is requesting a Class 3 Permit Modification Request (PMR) to U.S. EPA Region 7 for review and consideration. The PMR proposes modifications to the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Post-Closure Permit for two Hazardous Waste Disposal Landfill Units, issued to BHCSWMC for the facility located at 1509 East Washburn Road in Waterloo, Iowa (RCRA ID: IAD075848085). The Post-Closure Permit requires post-closure care of two hazardous waste landfill cells that includes monitoring the concentrations of chemicals in the groundwater around those landfill cells. The two hazardous waste landfill cells were operated and closed formally in the 1980s and have been in post-closure care since that time, under the authority of the EPA-issued Post-Closure Permit.

The PMR is required by the existing Post-Closure Permit because chemicals have been detected in groundwater from facility monitoring wells around the landfill units above groundwater protection standards (GWPS). The Post-Closure Permit requires that an additional monitoring program be developed and implemented when GWPS are exceeded. The compliance/corrective action groundwater monitoring program is the subject of this PMR. A new groundwater monitoring program has been developed by BHCSWMC to demonstrate that chemical concentrations in groundwater around the landfill cells are not leaving the site above GWPS. This program, along with required Post-Closure Permit modifications, have been submitted to EPA for review and consideration.

A copy of the PMR can be viewed at the **Waterloo Public Library** upon request at the information desk during normal business hours at 415 Commercial Street, Waterloo, IA 50701. The documentation available at the library includes the modified Permit and the sampling and analysis plans associated with the new monitoring program.

BHCSWMC hereby announces the start of a 60-day public comment period for the proposed modifications to the Post-Closure Permit beginning **Dec. 9, 2023**, and ending **Feb. 7, 2024**. All comments and/or requests for additional information should be addressed to: U.S. EPA Region 7 Mail code: LCRD/CAB, 11201 Renner Road, Lenexa, KS 66219, Attention: Mary R. Grisolano or email grisolano.mary@epa.gov or call 1-800-223-0425.

The Permittee's compliance history during the life of the permit being modified is available from the EPA Region 7 contact person listed above.

A Public Meeting regarding this PMR will be held at the Iowa Northland Regional Council of Governments 4th Floor Board Room, 229 East Park Avenue, Waterloo, Iowa, or by conference line at <https://meet.goto.com/931184021> or by phone at 1 (408) 650-3123; access code: 931-184-021, on Dec. 27, 2023, from 3 to 5 p.m. The meeting will end at 4 p.m. if no one has entered the meeting by that time. The contact person for BHCSWMC is John Foster, Administrator who may be reached at 319-234-8115 and administrator@wastetrac.org.