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CHRIS WELLS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

April 21, 2025

Kemper County Board of Supervisors  
PO Box 188  
DeKalb, MS 39328

Re: Draft Permit Public Hearing Notice  
Kemper County Landfill Company, LLC  
Kemper County Solid Waste Landfill  
Solid Waste Permit No. SW0350010428  
Kemper County

Dear Supervisors:

Enclosed please find a copy of the public notice for the above referenced facility. Additional information regarding the proposed permitting action may be obtained from our office or at the following website: <https://opcgis.deq.state.ms.us/ensearchonline/epd-permits-at-public-notice.aspx>.

If you have any comments concerning the proposed permitting action, please notify this office in writing no later than **May 29, 2025**. If you would like to contact me to discuss any of these concerns, please call me at (601) 961-5722.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charity Rockingham".

Charity Rockingham  
Manager, Solid Waste Permitting Branch  
Waste Division

Enclosure

Notice of Public Hearing and Solicitation of Public Comment  
Mississippi Environmental Quality Permit Board  
P. O. Box 2261, Jackson, MS 39225  
515 East Amite Street, Jackson, MS 39201  
Telephone No. (601) 961-5171

Public Notice Start Date: April 23, 2025  
Public Notice End Date: May 29, 2025  
Public Hearing Date: May 29, 2025

MDEQ Contact: Charity Rockingham

Kemper County Landfill Company, LLC, wholly owned by Waste Pro of Mississippi, Inc., has submitted a permit application to the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) for the reissuance without modification of its permitted municipal solid waste landfill, the Kemper County Solid Waste Landfill, located at 21211 Highway 16, DeKalb, Mississippi 39350. No modifications to the landfill's previously permitted size, design, or operations are proposed in the application. MDEQ will hold a public hearing on the proposed project at 6:00 pm on Thursday, May 29, 2025. This public hearing is being held at the Kemper County Courthouse Annex located at 230 Main Avenue, De Kalb, MS 39328.

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. Additional documents and information may also be found on the MDEQ Online Public Hearing link at <https://opcgis.deq.state.ms.us/ensearchonline/public-hearings.aspx>.

The draft solid waste management permit, Solid Waste Management Permit SW0350010428, would authorize the continued operation of the municipal solid waste landfill for a ten-year period. The landfill was originally permitted in 1994, and the approved disposal area will remain 22.3 acres. The landfill will continue to accept and dispose of various nonhazardous solid wastes from residential, commercial, industrial, institutional, and other approved sources from within the approved service area. The service area for the facility recognized by the Kemper County Solid Waste Management Plan includes the entirety of the State of Mississippi plus other locations within a 150-mile radius of Kemper County.

The MDEQ is soliciting public input on this proposed project and the draft permit on behalf of the Permit Board. Persons wishing to comment on or object to the draft permit are invited to submit comments either through participating in the public hearing hosted by MDEQ or by submitting comments in writing to Ms. Charity Rockingham or the Waste Division Chief at the Permit Board's address shown above or by email to [crockingham@mdeq.ms.gov](mailto:crockingham@mdeq.ms.gov), no later than May 29, 2025, the end of the public comment period.

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 part of the Permit Board file. In making a final decision, the Board will 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, modify, or deny the draft permit. 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 that final 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.