

**NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF TENSSEEE FOREST PRODUCTS CO. HAZARDOUS
WASTE MANAGEMENT PERMIT RENEWAL APPLICATION**

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) Division of Land Protection (DLP)- Waste Management Branch (WMB) received a Part A and Part B hazardous waste management permit application from Langdale Forest Products Co. for the renewal of the current hazardous waste permit (TNHW-168). This facility (EPA ID TND003493103) is located at 555 South Main Street, Sweetwater, Tennessee 37874, in Monroe County.

Wood treatment operations began at the Facility in 1946 when the original Facility was owned and operated by the Cherokee Wood Preserving Company. Langdale began leasing Cherokee Wood Preserving property from the original owners in 1954. Additional properties were obtained in 1954 and 1955. In 1985, Langdale incorporated a former cemetery property, along the Facility's eastern portion, into its operations.

The Cherokee Wood Preserving Company used creosote for wood treatment in its operation. After Langdale purchased the property from the Cherokee partnership, the use of creosote for wood treatment continued until 1977, at which time its use was replaced by pentachlorophenol. In 1981 a second treatment cylinder was added in a previously unused portion of the site, using chromated copper arsenate (CCA) as the wood treating solution. The use of pentachlorophenol was discontinued in the original wood treating area in 1983. The pentachlorophenol cylinder was cleaned and relocated adjacent to the new cylinder and thereafter used in the CCA treatment process. In December 2003, one cylinder was converted from the CCA treatment process to an alkaline copper and quaternary ammonium compounds (ACQ) treatment system. Then, in 2014, the cylinder was converted again, this time from the ACQ treatment process to a process using micronized copper azole (MCA). The second cylinder continued to operate with the CCA treatment system until 2024 when the treatment system changed to copper naphthenate. Waste from the drip pad operations are disposed of off-site in an approved hazardous waste landfill.

The facility submitted their Part A and Part B renewal applications on May 19, 2026, thus enabling the facility to continue to operate under the current permit until the new permit is issued or denied. As part of the pre-application process Langdale Forest Products Co. conducted a pre-application public meeting on April 21, 2026, as announced in the March 18, 2026, edition of the Advocate & Democrat and a radio announcement on March 18, 2026, WMTY 98.3. There were two (2) from the public at the April 26, 2026, meeting. No comments were received either verbally or in writing.

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 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 DLP staff and subsequent correspondence between DLP and the facility, identifying and correcting any deficiencies in the submitted information.

Once DLP determines the application is complete, a notice of intent to issue and draft permit or a notice of intent to deny the permit will be published. The public will have a minimum of 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 DLP director will issue a final permit decision to either issue a final permit or terminate the existing permit, including a "Response to Comments".

Further information on this matter may be obtained by contacting Jerry England by phone at (423) 561-6100. Information, opinions, and inquiries may be directed to Brett Harris, Hazardous Waste Program Manager in DLP's Central Office, throughout the permit review process at the Davy Crockett Tower, 7th Floor, 500 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, TN 37243, by phone at (615) 393-9221, or email at Brett.Harris@tn.gov.

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