

PUBLIC NOTICE

**UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY MANAGEMENT CENTER
LEXINGTON, FAYETTE COUNTY, KENTUCKY
TENTATIVE DECISION TO MODIFY THE HAZARDOUS WASTE OPERATING
PERMIT
EPA I.D. KYD-000-830-851
AI-47594**

The Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet (Cabinet), Division of Waste Management (Division), has tentatively decided to modify the Hazardous Waste Operating Permit for University of Kentucky's (UK) Environmental Quality Management Center (EQMC). EQMC is located at 355 Cooper Drive, Lexington, KY 40506. The site contact person is Brian Butler, who may be reached at (859) 323-6280.

Why does EQMC need a permit from the Division?

EQMC has been charged with the responsibility of operating a hazardous waste treatment and storage facility, and has served as UK's primary location for the storage of hazardous waste since 1998. Hazardous wastes have been routinely generated from research laboratories, chemistry teaching laboratories, medical and pharmacy schools, hospitals, as well as maintenance operations. The EQMC receives the waste for temporary storage and manages it for eventual shipment to off-site commercial treatment, storage, or disposal facilities.

EQMC requested a permit modification due to a proposed relocation of the facility and its permitted operations to a new facility at 901 Journal Avenue, Lexington, KY 40508.

How can I tell the Division what I think about this tentative decision?

The Cabinet encourages public involvement and welcomes comments. Anyone wishing to comment on this tentative decision should submit comments to the Cabinet on or before December 3, 2025, the close of the public comment period. Comments should be submitted to: April J. Webb, P.E., Manager, Hazardous Waste Branch, Division of Waste Management, 300 Sower Boulevard 2nd Floor, Frankfort, KY 40601, or by email at April.Webb@ky.gov.

Where can I review the documents used to make this tentative decision?

Lexington Public Library	Division of Waste Management,
Central Library	300 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, KY 40601
140 E Main St, Lexington, KY 40507	Contact Person: Tina Fisher
Contact Person: David Bryant	Phone: (502) 782-6357
Phone: (859) 231-5522	Email: Tina.Fisher@ky.gov
Hours of Operation:	Hours of Operation:
Monday - Thursday: 9:30am – 7pm	Monday - Friday: 8am - 4:30pm
Friday: 9:30am – 6pm	
Saturday: 9:30am – 5pm	
Sunday: 1pm – 5pm	

Division of Waste Management Website:

<https://eec.ky.gov/Environmental-Protection/Waste/Pages/public-notices.aspx>
(Waste Management Public Notices – Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet)

What will the Division do with the comments they receive?

The Cabinet will consider all comments, received by the close of the public comment period on December 3, 2025, in making a final decision. Anyone submitting comments will be mailed a “response to public comments” document specifying any changes made or not made (with the reasons why) as a result of the comment(s) submitted.

Any person who may be aggrieved by the final decision on the request for permit modification submitted by EQMC may file a petition with the cabinet which sets forth the grounds of the objection and demands a formal hearing pursuant to KRS 224.10-420(2). This type of hearing is held before a hearing officer and all parties are advised to have legal counsel present.

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