Fact Sheet

Tentative Hazardous Waste Permit Action
Renewal of the Hazardous Waste Operating Permit
University of Louisville Environmental Protection Services Center
Louisville, Jefferson County, Kentucky
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The Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet, Division of Waste Management (Division), has tentatively decided to approve the renewal of the Hazardous Waste Permit for the University of Louisville Environmental Protection Services Center. The permitting process is governed by the requirements of the federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) and Commonwealth of Kentucky statutes and regulations.

The University of Louisville Environmental Protection Services Center is located at 1810 Arthur Street, Louisville, Jefferson County, Kentucky 40292. The facility contact is Catharine Price, who may be reached at (502) 852-2956.

I. Purpose of the Permitting Process

The permitting process gives the public the opportunity to evaluate the University of Louisville Environmental Protection Services Center's ability to comply with the hazardous waste management regulations. The Division must prepare a draft permit that identifies, within one concise document, every applicable requirement that must be met. The public then has forty-five (45) days to review the draft permit and submit comments before the Cabinet makes any final permit decision.

II. Facility Description

The University of Louisville Environmental Protection Services Center is a repository for a wide variety of both hazardous and non-hazardous wastes from University operations. Associated with such, the University of Louisville Environmental Protection Services Center is also a transporter of solid and hazardous waste.

Hazardous waste storage and treatment in containers may occur as a precursor to eventual shipment to an off-site treatment, storage, or disposal facility. The EPSC accepts waste from the ShelbyHurst Campus, the Belknap Campus, and the Health Science Center (HSC) Campus. Typically, waste generation is from research laboratories, trade shops, art studios, athletic facilities, teaching, laboratories, and routine maintenance.

The University of Louisville Environmental Protection Services Center has no other environmental permits such as a Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Permit, an Air Quality Permit, or a Kentucky Pollution Discharge Elimination System (KPDES) Permit but may manage mixed wastes, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB), used oil, and/or universal waste.

Below is a table that lists the hazardous waste storage and treatment areas, as well as the hazardous wastes that are managed at the facility.

Treatment and Storage Permitted Areas			
Unit Type	**Number of Units**	**Maximum Allowable Capacity**	**Hazardous Wastes to be Managed**
Container Storage Area	11	6,910 gallons plus 2,000 pounds	See Part A of Permit Application

III. Basis of the Draft Permit

The Division has reviewed the permit application, has determined that it is technically complete, and has tentatively decided to issue the renewal permit for the above activities.

The draft permit includes conditions required under RCRA and the Commonwealth of Kentucky statutes and regulations to ensure that all hazardous waste activities are protective of human health and the environment.

IV. Procedures to Make a Final Decision

The public notice announces the opening of a forty-five (45) day public comment period in which any interested person is encouraged to submit comments on the proposed draft permit. The public comment period begins on September 18, 2022 coincident with the date of the publication of the public notice in The Louisville Courier Journal and ends on November 3, 2022. All public comment shall submit with name and mailing address of the individual making the comment.

The administrative record, which includes the draft permit, the permit application, and related information, can be reviewed at the following locations:

Division of Waste Management, 300 Sower Blvd., Frankfort, KY 40601

Contact: Tina Fisher at Tina.Fisher@ky.gov

Louisville Free Public Library, Main Library 301 York Street, Louisville, KY 40203

Contact: Main Information Services

Division of Waste Management web site: https://eec.ky.gov/Environmental-Protection/Waste/hazardous-waste/Pages/permit-review-corrective-action.aspx

Upon request, this information can be made available in alternative formats. To make an appointment, submit a written request at least 72 hours prior to the desired review date.

Anyone wishing to submit a comment, needing additional information, or wanting to be put on the facility mailing list should contact:

Ms. April J. Webb, P.E., Manager
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Division of Waste Management
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Frankfort, Kentucky 40601
(502) 782-6470
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What will the Division do with the Comments they receive?

After consideration of all written comments and requirements of state laws and regulations, the Director of the Division of Waste Management will make a final decision regarding the permit. If the tentative decision to issue a permit is substantially changed, the Division will issue a public notice indicating a revision of the decision. If the tentative decision to issue a permit modification is substantially unchanged from those announced in the public notice, notification of issuance will be given to the applicant and each person who has submitted comments or requested notice of the final permit decision. When a final permit is issued, the Division will also release a Response to Comments document. All significant comments on the draft permit, raised during the public comment period, will be responded to in the Response to Comments document.

Any person who may be aggrieved by the final issuance of the permit modification may file a petition with the Cabinet or the Division, which sets forth the grounds of the objection and the demand for a formal hearing pursuant to KRS 224.10-420(2). This type of hearing is held before a hearing officer. All parties are advised to have legal counsel present.

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