

**OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**  
**NOTICE – PROPOSED PERMIT MODIFICATION**

The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (“DEQ”) gives notice of the opportunity for interested persons to review a proposed Solid Waste permit modification prepared by DEQ and request an administrative hearing. If no request is timely made, the proposed permit modification will become final.

**Application type/applicant:** The proposed permit modification is based on a Tier III application filed by Waste Management of Oklahoma, Inc., 2801 S 54<sup>th</sup> Street W, Muskogee, Oklahoma 74401, to modify an existing permit.

**Facility location:** The Muskogee Community Recycling and Disposal Facility is an existing municipal solid waste landfill located in Muskogee County at 2801 S 54<sup>th</sup> Street W, Muskogee, Oklahoma 74401. See legal description below.\*

**Activities to be regulated if permit is made final:** The existing municipal solid waste landfill (DEQ Permit No. 3551020) currently receives residential and commercial waste, construction and demolition waste, nonhazardous “other” industrial solid waste, encapsulated asbestos waste, incinerator ash, vegetative waste, semi-solid wastes, and sludges. With this modification, the existing landfill permit boundary will increase from approximately 80.5 acres to 316.8 acres, and the waste disposal area will increase from approximately 60.9 acres to 126.4 acres. The site capacity (solid waste and cover soils) will increase by 6,707,000 cubic yards. Over the remaining life of the facility, the expected average daily volume of incoming waste is projected to be approximately 555 tons per day. These projections are based on current market conditions and may vary as market conditions change. The existing groundwater and landfill gas monitoring systems will also be expanded to monitor the expanded site. Surface water drainage improvements that will occur with the expansion consist of providing final cover erosion control structures, perimeter drainage channels, and stormwater ponds. The site is also designed to prevent stormwater run-on to the active portion of the landfill during a 24-hour, 25-year storm event. No variance requests are included in this modification.

**Background:** DEQ prepared the proposed permit modification after it reviewed the application for compliance with the Solid Waste Management Act, Title 27A of the Oklahoma Statutes, Section 2-10-101, *et seq.* and the rules of DEQ, Oklahoma Administrative Code (“OAC”), Title 252, Chapters 4 and 515, and prepared a draft permit modification. On September 4, 2025, DEQ held a public meeting on the application and draft permit modification and received public comments. DEQ subsequently issued a written response to comments.

**An administrative hearing is:** an evidentiary individual proceeding held at the DEQ’s office by an administrative law judge in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act (Oklahoma Statutes, Title 75, Section 309) and DEQ procedures (OAC, Title 252, Chapter 4). The hearing would determine: (1) if the proposed permit modification should/should not be issued as final; and (2) if it is finalized, which, if any, of its conditions should be changed prior to issuance.

**Who can request a hearing:** A person (or a group that has 25 or more members who are Oklahoma residents) who claim to hold a demonstrable environmental interest and who alleges that the construction or operation of the proposed facility or activity would directly and adversely affect such interest.

**Requesters' rules:** Each requester must participate in the hearing as a party, and may present testimony and evidence and cross-examine witnesses about the testimony and evidence presented by the applicant. An individual may represent himself or be represented by an attorney.

**Deadline for requesting a hearing:** Must be received by DEQ within 20 days after the date this notice is published.

**How to request a hearing:** Submit a request, in writing, to the Administrative Hearing Clerk, Department of Environmental Quality, P. O. Box 1677, Oklahoma City, OK 73101-1677. All requests for individual proceedings must be in writing, contain a brief statement of the basis of the request, the name and address of each requester, and be signed by the requester or an authorized representative.

**For more information on hearing procedures:** See Title 27A of the Oklahoma Statutes, Section 2-14-304 and Oklahoma Administrative Code, Title 252, Chapter 4, Rules of Practice and Procedure of the DEQ, Subchapter 9. Contact: Hillary Young, P.E., DEQ, Land Protection Division, P.O. Box 1677, Oklahoma City, OK 73101-1677, Phone No. (405) 702-5100.

**Where proposed permit modification, response to comments and application may be reviewed:**

1. Locally at the Muskogee Public Library, 801 West Okmulgee Avenue, Muskogee, Oklahoma 74401.
2. DEQ's Central Records located on the 2nd floor of the DEQ office building located at 707 N. Robinson, P.O. Box 1677, Oklahoma City, OK 73101-1677.
3. On DEQ's website at <https://oklahoma.gov/deq/permits/land-permits/permit-public-participation-process.html>.

**For more information on proposed permit modification, contact:**

1. For applicant: Pete Schultze, Waste Management of Oklahoma, Inc. 2801 S 54<sup>th</sup> Street W, Muskogee, Oklahoma 74401, (918) 830-5090.
2. For DEQ: Hillary Young, P.E., DEQ, Land Protection Division, P.O. Box 1677, Oklahoma City, OK 73101-1677, Phone No. (405) 702-5100, Fax No. (405) 702-5101.

**\*Legal description of site:** A general legal description is as follows: The existing Muskogee Community Recycling and Disposal Facility and the proposed expansion areas are located within Section Six (6), Township Fourteen North (T14-N), Range Eighteen East (R-18-E) of the Indian Meridian, Muskogee County, Oklahoma.