



EPA Proposes to Issue Permit for Heritage Thermal Services

Heritage Thermal Services, Inc.

East Liverpool, Ohio

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Comments welcomed

Comments on the Heritage proposed permit can be submitted to EPA Environmental Engineer Jae Lee at the address below no later than October 16, 2020.

You may also request EPA hold a public hearing about this permit. To comply with current COVID-19 social distancing guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and other local, state, and federal health advice, a virtual hearing may be held. At a hearing you would have an opportunity to submit comments, ask questions, make statements and discuss any concerns about this proposed permit with EPA staff. Please note: If the public hearing is held, topics related to other aspects of the facility's hazardous waste management will not be discussed.

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Additional information

The draft permit and this fact sheet are available online at:

<https://www.epa.gov/publicnotices/proposed-rcra-permit-heritage-thermal-services-inc>

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing to issue a hazardous waste management permit to Heritage Thermal Services, Inc. (Heritage) but will review public comments before making a final decision. The permit would set air emission standards for equipment leaks, tanks and other miscellaneous units at the Heritage site.¹ EPA is acting on the hazardous waste permit application under its responsibilities set out in the federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA).

Background

Heritage operates a commercial hazardous waste incinerator with associated waste management activities. The company is authorized to store hazardous waste in containers and tanks, and to treat hazardous waste in tanks, containers, and a miscellaneous unit (extruder). Heritage is also authorized to treat waste by incineration.

State permit

On January 17, 2019, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency issued the state-portion of the RCRA permit. That portion contains rules for tank and container storage and treatment, corrective actions, miscellaneous unit management, incineration, and groundwater monitoring. The Ohio permit expires on January 17, 2029, and the federal permit would also be set to expire in January 17, 2029.

Tentative decision for Federal Permit

EPA has concluded the company has fulfilled all requirements and proposes to issue a RCRA permit to Heritage. Currently, the state of Ohio is not authorized by U.S. EPA to issue a permit for organic air emissions (40 CFR Part 264, Subparts BB and CC) from hazardous waste units such as tanks, containers, and the extruder. Therefore, U.S. EPA has drafted a RCRA permit to address those emissions from Heritage.

After the close of the public comment period, U.S. EPA will review all comments received and decide whether to issue the permit. The final decision will include notification to those who submitted written comments during the official comment period. The federal agency will also prepare and send to all responders a document answering significant comments. U.S. EPA may hold a public hearing regarding the permit upon request. To comply with current COVID-19 social distancing guidance the hearing may be held virtually. Within 30 days of a final decision, any person who submitted written comments or made a statement at the hearing if one is held may petition U.S. EPA's Environmental Appeals Board to review the decision.

¹ EPA is proposing to issue the Heritage permit under the authority of the federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) as amended by the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984 and subject to public notice and comment under the provisions of 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Section 124.10. See <https://www.epa.gov/rcra> and <https://www.epa.gov/laws-regulations/regulations#find> (click e-CFR) to read RCRA and corresponding CFR language.

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Available documents

The administrative record consists of the permit application and other relevant materials that EPA used to make a decision in this case. The file is available for public review at the following locations:


Carnegie Public Library

219 E 4th St.,
East Liverpool, OH 43920
(330) 385-2048

Please contact the library for business hours.

EPA Region 5 Office

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