The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) received an application to modify a solid waste permit to allow the processing of household-hazardous waste at the Norman Solid Waste Transfer Station (3901 Chautauqua Ave., Norman, OK 73072), located in the S/2 SW/4 SE/4 & SW/4 SE/4 SE/4 of Section 7-T8N-R2W. The application was filed by City of Norman on October 8, 2021.

The DEQ has tentatively found that the application meets the requirements of Title 27A of the Oklahoma Statutes, Section 2-1-101, et seq., Section 2-10-101, et seq., and rules of the DEQ, Oklahoma Administrative Code (OAC), Title 252, Chapters 4 and 515, and has prepared a draft permit modification for public review.

The draft permit modification and its conditions propose adding a new building to the transfer station property to accept, manage, and properly dispose of household-generated hazardous waste such as aerosols, alkaline batteries, acids, bases, flammables, fluorescent bulbs, paint, oxidizers, pesticides, propane, reactives, and fire extinguishers at no cost to Norman residents. If approved, the facility will receive and process household-generated hazardous waste for transportation and disposal by a competitively chosen contractor.

The application, the draft permit modification, and related documents may be reviewed during normal business hours at the Central Records Office, Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality, located on the 2nd floor of the DEQ building at 707 North Robinson, P. O. Box 1677, Oklahoma City, OK 73101-1677. The DEQ contact is Hillary Young, P.E, Chief Engineer of the Land Protection Division. The telephone number for the DEQ contact is 405-702-5100.

Copies are also on file on DEQ’s website at https://www.deq.ok.gov/land-protection-division/permit-public-participation-process/ and locally at City of Norman Water Reclamation Facility – Environmental Services Division – 3500 S. Jenkins, Norman, OK 73072.

Persons wishing to comment on the draft permit modification should submit their comments in writing to DEQ at the above address or electronically to the DEQ at the website address above. Also, any person may request, in writing, a formal public meeting to present written or oral statements and data concerning the draft permit modification. A request for a public meeting must identify the nature of the issues to be raised in the meeting. If DEQ determines, based on the requests it receives, that there is a significant degree of public interest in the draft permit modification, it will schedule a public meeting and provide notice of the date, time and place.

Written comments and requests for a public meeting must be received by DEQ within 30 days after the date of this publication at the DEQ address given above. More specific information may be obtained by contacting the applicant, Michele Loudenback, Environmental and Sustainability Manager, City of Norman Utilities Department, Environmental Services Division, 3500 S. Jenkins, Norman, OK 73072; (405) 292-9731, or the DEQ contact listed above.