The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) received an application for a solid waste permit modification to vertically expand the existing Non-Hazardous Industrial Waste Monofill at the International Paper Valliant Mill, located in Section 33, Township 6 South, and Range 21 East. The application was filed by International Paper Valliant Mill on May 21, 2019.

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, if approved, would allow International Paper Company to increase the height of the final design grades of the monofill, slightly reduce the permitted waste footprint, and improve storm water management. The Valliant Mill operates an existing Non-Hazardous Industrial Waste Monofill located adjacent to the Valliant Mill in accordance with their DEQ permit. The monofill accepts only non-hazardous waste generated by the pulp and papermaking process adjacent to the Valliant Mill, which includes wood waste from the chip yard, old corrugated cardboard/carton rejects, lime waste, from the slakers, bottom ash and fly ash from the wood (bark) boiler, construction and demolition debris, sludge and bar screenings from the on-site wastewater treatment system, and miscellaneous other trash and maintenance debris generated at the Valliant Mill.

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, DEQ Land Protection Division, PO Box 1677 Oklahoma City Oklahoma 73101-1677; 405-702-5100, fax number 405-702-5101.

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 the Mattie Terry Public Library, 311 Johnson St., Valliant OK.

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. More specific information may be obtained by contacting the applicant at the International Paper Valliant Mill, or the DEQ contact listed above. The contact for International Paper Valliant Mill is RanDell Maull, Environmental Engineer, 890 IP Lane, Valliant OK, 74764; 580-933-1951; fax number 580-933-1515.