

OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
NOTICE – DRAFT PERMIT MODIFICATION

The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (“DEQ”) received an application for a Tier III solid waste permit modification for an expansion of the existing landfill operation at the Muskogee Community Recycling and Disposal Facility, located at 2801 S 54th Street W, Muskogee, Oklahoma 74401. The existing Muskogee Community Recycling and Disposal Facility and the proposed expansion area are located within Sections Six (6), Township Fourteen North (T-14-N), Range Eighteen East (R-18-E) of the Indian Meridian, Muskogee County, Oklahoma. See full legal description below.* The application was filed by Waste Management of Oklahoma, Inc., 2801 S 54th Street W, Muskogee, Oklahoma 74401, on October 25, 2023.

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 the Oklahoma Administrative Code, title 252, Chapters 4 and 515, and has prepared a draft permit modification for public review.

The draft permit modification and its conditions propose an expansion of the existing Muskogee Community Recycling and Disposal Facility. 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 waste, and sludges. The facility is submitting this permit modification to expand existing landfill operations. With this expansion, the existing landfill permit boundary will expand from approximately 80.5 acres to a proposed 316.8 acres. The waste disposal area will increase from approximately 60.9 acres to 126.4 acres. Over the 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 are: 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.

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, Phone No. (405) 702-5100, Fax No. (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 Muskogee Public Library, 801 West Okmulgee Avenue, Muskogee, Oklahoma, 74401.

Persons wishing to comment on the draft permit modification should submit their comments in writing to DEQ at the above address or by email at the above web address. 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 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 at Waste Management of Oklahoma, Inc., Pete Schultze, Senior District Manager, 2801 S 54th Street W., Muskogee, Oklahoma 74401 or the DEQ contact listed above.

***Full legal description:**

A TRACT OF LAND IN U.S. GOVERNMENT LOTS 3, 4, 5, 6, AND PART OF U.S. GOVERNMENT LOTS 1 AND 2, AND THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER, THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER, AND PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER, ALL IN SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 14 NORTH, RANGE 18 EAST, IB&M MUSKOGEE COUNTY, STATE OF OKLAHOMA, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED BY METES AND BOUNDS AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 6;

THENCE SOUTH 01°20'22" EAST, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF THE EAST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 6 (ASSUMED FOR THE BASIS OF BEARINGS FOR THIS TRACT), A DISTANCE OF 2652.95 FEET (NORTHERLY, 2665.74 FEET-RECORD BK. 2498, PG. 604) TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER THEREOF;

THENCE SOUTH 88°22'30" WEST, ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID EAST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER, A DISTANCE OF 1322.23 FEET (EASTERLY, 1320.00 FEET-RECORD BK. 2498, PG. 604) TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID EAST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER;

THENCE NORTH 01°20'15" WEST, ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID EAST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER, A DISTANCE OF 809.44 FEET;

THENCE NORTH 88°17'07" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 55.00 FEET (NORTH 88°13'38" EAST-RECORD BK. 2498, PG. 603);

THENCE NORTH 01°20'15" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 550.00 FEET (NORTH 01°25'25" WEST-RECORD BK. 2498, PG. 603);

THENCE SOUTH 88°17'07" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 55.00 FEET (SOUTH 88°13'38" WEST-RECORD BK. 2498, PG. 603) TO A POINT IN THE WEST LINE OF SAID EAST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER AND EAST LINE OF SAID GOVERNMENT LOT 2;

THENCE NORTH 01°20'15" WEST, ALONG SAID WEST LINE OF THE EAST HALF AND EAST LINE OF SAID GOVERNMENT LOT 2, A DISTANCE OF 890.00 FEET TO A POINT 400.00 FEET SOUTH OF THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 2 (AS MEASURED ALONG THE EAST LINE THEREOF);

THENCE SOUTH 88°13'23" WEST, ALONG A LINE 400.00 FEET SOUTHERLY OF AND PARALLEL WITH THE NORTH LINE OF SAID GOVERNMENT LOT 2, A DISTANCE OF 1322.17 FEET (SOUTH 88°13'28" WEST, 1322.19 FEET-RECORD BK. 4846, PG. 546) TO A POINT IN THE EAST LINE OF SAID GOVERNMENT LOT 3, BEING 400.00 FEET SOUTHERLY OF THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID GOVERNMENT LOT 3 (AS MEASURED ALONG THE EAST LINE THEREOF);

THENCE SOUTH 01°20'07" EAST, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID GOVERNMENT LOT 3, SAID SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER, AND SAID NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER, A DISTANCE OF 3,577.94 FEET (SOUTH 01°29'43" EAST-RECORD BK. 2288, PG. 285) TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER;

THENCE SOUTH 88°33'57" WEST, ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER AND SAID GOVERNMENT LOT 6, A DISTANCE OF 2461.57 FEET (SOUTH 88°36'06" EAST, 2469.03 FEET-RECORD BK. 2288, PG. 285), TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 6 AND SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID GOVERNMENT LOT 6;

THENCE NORTH 01°23'16" WEST, ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID GOVERNMENT LOT 6 AND SAID SECTION 6, A DISTANCE OF 1323.79 FEET (NORTH 01°32'40" EAST,-RECORD BK. 2288, PG. 285) TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID GOVERNMENT LOT 5;

THENCE NORTH 01°32'06" WEST, ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID GOVERNMENT LOT 5 AND GOVERNMENT LOT 4 AND SAID SECTION 6, A DISTANCE OF 2639.48 FEET (NORTH 01°32'40" EAST-RECORD BK. 2288, PG. 285) TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID GOVERNMENT LOT 4 AND SAID SECTION 6;

THENCE NORTH 88°13'33" EAST, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID GOVERNMENT LOT 4, SAID GOVERNMENT LOT 3, AND SAID SECTION 6, A DISTANCE OF 2472.05 FEET (NORTH 88°13'38" EAST, 2472.45 FEET-RECORD BK. 2288, PG. 285) TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID GOVERNMENT LOT 2;

THENCE NORTH 88°13'23" EAST, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID GOVERNMENT LOT 2, SAID GOVERNMENT LOT 1, AND SAID SECTION 6, A DISTANCE OF 2644.30 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND CONTAINING 13,794,048 SQUARE FEET OR 316.6677 ACRES OF LAND MORE OR LESS