

4.1 Public Notice of Filing of Application

OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY NOTICE - APPLICATION FILED

Application filed. A solid waste Tier III application has been filed with the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). Interested persons now have the opportunity to meet with the DEQ and learn how and where they may participate in the permitting process.

Applicant: The applicant is Oklahoma Medical Waste Disposal, LLC, PO BOX 1833, Tulsa, OK 74101.

Type of final permit or permit action being sought: The applicant seeks a new permit for an off-site regulated medical waste processing and other non-hazardous industrial waste

Facility location: The facility will be located in Harrah, OK, at the Harrah Industrial Park. The exact physical address of the local has not been established yet, but the legal description is Lot 3 of Block 2 of the HARRAH INDUSTRIAL PARK, as shown by the final plat thereof, being a part of Section 1, Township 11 North, Range 1 East of the I.M., Oklahoma County, Oklahoma (approximately 5 acres).

Activities to be regulated if the application is approved: The activities to be regulated if the application is approved include the sterilization and shredding of regulated medical waste and other types of non-hazardous industrial waste as defined by 27A O.S. § 2-10-103 to include outdated, off-specification, or mislabeled over-the-counter medicines which are not hazardous in accordance with 40 CFR 261, Subparts C or D, other pharmaceutical waste, medical records or other NHIW that requires the destruction of any personally identifiable information by shredding, as well as, medical marijuana waste as defined by 63 O.S. 428 including roots, stems, stalks and fan leaves, and seeds. With the exception of the regulated medical waste, the foregoing types of waste require a variance to O.A.C 252-515-23-31(b) which states that only regulated medical waste shall be accepted at a regulated medical waste processing facility. The variance is requested because the treatment process used by Oklahoma Medical Waste Disposal is also suitable for treating types of waste for which the variance is requested because of the complete and total shredding of personally identifiable information and for medical marijuana waste because the shredding and steam sterilization process acts as a low-temperature incinerator alternative that renders the medical marijuana waste unsuitable for use. The treatment of this waste will be done separately from regulated medical waste and will not affect treatment process's ability to achieve the required microbial inactivation of the regulated medical waste. The new facility will be a 10,000 square-foot metal building on five acres with driveways, parking, and aesthetically-pleasing landscaping. All waste storage and processing of untreated wastes will occur entirely within the facility.

Statutes and Rules: The DEQ will review the application for compliance with the Environmental Quality Code, including the Solid Waste Management Act, Title 27A of Oklahoma Statutes, Section 2-10-101, et seq., and the rules of the DEQ, Oklahoma Administrative Code, Title 252, Chapters 4 and 515.

Permitting procedures explained: On request, a representative of DEQ will chair a meeting to explain the steps of DEQ's permitting process to interested persons. At that meeting, there will be discussion explaining when oral and written public comments can be made on the proposal. Administrative hearing opportunities will also be discussed. To request this process meeting, send a written request to the DEQ representative named below within 30 days after the date this notice is published. Please note this is not a meeting for protests. Its purpose is to advise interested persons on participation opportunities during the permitting process. For more information about this process meeting, please contact the DEQ representative named below.

Locations where application may be reviewed:

1. Harrah Library, 1930 Church Ave., Harrah, OK 73045
2. DEQ Central Records Section, located on the 2nd floor of the DEQ building at 707 N. Robinson, Oklahoma City, OK
3. On the DEQ's website at: <https://www.deq.ok.gov/land-protection-division/permit-public-participation-process/>

For more information, contact:

1. For applicant: Joseph Wignarajah, (405) 309-7693
2. For DEQ: Hillary Young, P.E., Chief Engineer, DEQ Land Protection Division, P.O. Box 1677, Oklahoma City, OK 73101-1677; (405) 702-5100; Fax No. (405) 702-5101.