

**Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality
Response to Comments
Tier III Permit Application and Draft Permit Modification
Oklahoma City Waste Disposal, Inc. – Oklahoma Landfill
Oklahoma County**

April 25, 2023

The following includes public comments received by the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality on the Tier III Permit Application and Draft Permit Modification for Oklahoma Landfill's proposed expansion. A list of acronyms and a brief history has been provided for clarification prior to the response to comments.

List of Acronyms

DEQ – Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality

NOD – Notice of Deficiency

OAC – Oklahoma Administrative Code

History

On March 21, 2022, DEQ received the Tier III Permit Modification Application (Application) requesting an expansion of permit boundaries for Oklahoma Landfill from Oklahoma City Waste Disposal, Inc. Notice of filing was published in *The Oklahoman* on April 13, 2022. DEQ received additional submittals and an NOD response to supplement the Application in 2022.

The Application proposes a lateral expansion of the existing Oklahoma Landfill permit boundary and waste disposal area. The existing 417.79-acre permit boundary will expand to 475.72 acres. The existing 216.6-acre waste disposal boundary will expand to 265.3 acres. The maximum permitted height of Oklahoma Landfill will remain at 1,377 feet mean sea level.

The existing solid waste permit allows Oklahoma Landfill to receive municipal solid waste, construction and demolition waste, non-hazardous industrial waste, and encapsulated asbestos waste. No changes in waste types are proposed in the Application. The existing groundwater monitoring, surface water control, and landfill gas monitoring systems will be expanded as part of the proposed permit modification.

DEQ found the Application to be administratively and technically complete and issued the Draft Permit Modification on March 2, 2023. Legal notice of the Draft Permit Modification and notice of the public meeting was published in *The Oklahoman* on March 7, 2023, initiating the 30-day period for public comment. The public meeting was held at the Metropolitan Library System – Bethany Library on April 6, 2023, the final day of the comment period. Comments were received and recorded during the public meeting.

Public Comments and DEQ Responses

The public comment period is confined to addressing deficiencies, errors, or omissions in the Application and/or Draft Permit Modification. The following comments were received during the public meeting on April 6, 2023. None of the comments identified a deficiency, error, or omission from the Application or Draft Permit Modification.

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Comment 1 – Easements, landfill entrance

One commenter asked if Oklahoma Landfill planned to construct any new entrances into the Landfill as a result of the expansion, or if Oklahoma Landfill held any easements out to MacArthur Boulevard to the east of the expansion area. The commenter expressed concern over a potential increase in traffic in these areas if additional entrances were constructed.

DEQ Response: According to the Application, the primary entrance remains at the northwest corner of the Landfill from SW 15th Street. DEQ does not regulate the location of entrances at landfills.

The Application includes the necessary easements to demonstrate Oklahoma Landfill's legal right to the property within the permit boundary expansion. Oklahoma Landfill is not required to provide any information to DEQ regarding easements for entrances outside the permit boundary.

Comment 2 – Bills

One commenter asked if their bills would increase as a result of the landfill expansion.

DEQ Response: This question does not pertain to the Application or Draft Permit Modification and is outside DEQ's jurisdiction.

Comment 3 – Other landfill expansions

One commenter asked if another nearby landfill was planning a similar expansion.

DEQ Response: This question does not pertain to the Application or Draft Permit Modification for Oklahoma Landfill.