

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Notice of public comment period on draft Permit Number 1107-MSWLF-1996, to increase post-settlement surface slopes from 4 to 1 (horizontal to vertical) to 3 to 1 at the Buncombe County MSW Landfill (MSWLF), pursuant to 15A NCAC 13B .1603 of the Solid Waste Management Rules is hereby given.

North Carolina Solid Waste Management Rules require that the public be given a 45-day period to comment on this draft permit. The comment period will begin Dec. 21, 2015, and end at 5:00 p.m. on Feb. 4, 2016. Persons wishing to comment on either this permit or the proposed permit conditions should submit their comments in writing to the division contact at the following address:

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The application and draft permit is available for review by appointment from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the Department of Environmental Quality's Asheville Regional Office, 2090 US Highway 70, Swannanoa, NC 28778. The administrative record, including the application, fact sheet, and draft permit can be found online at <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/wm/sw>. Select the "Documents" link from the list on the left side of the page. Once redirected, enter **1107-MSWLF-1996** in the "ID" field and then click the "Search" button.

Buncombe County owns and operates the municipal solid waste (MSW) landfill facility, Permit number 1107-MSWLF-1996. The facility is located (911 address) at 85 Panther Branch Road in Alexander, North Carolina and includes a total area of approximately 605 acres. The facility is currently permitted to receive municipal solid (MSW) wastes, construction and demolition (C&D) wastes, and household hazardous wastes (HHW) wastes. The MSW landfill covers approximately 95 acres and is currently permitted to include seven (7) phases made up of ten (10) cells with a total disposal capacity of approximately 6.8 million cubic yards. Phases I and II, which include Cells 1 through 5, are currently inactive. Phase 3, Cell 6 is currently active and Phases IV through VII, which include Cells 7 through 10, have not yet been constructed. The C&D landfill covers approximately 39 acres and is currently permitted to include eight (8) phases, with a total disposal capacity of approximately 2.6 million cubic yards. The household hazardous waste facilities only provide for temporary storage of materials prior to off-site shipment for proper disposal.

The county submitted a permit amendment application on April 29, 2014. The application requested a permit to construct Phase IV, Cell 7 along with an increase in the MSW landfill post-settlement surface slopes of all disposal units. The facility is currently approved for MSW landfill post-settlement surface

slopes of 4 to 1 horizontal to vertical. The application requested an increase in MSW landfill post-settlement surface slopes to 3 to 1 horizontal to vertical. While this change adds no new area to the MSW disposal units, it increases the total disposal capacity to approximately 11.8 million cubic yards. The Division of Waste Management has determined that the application satisfied the requirements of the Solid Waste Management Rules as codified in 15A NCAC 13B .1601 through .1680. A draft permit has been prepared for public review.

A public hearing has been scheduled for Jan. 12, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. and will be held at the Buncombe County Permits Department Planning Board Meeting Room, located at 30 Valley Street, Asheville, NC 28801. Interested parties may submit oral or written statements and data concerning the proposed changes to the facility Permit. Persons wishing to speak may register at the hearing. Speaking times will be allotted per speaker as time allows. Interested parties may submit written statements and data concerning the proposed changes to the facility permit to the division contact at the address shown above.