

NOTICE OF ISSUANCE FOR  
DRAFT HAZARDOUS WASTE POST-CLOSURE CARE PERMIT RENEWAL PERMIT  
AMERICAN COLOR & CHEMICAL, LLC  
LOCK HAVEN, PENNSYLVANIA

This Statement of Basis has been developed for the draft Solid Waste Management Act permit, which the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) intends to renew for American Color & Chemical, LLC located in Lock Haven, Clinton County, Pennsylvania 17745.

A. PROCEDURES FOR REACHING A FINAL DECISION

25 Pa. Code §270a.10 (c)(11) requires DEP to prepare a Statement of Basis for a draft permit. 25 Pa. Code §270a.80 (b) requires that the public be given forty-five (45) Calendar days to comment on each draft permit prepared under the Solid Waste Management Act. The comment period will be complete upon forty-five (45) days of this publication. Any person interested in commenting on this application or draft permit must do so within this forty-five (45) day comment period.

All persons wishing to comment should submit the comments in writing to:

Department of Environmental Protection  
Waste Management Program  
208 West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite 101  
Williamsport, PA 17701  
Attention: Lisa Houser  
ra-epnccomments@pa.gov

Comments should include all reasonable available references, factual grounds and supporting material.

In the event DEP receives written notice of opposition to the draft permit and a request for a public hearing within the comment period, a hearing shall be scheduled at a location convenient to the population center nearest the facility. Public notice of the public hearing shall be given at least 30 days before the hearing. Any request for a public hearing accompanied by written opposition to the draft permit should be sent to the above address.

When making a determination regarding the renewal of the hazardous waste post-closure permit for American Color & Chemical, LLC, DEP will consider all written comments received during the comment period, any oral or written statements received during the public hearing (if requested), the requirements of the hazardous waste regulations of 25 Pa. Code Chapters 260a-270a, and DEP's permitting policies.

At the time that the permit is renewed, DEP also will issue a response to comments. This response will specify any provisions of the draft permit, which were changed in the final

permit decision and the reasons for the change. DEP will present the response to all significant comments on the draft permit that are raised during the public comment period or during any hearing. DEP will make the response available to the public as required in 25 Pa. Code §270a.10(c)(14).

## B. FACILITY DESCRIPTION

The 38-acre American Color & Chemical, L.L.C. (ACC) Facility is located in the city of Lock Haven, Pennsylvania, ¼ mile north of Bald Eagle Creek and ½ mile south of the West Branch Susquehanna River. The Facility is located in the south portion of Lock Haven; access is from Mount Vernon Street off East Park Street. The Facility has city water, electrical service, and telephone service. Adjacent to the ACC property is the Drake Chemical Company Superfund Site (east), a former chemical manufacturing facility; a township park and vacant lot (southeast); the active First Quality Tissue, LLC facility (southwest); an active Conrail railroad line (south); single family dwellings and a recreational field (west); and a residential area and shopping center (north, northeast and northwest, respectively). The Facility has been used for clay sewer pipe and chemical manufacturing activities by a variety of companies. Facility operations have included the manufacture and distribution of a variety of dyes, and auxiliary and intermediate chemicals for use in the color processing of textiles, fibers, paper products and plastics. Chemicals such as anilines, chlorobenzenes, and nitrobenzenes were used in the processes. Commercial operations ceased in 1982, and production facilities were later demolished. Most of the former operations areas are now graded and revegetated and former five impoundments capped since 2001. Extraction wells and collection trenches have been installed and ground water is collected and pumped to an on-Facility treatment system. A Post-Closure Plan was established in 2005, in accordance with the RCRA Part B Post-Closure Care Permit, for maintenance of the impoundments and the ground water monitoring and treatment system. A ground water collection and treatment system was installed at the Facility in 2000. The scope of work for activities at the Facility includes groundwater sampling/monitoring, groundwater treatment system sampling, routine system maintenance, groundwater treatment system carbon unit change-outs, general site maintenance, and various routine inspections. Pursuant to the 1997 Administrative Order on Consent between USEPA and ACC, ACC has retained responsibility for the facility and has contracted Key Environmental, Inc. (KEY) and Field & Technical Services, LLC (FTS) to conduct operations, monitoring and maintenance activities at the Facility.

On August 15, 2024, DEP received a request from American Color & Chemical, LLC to renew their permit for the post-closure plan. No changes are being made to the permit since the last permit renewal issued by DEP in February 2015.