

PUBLIC NOTICE

For

Florida Transformer, LLC
4509 State Highway 83
DeFuniak Springs, Walton County, Florida
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By

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Office of Resource Conservation and Recovery
1200 Pennsylvania Ave NW, MC 5303P
Washington, DC 20460

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ISSUANCE OF A DISPOSAL APPROVAL TO TREAT POLYCHLORINATED BIPHENYL (PCB) CONTAMINATED MINERAL OIL DIELECTRIC FLUID (MODEF) UNDER SECTION 6(e)(1) OF THE TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL ACT (TSCA), 15 U.S.C. 2605(e) AND 40 CFR 761.60(e). PCB REGULATION CURRENTLY FALLS UNDER THE EXCLUSIVE AUTHORITY OF THE EPA.

Florida Transformer, LLC (FT) is an electrical power and distribution equipment service, decommission and repair facility. FT repairs and rebuilds oil-filled electrical equipment, primarily electrical regulators and transformers. FT also scraps obsolete equipment at its facility. FTI has submitted an application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency seeking a TSCA PCB Approval for the PCB-1000 chemical dechlorination unit, a non-thermal PCB disposal method. EPA then requested that FT conduct a demonstration of the capabilities of the treatment unit. EPA attended the demonstration in February 2020. Pursuant to 40 CFR 761.60(e), the EPA has completed its review of the FT application, including the results from the demonstration, and has prepared a proposed TSCA PCB Approval to allow FT to treat PCB-contaminated mineral oil dielectric fluid. The proposed TSCA PCB Approval sets forth conditions for operating the PCB-1000 chemical dechlorination unit, managing waste generated by the unit, closing the unit at the end of the approval term, and maintaining financial assurance to cover unit closure costs. The EPA has determined that the application meets the requirements set forth in 40 CFR 761.60(e) and that operation of the facility in accordance with the requirements of the TSCA PCB Approval will not pose an unreasonable risk of injury to human health or the environment.

Persons wishing to comment on the EPA's decision to issue the proposed TSCA PCB Approval are invited to submit comments by letter or email during the public comment period beginning July 23, 2020, and ending August 23, 2020. EPA will finalize its decision after review of and response to all received written comments. A copy of the draft TSCA PCB Approval is available at EPA's public notice website at <https://go.usa.gov/xfkWb>. All written comments must be submitted by August 23, 2020, to Karen Swetland-Johnson at the EPA address below or via email to swetland-johnson.karen@epa.gov.
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The proposed TSCA PCB Approval is being placed before the public for a thirty (30) day comment period. Copies of the TSCA PCB Approval, Fact Sheet, and application are available for review at the prescribed locations:

<https://go.usa.gov/xfkWb>

Walton-DeFuniak Library
(On the Lake Circle)
3 Circle Drive
DeFuniak Springs, Florida 32433
Telephone: (850) 892-3624
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Monday 9:00 – 5:00
Tuesday 9:00 – 8:00
Wednesday - Saturday 9:00 – 5:00
Sunday - Closed

In order to give area residents an opportunity to discuss the proposed TSCA PCB Approval, the EPA will hold a virtual public meeting on August 6, 2020, from 4:00-6:00 pm CDT at <https://epawebconferencing.acms.com/floridatransformer/> or call in at (866) 299-3188, code 703 308 8577. The public meeting will start with a brief presentation to provide an overview of the TSCA PCB requirements and the need for a TSCA PCB Approval. Following the presentation, an informal session will be held to provide opportunities to discuss the proposed TSCA PCB Approval and ask questions.