

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency PCB Approval

Emerald Transformer, PPM LLC

1875 Forge Street, Dekalb County, Tucker, Georgia

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Fact Sheet for Public Comment

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Introduction

This fact sheet is to notify the public of the proposed approval of environmental activities at Emerald Transformer PPM LLC, located in Tucker, Georgia. Emerald Transformer is seeking a renewal of their Approval from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for the continued management of chemicals called polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) at the facility. The environmental activities identified in the draft EPA PCB Approval include the commercial storage, processing, and disposal of PCB waste by the disposal of PCB waste oil. The purpose of the Approval is to ensure the facility operates in a manner that protects human health and the environment and complies with federal regulations. This provides a ten-year proposed renewal of their current Approval.

The EPA has determined that the commercial storage, processing and disposal of PCB waste oil in accordance with the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), the draft PCB Approval and all other federal and state requirements will not pose an unreasonable risk of injury to health or the environment. This draft PCB Approval renewal covers only activities related to PCB waste.

This fact sheet provides an opportunity to learn more about the TSCA Approval process, as well as the upcoming public comment period.

Public Comment Period

The EPA is committed to fostering meaningful public involvement in environmental decision making. The draft PCB Approval is available for a **30-day public comment from February 1, 2021 to March 5, 2021**. On the next page of this fact sheet, you will find the Public Notice Website link to the draft PCB Approval and the Tucker Town Hall location to access the draft Approval and other documents for the Emerald Transformer facility. The public may provide written or oral comments about the draft PCB Approval during the 30-day comment period. Please submit your comments by email by the deadline to the EPA's Technical Project Manager. If email is not accessible, comments can be made over the phone (contact information below). The EPA will evaluate public input and finalize its decision after responses have been prepared to all written comments received.

Aerial View of Emerald Transformer PPM-Tucker, GA



What is TSCA?

TSCA stands for the Toxic Substances Control Act regulations. The Toxic Substances Control Act of 1976 provides the EPA with authority to require reporting, record-keeping and testing requirements, and restrictions relating to chemical substances and/or mixtures, which include PCBs.

We want to hear from you!

The 30-day public comment period for the proposed PCB Approval is:

February 1, 2021 through

March 5, 2021



Background

Under TSCA regulations, Emerald Transformer must obtain a PCB Approval from the EPA to store, process and dispose of PCB waste at its facility. PCB waste must be stored in a manner that presents no unreasonable risk of injury to health and the environment and that does not impede routine inspections carried out by Emerald Transformer as required by the Approval. The EPA has reviewed Emerald Transformer's application for operation of the Tucker facility. The draft PCB Approval allows the facility to continue to store and process PCB waste and dispose of PCB waste oil in the dechlorination treatment system.

The draft TSCA PCB Approval includes these sections:

- *General Conditions* – Emerald Transformer must operate its facility in compliance with the conditions of the Approval and consistent with the information included in the Emerald Transformer Application and in accordance with TSCA and the PCB Regulations, including the requirements of the "PCB Spill Cleanup Policy" (found at 40 C.F.R. Part 761);
- *Storage of PCBs* – The PCB storage areas must meet certain inspection requirements and maintain proper engineering standards to prevent chemical releases. Emerald Transformer may store PCB wastes in a manner that allows maximum use of space within certain conditions and PCB storage in any other non-designated area will be a violation of the Approval;
- *Chemical Decontamination* – Processing conditions, feedstock restrictions, process monitoring, and recordkeeping are included within the draft approval document;

The draft TSCA Approval is scheduled to be issued for a term of 10 years. The EPA has the authority to suspend or revoke the PCB TSCA Approval at any time if the EPA has reason to believe that the continued operation of this facility presents an unreasonable risk to human health or the environment.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Public Notice Website: <https://www.epa.gov/aboutepa/about-epa-region-4-southeast>

Information Repository for Emerald Transformer:

Tucker City Clerk's Office
1975 Lakeside Parkway Suite 350
Tucker, GA 30084 (678) 597-9040

Due to COVID-19, please call for an appointment to review the documents 9am to 5pm Mon. through Fri.

Tips on Effective Written Public Comments:

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

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