

FACT SHEET

AERC Acquisition Corporation d/b/a DART, A Clean Earth Company

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A Draft Renewal Permit has been prepared for AERC Acquisition Corporation d/b/a DART, A Clean Earth Company (Clean Earth) to store and treat hazardous waste at the facility under the Federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). North Carolina has been authorized by the United States Environmental Protection Agency to administer RCRA including the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments (HSWA) of 1984. The State has determined that Clean Earth's proposed activities as identified in the application satisfy the full intent of the North Carolina Hazardous Waste Management Rules and Solid Waste Management Act as amended. When finalized this draft permit issued by the State of North Carolina will constitute a complete permit under the Federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act.

Clean Earth is a commercial hazardous waste storage and treatment facility which accepts bulk and containerized wastes from commercial, industrial, and government agencies for on-site management in containers and tanks. These wastes include, but are not limited to organics, halogenated solvents, oils, paints, pigments, cyanides, corrosives, heavy metal bearing wastes, lab packs, contaminated soils and debris, contaminated waters and leachate, and non-hazardous wastes. Waste management activities include: storage and/or treatment of hazardous waste in containers and/or tanks; consolidation of hazardous wastes for transportation; bulking of hazardous waste for transportation; fuels blending; aerosol depressurization; brokering of wastes to third party treatment, storage, and disposal facilities; and depacking and repackaging of laboratory chemicals.

Clean Earth manages hazardous waste in eight (8) RCRA permitted container storage areas. Wastes are sorted according to hazard class and stored in compatible containers in diked areas with compatible materials until processed on-site or shipped off-site to another recovery, treatment, or disposal facility. Treatment in containers includes, but is not limited to, neutralization, chemical fixation, chemical oxidation/reduction, metals precipitation, and cyanide destruction. A maximum of 89,533 gallons of hazardous waste may be managed in the container storage areas at one time.

Clean Earth manages hazardous wastewaters in their aqueous wastewater treatment system. The facility has a Permit to Discharge Wastewater Under the Industrial Pretreatment Program issued by the City of Charlotte. Wastewater treatment includes neutralization, metals precipitation, chemical oxidation, chemical reduction, alkaline cyanide destruction, air stripping and thermal stripping for organic removal. The RCRA renewal permit allows up to 113,000 gallons of hazardous waste in six (6) RCRA permitted tanks.

The North Carolina Hazardous Waste Management Rules require that the public be given a forty-five (45) day period to comment on the draft renewal permit. This 45-day period will commence on June 10, 2022. The draft permit can be found online at the following location:

<https://deq.nc.gov/public-notices-hearings>

All data submitted by the applicant is part of the administrative record. Files are accessible through the document management system at: <https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/waste-management/laserfiche> or <https://edocs.deq.nc.gov/WasteManagement/Search.aspx?dbid=0&repo=WasteManagement>. To locate relevant files, search using the program ID number: NCD121700777. Persons wishing to comment on this permit or the proposed permit conditions or to object to the permit issuance should submit comments in writing prior to July 25, 2022. All comments received within the forty-five (45) day period will be considered before the final permit decision is made. Comments should be sent to:

Adam Ulishney, Hazardous Waste Section Chief
Division of Waste Management, NCDEQ
MSC 1646
Raleigh, NC 27699-1646

A public hearing to receive comments concerning the issuance of the proposed permit will be held on Thursday July 14, 2022 at 12 noon at the Allegra Westbrooks Regional Library located at 2412 Beatties Ford Road in Charlotte, North Carolina. Additionally, a virtual public hearing will be held on Tuesday July 19 at 10:00 am. The public can join online or by phone:

Meeting Link: <https://bit.ly/3m1DqYs>

Meeting Number: 2426 886 5607

Password: Oneal1

Join by Phone: +1-415-655-0003 US TOLL

Access Code: 2426 886 5607

Participation can take place in person, online, or via telephone. Attendees may submit a written statement for the official record in addition to their oral statement or they may submit written comments in lieu of making an oral presentation. Comments must be received by July 25, 2022. When a final decision is made to issue, deny, or modify the draft renewal permit, notice will be given to the applicant and to each person who has submitted written comments or requested notice of the final decision.

Anyone desiring additional information may contact Katherine O'Neal at the address listed above or at (919) 707-8209 or katherine.oneal@ncdenr.gov.