

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Division of Waste Management, N. C. Department of Environmental Quality  
Hazardous Waste Section  
PUBLIC HEARING FOR TERMINATION OF  
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER IN LIEU OF POST-CLOSURE PERMIT  
Johnston County Schools, Short Journey Center

This is to notify the public of the proposal to terminate the Administrative Order in lieu of Post-Closure Permit (Administrative Order) for the Johnston County Schools, Short Journey Center Site located at 2323 Cleveland Road in Smithfield, Johnston County, North Carolina.

A public hearing will be held at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 6, 2022, at the Facility Services Building, located at 601a West Market Street in Smithfield.

All attendees will have the opportunity to present five-minute oral statements regarding the proposal to terminate the Administrative Order and/or to submit written comments. Written comments can also be sent during the public comment period of Feb. 25 through April 11, 2022 to the following address:

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All information for the Short Journey Center site is part of the administrative record and available at: <https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/waste-management/laserfiche> or <https://edocs.deq.nc.gov/WasteManagement/Search.aspx?dbid=0&repo=WasteManagement>.

Search for Documents using the program ID# NCD981476955. The factsheet can also be found at: <https://deq.nc.gov/public-notice-hearings>.

**Background:** The Short Journey Center site is a former school facility once owned and operated by Johnston County Schools. In 1982, the Johnston County Board of Education placed approximately five 55-gallon drums of a chemical used to strip floors in two unlined trenches behind the present-day Short Journey Center. Hazardous constituents were released to groundwater. A groundwater treatment system was operated from 1996 to 2002, and groundwater monitoring was conducted until 2020. The levels of constituents of concern have been less than the NC 2L Standard for three consecutive sampling events, and a Declaration of Perpetual Land Use Restrictions has been recorded. The conditions of the Administrative Order have been met; therefore, NCDEQ proposes to terminate the Administrative Order. Once terminated, NCDEQ staff will inspect the site annually to verify compliance with the land use restrictions.

All comments received during the public comment period or at the hearing will be considered in the decision to terminate the Administrative Order in lieu of Post-Closure Permit. Comments received after the public comment period ends will not be considered. The statutory authority for calling the hearing is G.S. 130A-294 (f). Applicable state rules are found in the North Carolina Hazardous Waste Management Rules 15A NCAC 13A .0105, .0109, and .0113. These rules adopt the requirements of the Federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act as amended by the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984.

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