A draft Administrative Order in Lieu of Hazardous Waste Management Post-Closure Permit (Administrative Order) has been prepared for the Former Black & Decker Facility to conduct corrective actions 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 Black & Decker’s proposed activities as identified in the project file satisfy the full intent of the North Carolina Hazardous Waste Management Rules and Solid Waste Management Act as amended. When finalized this draft Administrative Order issued by the State of North Carolina will constitute a complete permit under the Federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act.

Black & Decker purchased the property and manufacturing operations on April 27, 1984. Black & Decker conducted manufacturing operations at the Site from 1984 to 2000. Small electrical appliances, such as blankets, toaster ovens, coffee makers, spotlighters, and scumbusters were produced at the facility. Manufacturing processes included plastic injection molding, punch pressing, painting, degreasing, and assembly.

Four “areas of concern” have been identified by Black & Decker as potential source areas of contamination. Chlorinated solvents released to the environment through former degreasing operations have impacted soil, groundwater, and adjacent surface water. Contaminants of concern include perchloroethylene, trichloroethene, cis-1,2-dichloroethene, 1,2-dichloroethane, and 1,1-dichloroethene. The draft Administrative Order requires that corrective action be performed to address these areas.

The North Carolina Hazardous Waste Management Rules require that the public be given a forty-five (45) day period to comment on the draft Administrative Order. This forty-five (45) day period will commence on June 10, 2022. The draft Administrative Order can be found online at the following location: https://deq.nc.gov/news/events/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. To locate relevant files, search using the ID Number: *003236437. Persons wishing to comment on either this draft Administrative Order or the proposed permit conditions or to object to the permit issuance should submit such 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:

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MSC 1646  
Raleigh, NC 27699-1646

A public hearing to receive comments concerning the issuance of the proposed permit will be held on Wednesday, July 13, at 1:00 pm, in the Meeting Room of the Randolph Public Library, located at 201 Worth Street in Asheboro, North Carolina. All attendees will have the opportunity to present five-minute oral statements regarding issuance of the Administrative Order. Attendees may also 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. When a final permit decision is made to either issue, deny, or modify the Administrative Order, notice will be given to the applicant and to each person who has submitted written comments or requested notice of the final decision.