

Public Comment Notice for Class II Permit Modification (NCD 003 237 948-R3):

This posting is to notify the public of a request by General Electric Company to modify its Hazardous Waste Management Permit for post-closure care (Permit No. NCD 003 237 948-R3), issued by the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ), Division of Waste Management on February 4, 2021 for its former Hickory Manufacturing Facility located at 1223 Fairgrove Church Road in Conover, Catawba County, North Carolina. **This posting is an update to the original posting published September 29, 2021 to correct the start date and duration of the public comment period noted below.**

The requested Class II permit modification will allow GE to add three (3) additional recovery wells to the existing Remedial Action System (RAS) network. The RAS is designed to capture and treat residual contaminated groundwater. The addition of these three recovery wells will improve capture and reduce elevated groundwater concentrations from entering the adjacent western stream. GE submitted, and NCDEQ approved, the *Groundwater Investigation Report & Proposed RAS Expansion Plan* (report) in July 2021, which summarizes the prior investigation activities and proposed RAS expansion related to the permit modification. This document is available at:

<https://edocs.deq.nc.gov/WasteManagement/DocView.aspx?id=1594260&dbid=0&repo=WasteManagement&searchid=ae50b250-083b-439d-b9ec-b42bc4bab3c6>

A public meeting will be held on Thursday, October 14th at 1:00 PM at the Downtown Park, 112 2nd Avenue, NE in Conover, North Carolina (*see virtual option below*). All attendees will have the opportunity to present five (5) minute oral statements regarding the requested permit modification and/or to submit written comments. Written comments can be submitted via email to caroline.bari@ncdenr.gov, and can also be mailed during the 60-day public comment period; beginning Friday, October 8, 2021 and ending Tuesday, December 7, 2021, to the following address:

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Virtual Option: meeting link for the Thursday, October 14th at 1:00 PM meeting:

<https://ncdenrits.webex.com/ncdenrits/j.php?MTID=m1d1c4e2de1736f4dde0f74eab6499625>

Meeting number: 2423 740 1840
Password: Caroline1
Host key: 145360

Meeting by phone:

+1-415-655-0003 US TOLL
Access code: 2423 740 1840
Host PIN: 0799

All comments received during the public comment period, or at the meeting, will be considered in the decision regarding this permit modification. Comments received after the public comment period ends will not be considered. Anyone desiring additional information may contact Caroline Bari at 919-707-8325, caroline.bari@ncdenr.gov, or by mail at the address listed above.