

# NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT for Jersey Shore University Medical Center

## DRAFT TITLE V OPERATING PERMIT SIGNIFICANT MODIFICATION

Program Interest (PI): 21324 / Permit Activity Number: BOP250001

The New Jersey State Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) is seeking public comment on its intent to approve an air pollution control Operating Permit Significant Modification for this facility pursuant to the provisions of Title V of the Federal Clean Air Act, the federal rules promulgated at 40 CFR 70, and the state regulations promulgated at N.J.A.C. 7:27-22.

### **FACILITY INFORMATION**

Jersey Shore University Medical Center is located at 1945 Corlies Ave, Neptune, Monmouth County, NJ 07753. The facility is owned by Hackensack Meridian Health Corporation and is operated by Jersey Shore University Medical Center.

### **FACILITY PROCESSES AND AIR EMISSIONS INFORMATION**

For information about the facility's processes and air contaminant emissions please refer to the Statement of Basis available on this webpage at <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/aqpp/publicnotices.htm>.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS AND CONTACT INFORMATION**

This public notice, the statement of basis, and the draft permit have been posted at the Department's website: <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/aqpp/publicnotices.htm>. Any person who cannot obtain a copy of the permit documents and any supporting materials from the website above can call 609-292-6722 for further assistance.

All persons, including the applicant, who believe that any condition of the draft Air Pollution Operating Permit or the Department's tentative decision to approve this permit is inappropriate, must raise all reasonable issues of concern and submit all arguments and factual grounds or materials supporting their position during the public comment period. Any comments on this draft permit must be received within thirty days of the date of this notice by either (1) email addressed to Michael Mankbadi at [Michael.Mankbadi@dep.nj.gov](mailto:Michael.Mankbadi@dep.nj.gov) or (2) by mail and addressed to Michael Mankbadi, NJDEP, 401 E State Street, 2nd Floor, PO Box 420, Mail Code 401-02, Trenton, NJ 08625-0420.

In accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:27-22.11(f), any person may request that the Department hold a public hearing on the draft permit. A request for a public hearing shall be submitted, in writing, within thirty days of the date of this notice to the Department at the Trenton address listed above. The request for public hearing shall include a statement of issues to be discussed at the public hearing. The statement of issues shall be relevant to the draft permit under review by the Department.

The Department will consider and respond to all written and timely submitted comments. The applicant, and each person, who submitted written comments, will receive a notice of the Department's final decision regarding the Operating Permit and a copy of the Response to Comment document.

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### **Public Hearing Ground Rules**

In light of the unprecedented circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic, including the need to restrict unnecessary travel and adopt/adhere to social distancing practices, the Department is not hosting in-person public hearings. Rather, the Department's public hearings will be conducted virtually via the Department's video conferencing software (i.e., Microsoft Teams). Each public hearing will start promptly.

Prior to participating in a virtual public hearing, participants are strongly encouraged to read the following information and guidelines:

- Access to the public hearing is available on your computer or mobile device through either the Microsoft (MS) Teams application or the device's web browser. It is advised for attendees to test out the MS Teams link to the public hearing prior to the actual hearing to test if the link is working properly.
- The web browsers that best support MS Teams meetings are Internet Explorer 11, MS Edge, Chrome, and Firefox.
- The public hearing will begin promptly at the designated starting time.
- The public hearing will be moderated by the Hearing Officer from the Department.
- **Prior to entering the public hearing**, participants may be provided a field to enter their name. The Department is requesting that, in the provided field, participants type their full name and the organization that they represent.
- **As a courtesy to other participants in the hearing**, participants will be muted until they are called upon by a Department representative in the order they had registered to speak. At that time, participants can unmute their microphones to make a comment. For those attending the hearing via phone, #6 will unmute the phone.
- **If a participant would like to comment and had not already notified/registered with the Department prior to the hearing**, you can notify a Department's representative of your interest in by typing your name and the name of the organization that you represent in the Chat Box for the MS Teams virtual meeting room.
  - For those that are on the phone and cannot use the Chat function, the Hearing Officer will provide an opportunity to speak up after all other speakers have had their turn. When recognized by a Department's representative, unmute your phone, and state your name and the organization you represent before making a comment.
- At the beginning of the public hearing, the Hearing Officer will provide a brief demonstration on how to unmute/mute your microphones, how to turn on your video feed, and how to access the hearing's chat box.

As a reminder, the Department will accept written comments on the draft permit by following the instructions for written comments in the Public Notice.