NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT FOR PRINCETON MEMORIAL PARK DRAFT INITIAL PRECONSTRUCTION PERMIT

Program Interest (PI): 61708 / Permit Activity Number: PCP240001

The New Jersey State Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) is re-opening the public comment on its intent to approve an air pollution control preconstruction permit for this facility pursuant to the provisions of the Air Pollution Control Act of Chapter 106, P.L. 1967 (N.J.S.A. 26:2C-1 et. seq.) and state regulation promulgated at N.J.A.C. 7:27-8. These rules require that any significant source of air contaminant emissions must obtain a preconstruction permit prior to construction, reconstruction, installation, or modification.

NJDEP is planning to hold a public hearing on this draft permit on March 4, 2025, at the Trenton Ancient Order of Hibernians located at 2419 Kuser Rd, Hamilton Township, NJ 08690. The public hearing will start at 6:00 PM and end by 9:00 PM.

This public hearing was originally scheduled for December 19, 2024, and was postponed at the request of the facility. As part of rescheduling the public hearing, the draft permit will also be available for public comment until March 14, 2025. This is a continuation of the initial public comment period, and each comment received throughout both comment periods and the public hearing will be responded to at the same time after the public hearing is held.

FACILITY INFORMATION

Princeton Memorial Park is a cemetery that provides burial and cremation services and is located at 403 Gordon Rd, Mercer County, New Jersey, 08691.

SOURCE OPERATION AND AIR EMISSIONS INFORMATION

This draft preconstruction permit proposes to install a human cremation retort with a processing rate of 175 pounds per hour. Emission rates for criteria pollutants were calculated using USEPA AP-42 emission factors. This draft preconstruction permit includes the following allowable emission limits:

		Potential Emissions from Significant Source Operations (tons per year)								
Allowable										
Emission		VOC	NO_x	CO	SO_2	TSP	PM_{10}	$PM_{2.5}$	Pb	HAPs
Limits		(total)				(total)	(total)	(total)		(total)
Proposed		N/A	0.58	0.48	0.36	0.77	0.77	0.77	N/A	N/A
Permit										
VOC Volatile Organic Compounds							PM_{10}	Particulates under 10 microns		
NO_x	O _x Nitrogen Oxides						$PM_{2.5}$	Particulates under 2.5 microns		
CO	O Carbon Monoxide				Pb	Lead				
SO_2	O ₂ Sulfur Dioxide					HAPs	Hazardous Air Pollutants			

TSP Total Suspended Particulates

N/A: Indicates the pollutant is not emitted or is emitted below the reporting threshold specified in N.J.A.C. 7:27-8 and N.J.A.C. 7:27-17.9(a).

For more information about the facility's processes and their air emissions, please refer to the draft preconstruction permit available on the following website, http://www.state.nj.us/dep/aqpp/publicnotices.htm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS, PUBLIC HEARING, AND CONTACT INFORMATION

This public notice and the draft preconstruction permit have been posted at the NJDEP's Bureau of Stationary Sources website: https://dep.nj.gov/boss/public-notices/. 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 preconstruction permit or the NJDEP'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 by March 14, 2025, by either (1) email addressed to Connor Lapiska at connor.lapiska@dep.nj.gov or (2) by mail addressed to Connor Lapiska, NJDEP, 401 E State Street, 2nd Floor, PO Box 420, Mail Code 401-02, Trenton, 08625-0420.

Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.10, NJDEP is planning to hold a public hearing on this draft permit on March 4, 2025, at the Trenton Ancient Order of Hibernians located at 2419 Kuser Rd, Hamilton Township, NJ 08690. The public hearing will start at 6:00 PM and end by 9:00 PM.

Anyone interested in speaking at the public hearing is strongly recommended to sign up to speak by emailing the NJDEP at aqppls@dep.nj.gov with the title of this Public Notice as the Subject item of the email. Or, if you do not have access to email, please call 609-292-6722 for further assistance. As necessary, the meeting will be extended until all persons present have had the opportunity to present their comments. At the public hearing, written and oral comments will be accepted by the Department.

This hearing is not intended to be a question-and-answer session, but rather an opportunity for interested individuals to comment on the draft permit. Therefore, NJDEP representatives will not respond to technical questions at the public hearing, but instead, will listen intently and take notes on the oral comments in order to address each issue raised accurately in a Response to Comment document. Each commenter will have at least three minutes to speak. The exact amount of time provided to each speaker will be announced at the hearing.

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