

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 6**

#### **PROPOSAL TO APPROVE RE-AUTHORIZATION OF OCCIDENTAL CHEMICAL CORPORATION (OXYCHEM) TO DISPOSE OF ONSITE GENERATED LIQUID POLYCHLORINATED BIPHENYLS (PCBs) IN ITS F-1 HEX FURNACE AT ITS FACILITY LOCATED IN GEISMAR LA; EPA ID LAD092681824.**

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 6 proposes to grant reauthorization approval to Occidental Chemical Corporation (OxyChem) to store and dispose of onsite generated liquid polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) in the F-1 Hex Furnace at its facility in Geismar, Louisiana. EPA has authority to approve storage and disposal of PCBs by incineration under Section 6(e) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), in accordance with regulations promulgated pursuant to 40 CFR § 761.65 and § 761.70.

PCBs are a group of chemical compounds previously used extensively in the industries do not readily break down once they enter the environment. At high concentrations, PCBs have been shown to cause liver and kidney damage in humans, usually through direct exposure or ingestion through contaminated seafood. PCBs are suspected carcinogens (Class B).

EPA reviewed the information that OxyChem submitted and found that OxyChem's Geismar facility meets the regulatory requirements for the storage and disposal of onsite generated PCBs.

EPA has determined under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act that historic properties will not be affected by the proposed reauthorization.

EPA has determined under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act that the proposed reauthorization will not affect any listed species or designated critical habitat.

This notice opens a 45-day comment period, starting December 29, 2021, during which requests may be made for a public meeting. EPA may hold a public meeting if it determines there is a significant degree of public interest in the application, or if requested by a local legislator. A 30-day advance notice of the date, time, and place of the meeting will be published on <https://www.epa.gov/pcbs/epa-region-6-polychlorinated-biphenyls-pcb>. This meeting may be held remotely. To make a comment or to obtain a copy of the proposed approval, "no effect" determination under the Endangered Species Act, or the "no potential to affect" under the National Historic Preservation Act, please contact Ms. Anupa Ahuja, EPA Region 6 RCRA Permits and Solid Waste Section, by emailing [ahuja.anupa@epa.gov](mailto:ahuja.anupa@epa.gov).