PUBLIC NOTICE
For Proposed Approval of Risk-Based Storage of PCBs
Perma-Fix Environmental Services, Inc.
Oak Ridge Environmental Waste Operations Center Facility
Anderson County, Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37830
EPA ID # TNR000047308

Perma-Fix Environmental Services, Inc. (Perma-Fix) has applied to the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency for a Risk-Based Approval for Storage of Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs) Bulk Product Waste (Approval) under Section 6(e)(1) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), 15 U.S.C. § 2605(e) and 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 761. The PCB regulatory program is not delegable to states and the management and enforcement of the program is currently under the exclusive authority of the EPA.

In accordance with 40 CFR § 761.62(c) for PCB bulk product waste and with EPA approval, Perma-Fix will operate the Oak Ridge Environmental Waste Operations Center (OREWOC) Facility in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, which is owned by Kasey Properties, LLC. Perma-Fix is requesting a maximum storage limit of 48,600 cubic feet (1,800 cubic yards) of PCB bulk product waste for its Northside Storage Pad, Southside Covered Storage Pad, and the Process Building Waste Storage Area. The OREWOC Facility will be used to temporarily store PCB bulk product waste generated from the Department of Energy’s (DOE) deactivation and decommissioning activities at the K-25 Oak Ridge site and regional legacy nuclear installations. The OREWOC Facility will also receive low level radioactive waste (LLW) and non-radioactive waste generated from facilities’ demolition. The PCB bulk product waste will be inspected, re-packaged when necessary, and stored at the OREWOC Facility prior to being shipped to DOE-owned and operated sites for disposal, including the Environmental Management Waste Management Facility in Oak Ridge and the Nevada National Security Site in Mercury, Nevada.

The EPA has reviewed Perma-Fix’s Approval Application for PCB storage activities and is providing the proposed Approval for public comment. The proposed Approval includes conditions for inspection of the OREWOC Facility, recordkeeping and reporting of inspections and incidents such as spills, and financial assurance and closure requirements to cover costs associated with the proposed Perma-Fix PCB storage activities. The EPA has determined that Perma-Fix’s Application meets the requirements set forth in the regulations and that the OREWOC Facility and the PCB storage activities proposed at this location, conducted in accordance with the requirements of the proposed Approval, will not pose an unreasonable risk of injury to health or the environment.

Persons wishing to comment on the EPA’s decision to issue the proposed Approval must submit comments by email to Terri Crosby-Vega at crosby-vega.terri@epa.gov or phone at 404-562-8497 during the public comment period, beginning June 30th and ending August 1st. The EPA will finalize its decision after review of and response to received comments. The proposed draft PCB Approval is available online at the EPA’s public notice website at: www.epa.gov/aboutepa/about-epa-region-4-southeast

Hard copies of the proposed PCB Approval, Fact Sheet, Perma-Fix’s Application and supporting documents are available for review at the following location:

Oak Ridge Public Library, 1401 Oak Ridge Turnpike, Oak Ridge, TN 37830
Individuals with disabilities who wish to review information maintained at the above-mentioned repository should contact the Oak Ridge Public Library at (865) 425-3455 or Rich Devin of Perma-Fix Environmental Services at (865) 376-8706 to discuss any auxiliary aids or services needed to facilitate such review. Contact should be made at least ten days prior to the end of the public comment period to allow time for the provision of such aid or services.