MRR Pickens, LLC received a permit from DHEC in November 2008 to construct and operate the Highway 93 Class 2 Landfill. While the landfill has not yet been constructed, the permit has remained in place and effective since that time. MRR is currently requesting to update the maximum annual disposal rate for the landfill from 70,500 tons per year (TPY) to 175,339 TPY. The maximum annual disposal rate is the amount of waste that may be received at a landfill during a fiscal year and is determined by using data reported in the most recent S.C. Solid Waste Management Annual Report. Increasing the tonnage rate is considered a major modification to the existing permit. A draft permit has been written to incorporate the proposed tonnage increase and is open for public comment. The modification will not affect the previously permitted 68-acre landfill footprint or allowable elevation.

DHEC will hold a virtual public hearing on April 28, 2022, at 6:30 pm, to accept oral comments on the draft permit. The hearing is being held virtually using an online platform to allow broader access by interested persons. Anyone can join remotely using a phone, computer, or other mobile device. The public hearing is formal and provides an opportunity for comments to be heard by DHEC staff and recorded by a court reporter. There will be no questions and answers during the public hearing. DHEC values each participant’s involvement in the public hearing and will conduct it in a respectful, orderly manner with reasonable limits on the length of comments, if necessary.

Interested persons are encouraged to visit our webpage at https://scdhec.gov/MRRHwy93LF for additional information about the draft permit and public hearing. Anyone who plans to participate in the public hearing should complete the registration form on the webpage no later than April 27, 2022. Everyone who completes the registration form will be provided with instructions on how to join the event from a remote location. A recording of the hearing will be posted on our webpage prior to the end of the public comment period. If you are unable to access the webpage, or have questions about participating in the public hearing, please contact Justin Koon no later than April 21, 2022, to register and receive the hearing materials.

All comments will be considered before a final decision is made on the draft permit. Comments will be accepted through May 7, 2022, and may be submitted by email or US Mail to:

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Please share this information with others you know who may be interested.