

**Public Notice of EPA's Plan to Issue a Hazardous Waste Permit Modification to
HOVENSA L.L.C.
Limetree Bay
St. Croix, USVI 00820
EPA ID # VID980536080**

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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is giving notice to the public that it plans to issue a permit modification to **HOVENSA L.L.C.**, located at **Limetree Bay, St. Croix, USVI 00820**.

This notice is being provided in accordance with Title 40 Section 270.42(c)(3) of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) (40 C.F.R § 270.42 (c)(3)).

In February 2008, HOVENSA L.L.C. (HOVENSA) submitted a Class 3 Permit Modification Request (Request) pursuant to 40 C.F.R § 270.42 to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to amend certain conditions set forth in its Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Hazardous Waste Permit (Permit), which governs the management of hazardous waste at the HOVENSA facility located in St. Croix. HOVENSA submitted the Request because it detected releases of certain designated parameters from one of the Land Treatment Units at its facility during semi-annual monitoring required by the Permit and it was, therefore, seeking to add additional operational procedures at these Units (known as Landfarms II and III) to be implemented upon the future detection of any confirmed statistically significant increases of designated parameters. These changes were set forth in what would have been, if approved, Revision 4 of the Landfarm Management Plan, which would have superseded the existing Landfarm Management Plan set forth in the Attachment V-2 of the RCRA Permit and identified as Revision 3.

HOVENSA's Request was subject to a sixty (60) day public review period which ended on April 25, 2008. Extensive comments were submitted to EPA. HOVENSA's 2008 Request, public comments received on this Request and EPA's response to these comments are all available for public review in the location identified below.

Based on the comments submitted, EPA has made significant changes to the operational requirements applicable to Landfarms II and III that HOVENSA originally requested and proposed in Revision 4 of the Landfarm Management Plan, and EPA recommends that these changes be incorporated into HOVENSA's Permit. Additionally, EPA recommends that these operational requirements be incorporated into Module V, as Section M, rather than modifying the existing Landfarm Management Plan (Revision 3) which contains numerous other requirements and continues to remain applicable to the facility.

Accordingly, EPA is now seeking public comment on proposed revisions to Module V of HOVENSA's Permit. These proposed revisions are set forth in Section M of Module V. No other provisions of Module V are subject to public review and comment. Additionally, there are no proposed changes to Landfarm Management Plan (Revision 3) which is set forth in Attachment V-2 of the RCRA Permit, and these provisions are also not subject to public review and comment. This public comment review is being conducted by EPA pursuant to the procedures for Class 3 permit modifications set forth in 40 C.F.R § 270.42. Copies of Module V are available for viewing at the location identified below.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

This Notice is to advise the public that a 60-day public comment period commences as of the date of this Notice. Furthermore, this Notice invites written comments from any interested persons, and advises them that a public meeting will be held concerning the proposed Permit modifications to Module V.

EPA will hold a public meeting regarding the proposed operational changes to HOVENSA's Land Treatment Units (Landfarms II and III) on **Tuesday July 20, 2010 at 6:00 PM** at the following location:

Virgin Islands Port Authority Conference Room
Henry E. Rohlsen Airport Terminal, Floor 2
St. Croix, VI 00821

Any interested person wishing to comment on this proposed Permit modification may either submit comments in writing to EPA's designated representative at the public meeting held on July 20, 2010, or written comments may be submitted by mail, no later than 60 calendar days from today's date, to:

Mr. Adolph Everett, P.E.
Chief, RCRA Programs Branch
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
290 Broadway, 22nd Floor
New York, NY 10007-1866

In making its decision regarding this proposed Permit modification, EPA will consider all written comments that it receives at the public meeting held on July 20, 2010, or which are postmarked on or before sixty calendar days from today's date.

Any interested persons may view the facility's present RCRA Permit, all documents cited in this Notice, and the proposed the Permit modification at the following location:

Virgin Islands Department of Planning and Natural Resources (DPNR)
Attention: Mr. Syed Syedali
45 Mars Hill
Frederiksted, VI 00840
Phone: (340) 773-1082 ext.2276

Questions regarding this Notice or the public meeting may be directed to Kathleen Antoine, HOVENSA Environmental Director at (340) 692-3250 or to Timothy Gordon, EPA Project Manager at (212) 637-4167, or Emailed to gordon.timothy@EPA.gov.

The Permittee's (HOVENSA's) compliance history may be requested in writing from the EPA at the above listed EPA address.