



## N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources

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### **MEDIA ADVISORY: Public Hearing on EQ Proposed Permit Termination Set For Thursday in Apex**

**RALEIGH** – The N.C. Division of Waste Management has scheduled a public hearing for Thursday on the state agency's proposed termination of the hazardous waste permit issued for EQ North Carolina's Apex facility.

The hearing is scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday at Apex Town Hall, 73 Hunter Street.

EQ North Carolina's hazardous waste facility in Apex was the site in early October of a fire that forced the evacuation of thousands of people and prompted weeks of environmental cleanup. On March 7, the Division of Waste Management proposed terminating the company's hazardous waste permit and fined the EQ North Carolina facility \$553,225 for violations of the state's Solid Waste Management Act and Hazardous Waste Management Rules.

Public hearing attendees on Thursday will have the opportunity to present five-minute statements regarding the proposed permit termination.

People can also submit written comments at the meeting or through April 23, the end of the 45-day public comment period. All comments received during that period or at the public hearing will be considered in the decision regarding the proposed permit termination.

Written comments should be sent to:

Elizabeth W. Cannon, Chief  
North Carolina Hazardous Waste Section  
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401 Oberlin Road, Suite 150  
Raleigh, NC 27699-1646

Copies of the fact sheet outlining the basis for the determination to propose permit termination are available at the Division of Waste Management's Hazardous Waste Section, 401 Oberlin Road, Suite 150 in Raleigh. A copy of the fact sheet can also be found online at <http://www.enr.state.nc.us/html/apex.html>.

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