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Illinois EPA Grants LANXESS Solutions US Inc. Provisional Variance from Hazardous Waste Accumulation Period

30-day Variance is Needed Due to Unplanned Shutdown of the Facility

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) has granted LANXESS Solutions US Inc. a provisional variance for a hazardous waste accumulation period so as not to violate applicable hazardous waste storage requirements. The need for the provisional variance is due to the shutdown of the facility for unplanned maintenance. In accordance with the Illinois Environmental Protection Act, the Agency is issuing this press release to give prompt notice to the public of the Agency's actions.

LANXESS Solutions US Inc., located in Mapleton, produces industrial organic chemicals. Hazardous wastes are generated from the manufacture and laboratory testing of the chemicals. This waste is stored in a 10,000-gallon storage tank at the facility. Standard operating procedure is to process this waste in an on-site hydrolysis unit, which renders the waste non-hazardous. The facility has been out of production since August 21, 2019, preventing the material from being rendered non-hazardous by the hydrolysis unit. The company requested the variance from its hazardous waste storage requirement as the material may have to remain at the site beyond its 90-day accumulation period.

LANXESS must continue to meet all other hazardous waste storage requirements. The storage tank is maintained and monitored in accordance with all applicable regulatory requirements. The material will either be processed on-site or shipped off-site to an authorized treatment/disposal facility.

Environmental regulations allow a generator to seek an extension of the on-site accumulation period for up to 30 days from the Illinois EPA if hazardous waste must remain on-site for longer than 90 days due to unforeseen, temporary, and uncontrollable circumstances. The 90-day accumulation period end date for the storage tank is November 22, 2019. Illinois EPA has determined that such facts and circumstances exist in this situation and grants LANXESS Solutions US Inc. a provisional variance for a period of 30 days.

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