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DEQ orders landfill to cease operations, complete closure activities within 6 months

BATON ROUGE – The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality issued an order to the Swisco Road Construction and Demolition landfill in Sulphur requiring the facility to stop taking waste and to begin closure of the site. The order requires the landfill, located at 1370 Swisco Road, to complete closure within six months.

The order comes after several field inspections showed the landfill was in violation of their temporary permit for a construction and demolition debris landfill. Some of the violations were a fire, unacceptable waste, not depositing the waste into the smallest practical area and improper signage.

DEQ took particular exception to a fire that began on Sept. 5 and continued to burn until Sept. 19.

The department collected air samples from around the perimeter of the landfill. Although there was smoke, analysis of the samples revealed that no chemicals of concern were detected in high enough concentrations to cause health concerns.

This Order to Close is separate from other DEQ actions that are pending against Swisco. The pending enforcement actions stem from previous inspections that showed the landfill was not complying with its permit. Those negotiations are ongoing, and are being reviewed by DEQ's legal staff.

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