



**Public Notice of EPA's Proposal to Issue a Hazardous Waste Permit Modification
to Implement Corrective Action Remedies for
Ortho-Clinical Diagnostics, Inc., Raritan Borough, Somerset County, New Jersey
EPA ID Number NJD068715424**

Public Notice

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Background

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is proposing to issue a hazardous waste permit modification for the Ortho-Clinical Diagnostics, Inc. facility at 1001 U.S. Route 202 North in Raritan Borough, Somerset County, New Jersey. The EPA issued the original permit in 1988, under requirements of the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984, to require the facility to conduct investigations to determine if hazardous waste or hazardous constituents might have been released to the environment from the facility and, if necessary, to propose cleanup of any such releases.

What is the proposed permit modification about?

The EPA is asking the public to comment on its proposal to modify the permit requirements in two major ways. First, the modified permit would require Ortho-Clinical Diagnostics to complete cleanup actions at four areas at the site. Second, the EPA is proposing No Further Action determinations, under which Ortho-Clinical Diagnostics will not be required to do any further investigations or cleanup for specified areas that have already been properly cleaned up or where investigations did not reveal any evidence of spills or other releases.

Cleanup actions at hazardous waste facilities are managed as multiple Solid Waste Management Units, or SWMUs, and Areas of Concern, or AOCs, each addressing known or suspected contamination from a different site operation or release. Since the permit was first issued in 1988, Ortho-Clinical Diagnostics has investigated potential releases throughout the site; excavated contaminated soil; decontaminated manholes; cleaned unused process pipelines and sewer lines; and removed various underground storage tanks. The EPA has determined that the company completed cleanup to standards set by the EPA and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, or NJDEP, at all but four areas of the site. These areas include a groundwater plume, or area of groundwater, contaminated with hazardous substances (TCE Plume); a former leach field with contaminated soil (SWMU 8); soil contaminated with oil products released from three underground storage tanks (SWMU 10); and contaminated soil in the basement of a building (AOC 16). In addition to requiring further cleanup in these areas, the proposed permit modification also requires Ortho-Clinical Diagnostics to perform long-term monitoring, maintenance, and other actions (e.g., deed restrictions), as needed.

How would the permit be modified?

The proposed changes would modify the facility's permit in three ways: (1) update the Facility Description (Permit Module II) and Corrective Action section (Permit Module III) to reflect current operations, changes in site conditions, and the investigations and cleanup actions previously conducted at the site; (2) require cleanup activities, long-term monitoring, maintenance, and other actions required to further address four areas of the site (TCE Plume, SWMU 8, SWMU 10, and AOC 16); and (3) document that the remaining areas of the facility investigated for known or potential contamination were properly addressed or determined not contaminated above the EPA and NJDEP standards such that no further actions are needed at those specified areas.

Where can I find details on the proposed permit modification?

The EPA explains the reasons for the proposed permit modification in a decision document known as a Statement of Basis. Additional documents provide a description of the site and past operations; an area-by-area history of investigations at the facility; site maps; details on future actions required at the four areas; details on past cleanups throughout site; and other information considered by the EPA to support its proposal. These documents make up the Administrative Record, along with past documents related to the remedial investigations and interim corrective measures that have been performed at the facility. They can be viewed online at:

<https://www.epa.gov/hwcorrectiveactioncleanups/documents-ortho-clinical-diagnostics-raritan-new-jersey>

The Administrative Record can also be viewed *by appointment* at EPA's office at 290 Broadway in New York, New York. Contact Park.Andy@epa.gov for an appointment, if interested.

How do I submit comments to the EPA on the proposed permit modification?

A forty-five (45) day public comment period begins as of the date of this notice and extends through October 20, 2025. The EPA will hold a virtual public meeting on October 6, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. EDT via Zoom at <https://usepa.zoomgov.com/j/1603723648?pwd=VyQwZ14AQ6TfAmDlzbjuKKzEIT4now.1>, to discuss the proposed permit modification and how to provide comments. The EPA will consider comments submitted during this period, including comments provided during a public meeting, and will provide written responses to all relevant comments in a Responsiveness Summary that will accompany the issuance of a final permit modification.

Submit written comments to the EPA by email or by standard mail by October 20, 2025.

By email to:	By standard mail to:	For further information:
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Can I appeal the EPA's Decision?

The EPA is holding a *public meeting*, which is an opportunity for informal, two-way communication between the public, the EPA, and the facility. The agency requests public comments in writing. The public may also request a *public hearing*, in which the public may provide formal comments and oral testimony on an EPA action. Unlike public hearings, public meetings are open to anyone, have no formal time limits on statements, and usually allow the EPA and/or facility to answer questions.

Any person who submitted a written comment to the EPA during the public comment period or who made a statement at a public hearing, if held, may petition the U.S. Environmental Appeals Board to review the final permit modification within thirty (30) days of the EPA's issuance of a final permit modification. Others may only appeal with respect to any changes between the proposed and final permit modification.