

Public notice: xAI requests its operating permit

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Shelby County Health Department (Department), Pollution Control Section has received applications to construct or modify air contaminant sources at the following locations and of the following descriptions. These permitting actions are not subject to the Prevention of Significant Air Quality Deterioration (PSD) requirements, as described in the Rules and Regulations of the State of Tennessee, Section 1200-3-9.01 (4)(a)2.

Operating Permit

CTC Property LLC

3231 Paul R. Lowry Road, Memphis, Tennessee 38109

CTC Property LLC (CTC) has requested to convert Construction Permit No. 01156-01PC to an operating permit. Changes from the construction permit include the reduction of total permitted Solar-SMT-130 turbines from 15 to 12 units and the addition of applicable 40 CFR Part 60, Subpart KKKKa requirements.

The impact to ambient air quality resulting from these construction and/or modification projects is not expected to be significant. **The Department intends to issue the requested permits.**

A copy of the application materials used by the Department is available for public inspection at the Pollution Control Section office, during normal business hours (8:00 am - 4:30 pm). Interested parties are invited to review these materials and provide written comments. Written comments will be accepted for a period of thirty (30) calendar days after the date of this public notice at the following address: Shelby County Health Department, Attn: Gregg Fortunato, Supervisor - Major Sources, Air Pollution Control, 1826 Sycamore View Road, Memphis, TN 38134.

Why this document matters: this is the quiet next decision on the xAI that already exists. The construction permit becomes a permanent operating permit, the turbine count drops from 15 to 12, and the EPA's January 2026 turbine rule (Subpart KKKKa) gets written directly into xAI's requirements. The 30-day comment window closed in early May 2026. As of July 18, 2026, no final decision has been publicly reported. I have requested the complete permit file - the application, every comment, the county's responses, and the decision when it lands. - Rachel Hurley

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