



Catherine B. Templeton, Director

Promoting and protecting the health of the public and the environment

May 06, 2014

Re: Piedmont Wood Pellet Johnston, LLC - Air Quality Permit No. 0980-0047-CA

Dear Concerned Citizen,

Thank you for your interest and comments regarding the request by Piedmont Wood Pellet Johnston, LLC for an air construction permit to construct and operate a new wood pellet manufacturing facility, in Johnston, South Carolina. Please be advised that DHEC has made a decision regarding the permit after consideration and complete review of the following: the permit application, applicable state and federal air quality regulations, comments made at the public meeting held on April 15, 2014, all comments received within the required time frame, and all other pertinent information. All written comments received were reviewed for technical merit and have been included in DHEC's permanent record for this facility. DHEC has concluded that the issues raised and comments made by concerned citizens do not legally prevent issuance of the permit. Additionally, because the facility has demonstrated that it can comply with state and federal air quality regulations, DHEC is required by law to issue the requested permit. Therefore, DHEC's decision is to approve Air Permit Number 0980-0047-CA for issuance on, Tuesday, May 06, 2014.

Thank you for taking the time to comment on this project. Please find enclosed the Department's Response to Comments. The Department Decision which includes the final determination, permit, and the statement of basis can be view on SC DHEC's website at: <http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/baq/PermittingDecisions>. You may also view the transcript and written comments on this webpage. If you cannot access the information on the website, you may schedule an appointment to review all materials used by DHEC in making this decision, during normal business hours, by contacting the Freedom of Information Office, at (803) 898-3882. Copies may also be requested for \$.25 per page charge.

Any affected parties who wish to appeal this decision may file a request for final review. Procedures for DHEC Board review of permit decisions are also available on the same webpage as above. Additional information regarding appeal procedures is available from DHEC's Clerk of the Board at the below DHEC address or by calling (803) 898-3309.

The Bureau of Air Quality would like to thank everyone who expressed an interest in this facility. Should you have any questions concerning the permit, or if you would like to share your input on how DHEC may improve public participation in our permitting activities, please contact Karen Lee at (803) 898-4055 or by E-mail at leeka@dhec.sc.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure



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