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EPD to Host Q&A Session and Public Hearing at the Nicholson Community Center on Louisiana-Pacific Corporation's Application for a Title V Permit Modification

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) will host a forum to answer questions and also receive formal comments on Thursday, May 15, 2008 regarding Louisiana-Pacific Corporation's Application for a Title V Permit Modification for its facility located at 10910 Commerce Road, Athens, Georgia in Jackson County. EPD is hosting the meeting in response to requests made by members of the public.

EPD will hold the meeting from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at The City of Nicholson Community Center. The center is located at 175 Lakeview Drive, Nicholson, GA 30565.

The purpose of this meeting is to present information and to answer questions about the application, the draft permit, and the air quality permitting review process. During the meeting, EPD representatives will make a brief presentation before holding a question-and-answer (Q&A) session. EPD will follow that with a public hearing to receive formal comments regarding the proposed permit amendment.

"We are committed to giving Jackson, Clarke and Madison County residents an opportunity to give us feedback," said James "Jac" Capp, manager of the Stationary Source Permitting Program of EPD's Air Protection Branch. "We will consider all air quality related comments prior to making a decision whether to recommend issuance."

In its air quality application, Louisiana-Pacific requested that EPD amend its permit to increase the formaldehyde emission limits from the dryers and the press. Formaldehyde is considered a Hazardous Air Pollutant (HAP) by the Environmental Protection Agency. Secondly, the company proposes a decrease in the HAP limit for some coatings used at the plant. Thirdly, Louisiana-Pacific requested that EPD authorize the use of the dryer abort stacks by the thermal oil heater during bypass operations. Fourthly, EPD is taking this opportunity to incorporate all applicable requirements of the National Emission Standard for Hazardous Air Pollutants – Plywood and Composite Wood Products (aka the PCWP MACT).

Following a review of the application, EPD issued draft Title V Permit Amendment No. 2493-157-0015-V-02-2, which proposes to incorporate these changes into the facility's existing Title V permit. EPD received the facility's original application on August 27, 2007. EPD is conducting this Title V permit process in accordance with Title V of the Clean Air Act.

For information on the permit modification application or review process, please contact James "Jac" Capp, 404-363-7020, or John Yntema, 404-363-7117. For information about the Q&A or public hearing, please contact Thomas Smith, 404-362-2790.

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