

NOTICE OF THE OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
AIR PROTECTION BRANCH

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF RICHMOND
NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION AND DRAFT PART 70 OPERATING PERMIT
MODIFICATION

To All Interested Parties:

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division announces its intent to modify Part 70 Air Quality Operating Permit No. 2631-245-0006-V-01-0 issued to International Paper – Augusta Mill by the issuance of Prevention of Significant Determination (PSD) Permit Amendment No. 2631-245-0006-V-01-2. The facility is located at 4278 Mike Padgett Highway (Highway 56 South), Augusta, Georgia.

The purpose of this permit amendment is to authorize an upgrade to the No. 3 Digester System and upgrades to the Paper Machines. Modifications include the changing the No. 3 Digester chip bin and chip meter and a system to reduce the number of paper breaks on the paper machines. The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) has prepared a Title V Operating Permit Amendment in accordance with Title V of the Clean Air Act. This permit amendment will be enforceable by the Georgia EPD, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and other persons as otherwise authorized by law.

The draft permit, preliminary determination, and all information used to develop the draft permit amendment are available for review. This includes the application and all other relevant materials available to the permitting authority. This information is available for review at the office of the Air Protection Branch, 4244 International Parkway, Atlanta Tradeport - Suite 120, Atlanta, Georgia 30354. A copy of the application is also available for review at the Augusta Clerk of the Commission Office, Augusta, Georgia, Telephone: (706) 831-1820, along with a copy of the draft permit, narrative, and application summary. Copies of the draft Title V permit, narrative, and application summary will be available at our internet site <http://www.air.dnr.state.ga.us/sspp> by selecting "Draft Title V Permits" on the menu. A copy of the PSD Preliminary Determination will be available at the same internet site by selecting "PSD/112(g)/NAA-NSR/PCP Permits" on the menu. (Please note that the Internet is generally accessible from most public libraries in Georgia and at the Air Protection Branch office listed above.)

If copies are desired, the first 25 pages are free of charge, and every page thereafter costs \$0.10 per page. Copies will be made on a first-come, first-served basis. Files are available for review and copying 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday – Friday, excluding holidays.

You are hereby notified of the opportunity to submit written public comments concerning the International Paper-Augusta Mill draft Part 70 Operating Permit Modification and the EPD's Preliminary Determination concerning the application. The Preliminary Determination is a summary of the technical review of the application and contains a copy of the Company's application along with supporting documents and the Permit Amendment.

Persons wishing to comment on the draft Part 70 Operating Permit Modification are required to submit their comments, in writing, to EPD at the above Atlanta Air Protection Branch address. Comments must be received by the EPD no later than 30 days after the date on which this notice is published in the newspaper. (Should the comment period end on a weekend or holiday, comments will be accepted up until the next working day.) The Division, in making its final decision to issue the Part 70 permit, will consider all comments received on or prior to that date.

The Division has concluded that International Paper's application should be approved and that a permit should be granted. This conclusion is based upon evidence that the proposed project will comply with the Division's Rules

and Regulations for Air Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-1; that the emissions from the source will not cause or add to a violation of any ambient air quality standard; and that emissions from the source will not cause any significant deterioration of air quality and will comply with the Federal PSD regulations, 40 CFR 52.21, including the use of Best Available Control Technology (BACT) for regulated pollutants.

Net emission increases of sulfur dioxide, lead, hydrogen sulfide, and sulfuric acid from the proposed project do not exceed the significant emission levels established by the PSD regulation. The net emission increases of particulate matter, particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter less than 10 microns (PM₁₀), nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxide, volatile organic compounds, and total reduced sulfur from the proposed project exceed the significant emission levels established by the PSD regulation. The Division has determined that these emissions will not cause an adverse impact on ambient air quality, and the air quality levels should pose no significant health risk around the plant.

Any requests for a public hearing must be made within the 30-day public comment period. A request for a hearing should be in writing and should specify, in as much detail as possible, the air quality related issues that constitute the basis for the request. Where possible, the individual making the request should also identify the portion(s) of the Georgia Rules for Air Quality Control and/or the Federal Rules that the individual making the request is concerned may not have been adequately incorporated into the draft permit. If a public hearing on the draft Title V Operating Permit is to be held, the date, time, and location of the hearing will be provided by a subsequent separate public notice. At such hearing, anyone may present data, make a statement or comment, or offer a viewpoint or argument either orally or in writing concerning the draft Title V permit. Any information received during a public hearing will be considered by the Division along with all other information received during the comment period when making its final decision to issue the Title V permit amendment.

Following this 30 day public comment period, the EPD will consider all comments, make any necessary changes, and issue a proposed permit amendment to U.S. EPA. The proposed permit amendment will then undergo a 45 day review by U.S. EPA in accordance with 40 CFR 70.8. Information pertaining to U.S. EPA's review period can be found on their website at www.epa.gov/region4/air/permits.

After the EPA review period has expired, the EPD will issue a final Part 70 Operating Permit Amendment incorporating any changes required by U.S. EPA. Copies of the final Title V Operating Permit, comments received, EPD's responses to comments, and any other relevant information will then be made available for public review during normal business hours at the office of the Air Protection Branch. A summary of comments and any changes made to the final permit will be found in an addendum to the narrative. A copy of this narrative and the final Title V permit will be added to the information already available at the Internet address given above.

For additional information, contact the manager of the Stationary Source Permitting Program, at the Atlanta address, or by phone at 404/363-7000. Please refer to this notice when requesting information.