

NOTICE OF THE OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT
Environmental Protection Division
Georgia Department of Natural Resources

State of Georgia
County of Walton

To All Interested Persons and Parties

Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company (Goodyear) has filed an application for an air quality permit to construct and operate 18 Ring Tread Presses, one Ring Tread Buffer, one Ring Tread Cementer, the modification (per Application No. 13170) to the Banbury Mixer No. 2, and VOC (ethanol) emission increases from the Banbury Mixers and Mills, Platen Tread Presses, and Ring Tread Presses due to a change in rubber formulation at the facility per Georgia Air Quality Application No. 13170 at the rubber retread facility located at One Wingfoot Way, Social Circle, in Walton County, Georgia. The use of a regenerative thermal oxidizer for controlling VOC emissions from the ring tread cementer will represent Best Available Control Technology (BACT). EPD has considered air toxics control in its analyses of BACT and air quality.

You are hereby notified of the opportunity for written public comments concerning the application for a permit to construct and operate the facility and air pollution control equipment 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, other supporting information submitted by the applicant, and the draft Air Quality Permit.

EPD has concluded that Goodyear's application should be approved and that a permit should be granted. This conclusion is based upon evidence that the proposed project, when completed, will comply with the Division's Rules for Air Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-1; that the emissions from the facility will not cause any significant deterioration of air quality and will comply with the Federal Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) Regulations, 40 CFR 52.21, including use of Best Available Control Technology (BACT) for regulated pollutants.

The PSD regulations allow specific maximum incremental increases in ambient concentrations of particulate matter (PM₁₀), sulfur dioxide (SO₂) and nitrogen oxides (NO_x). EPD has determined that the maximum predicted impacts of particulate matter, nitrogen oxides, and sulfur dioxide due to the proposed project are minimal and below PSD significance thresholds as specified in the PSD regulations.

With regard to the Class I area (i.e., the Cohutta Wilderness Area), the EPD has determined that the facility will not adversely affect the air quality (i.e., exceed the allowable Class II and Class I incremental increases in ambient concentrations of PM₁₀, SO₂, and NO_x).

The Preliminary Determination is available for public review during normal business hours at the following locations: (1) EPD office, 4244 International Parkway, Suite 120, Atlanta, Georgia 30354 and (2) The Walton County Courthouse, 132 East Spring Street, Monroe, Georgia 30655. Persons wishing to comment on the Preliminary Determination are invited to submit their comments in writing to the EPD at the above Atlanta address, postmarked no later than 30 days after date of publication in the newspaper. All comments postmarked on or prior to that date will be considered by the Division in making its final decision on the permit.

Any requests for a public hearing must be made in writing within the 30 day public comment period. Such requests should specify in detail the portion of the Air Quality Control Rules which the individual believes may not have been adequately reviewed. A public hearing may be held if the Director of the EPD finds that such a hearing would assist the EPD in a proper review of the proposed facility's capability to comply with the requirements of Federal and State Air Quality Control regulations. State laws specify that a permit shall be issued on evidence satisfactory to the Director of compliance with applicable State and Federal regulations and requirements.

After the comment period has expired, the EPD will issue a Final Determination relative to the facility's application. Copies of the Final Determination, comments received, and any other relevant information will then be made available for public review during normal business hours at the above designated sites.