

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

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF CHATHAM

PSD PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION, and
NOTICE OF MACT APPROVAL

To All Interested Persons and Parties

DaimlerChrysler manufacturing International LLC (DCMI) proposes to construct and operate a vehicle assembly plant for manufacturing light-duty and medium-duty trucks/vans. The plant will be located at the northeast intersection of Highway I-95 and I-16 in City of Pooler, Georgia (Chatham County). DCMI has filed an application with the Environmental Protection Division (EPD) for an air quality permit to construct and operate the vehicle assembly plant.

The operation of the vehicle assembly plant is expected to result in significant emissions of volatile organic compounds (VOCs), particulate matter (PM), and nitrogen oxides (NO_x) into the atmosphere per Federal Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) regulations, 40 CFR 52.21. The majority of VOC and PM emissions are from the vehicle platform and/or body surface preparation and coating operations, and will be controlled by thermal oxidizers, wet scrubbers, and/or filters. The majority of the NO_x emissions are from the operation of five hot water generators and will be reduced through the use of low NO_x burners.

The vehicle assembly plant is expected to become a major source of hazardous air pollutants (HAPs) emissions per Section 112(g) of the Clean Air Act. The majority of the HAP emissions are portion of the VOC emissions from the vehicle body surface coating operations at the plant, and will be controlled by the thermal oxidizers serving the coating operations.

You are hereby notified of the opportunity for written public comments concerning the application for an Air Quality Permit to construct and operate the vehicle assembly plant and associated air pollution control equipment and the EPD's Preliminary Determination and Notice of MACT Approval concerning the application. The Preliminary Determination and Notice of MACT Approval are summaries of the technical review of the application and contains a copy of the DCMI's application, other supporting information submitted by the applicant, and the draft Air Quality Permit.

EPD has concluded that DCMI's application should be approved and that the 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 vehicle assembly plant will not cause or contribute to a violation of any applicable National Ambient Air Quality Standard

(NAAQS) or PSD regulations (40 CFR 52.21), including the use of Best Available Control Technology (BACT) for regulated pollutants, or any applicable National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) (40 CFR 63), including the use of Maximum Achievable Control Technology (MACT) for HAPs as determined on a case-by-case basis mandated by Section 112(g) of the Clear Air Act.

The regulated air pollutants to be emitted in significant amounts as a result of the operation of the vehicle assembly plant will be VOCs, NO_x, and PM. VOCs and NO_x, can react to form ozone in the air. The Chatham County area is currently in attainment with NAAQS for ozone, nitrogen oxides, and particulate matter. EPD has concluded that the proposed construction and operation of the vehicle assembly plant will not adversely affect air quality, with regard to ozone, nitrogen oxides, and particulate matter.

The Preliminary Determination and Notice of MACT Approval are available for public review during normal business hours at the following locations: (1) EPD office, 4244 International Parkway, Suite 120, Atlanta, Georgia 30354; (2) The EPD's Costal District Savannah Office, 6555 Abercorn Street, Suite, Savannah, GA 31405; and (3) EPD's website: <http://www.air.dnr.state.ga.us/sspp/psd/main.htm>. 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 the date of publication in this newspaper. All comments postmarked on or prior to that date will be considered by the Division in making its final decision on the Permit.

You are also hereby notified that a public meeting and hearing for the construction of the DCMI's plant has been scheduled be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 9, 2003, at the following address:

The Coastal Georgia Center
305 Fahm Street
Savannah, Georgia 310401

Representatives from EPD will be available to discuss DCMI's application for a permit to construct and operate the vehicle assembly plant. Following the public meeting, a hearing will be held to receive formal comments on DCMI's application. At the public hearing, anyone may present data, make a statement, comment or offer a viewpoint or argument, either orally or in writing.

This notice is being distributed by local newspaper publication, by mailing, and by publication on EPD's website as aforementioned.

After the comment period has expired, EPD will issue a Final Determination relative to the DCMI'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 locations.