

PUBLIC NOTICE REGARDING CERTAINTEED CORPORATION – ATHENS FIBERGLASS INSULATION PLANT

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
AIR PROTECTION BRANCH

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF CLARKE

NOTICE OF THE OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING THE PSD PRELIMINARY
DETERMINATION AND DRAFT PART 70 OPERATING PERMIT MODIFICATION
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2006.

To All Interested Parties:

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) announces its intent to modify Part 70 Air Quality Operating Permit No. 3296-059-0026-V-01-0, issued to the CertainTeed Corporation-Athens Plant, by the issuance of Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) Permit Amendment No. 3296-059-0026-V-01-2. The facility is located at 425 Athena Drive, Athens, Georgia 30601. The facility manufactures Wool Fiberglass Insulation, both bonded and non-bonded.

A public hearing to receive formal comments related to this permit has been scheduled for 6:30 – 8:30 pm on Monday, March 6, 2006 at the following location:

Athens Regional Library Auditorium
2025 Baxter Street
Athens, Georgia

At the public hearing, anyone may present data, make a statement, comment, or offer a viewpoint of argument either orally or in writing. During the Division's decision-making procedures regarding issuance of the Title V permit amendment and the PSD Final Determination, any information received during the public hearing will be considered together with the information received during the comment period.

The primary purpose of this permit amendment is to allow physical modifications to the fiberglass plant so that production of bonded and unbonded fiberglass can be increased. Modifications include replacing a gas-fired Furnace with a larger electric furnace, installing a new bonded fiberglass forming line, and increasing the production rate of an existing unbonded forming line. Also, the capability of the batch house (i.e., raw material handling operation) will be expanded to accommodate the increase in production. The Georgia Environmental Protection Division is preparing Title V Operating Permits 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 (EPA), and other persons as otherwise authorized by law.

The draft permit, preliminary determination, and all information used to develop the draft permit 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 EPD Northeast District Office at 745 Gaines School Road, Athens, Georgia 30605 [Telephone: 706-369-6376], 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.georgiaair.org/airpermit/> by selecting "Title V Permits Draft" 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, a copying machine for public use is provided by EPD at the Atlanta Air Protection Branch office.

The first 25 copies 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 also notified of the opportunity to submit written public comments concerning the draft Part 70 Operating Permit Modification. Persons wishing to comment on the draft Part 70 Operating Permit Modification are required to submit their comments, in writing, to EPD at the Atlanta Air Protection Branch address above. Comments must be received by the EPD no later than March 6, 2006. The Division, in making its final decision to issue the Part 70 permit, will consider all comments received on or prior to that date.

You are also hereby notified of the opportunity to submit written public comments concerning 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. Comments must also be received by the EPD no later than March 6, 2006.

The Division has concluded that the Certainteed application should be approved and that a permit amendment 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.

The net emission increases of particulate matter, particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter less than 10 microns (PM₁₀), carbon monoxide, and volatile organic compounds 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.

This draft Permit Modification is simultaneously being issued as a proposed Part 70 Permit for review by the U.S. EPA in accordance with 40 CFR 70.8. The U.S. EPA's Part 70 review period extends 45 days after the expiration of the public comment period. Should the draft/proposed Permit be changed by EPD following the public comment period, the U.S. EPA may reinstate its forty five (45) day review period subsequent to the public comment period. Information pertaining to U.S. EPA's review period can be found on their website at www.epa.gov/region4/air/permits.

After the comment period has expired, the EPD will consider all comments, make any necessary changes, and issue the Part 70 Operating Permit and a Final Determination. Copies of the final Title V Operating Permit, Final Determination, 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, final Title V permit, and the Final Determination will be added to the information already available at the Internet addresses given above.

For additional information, contact Heather Abrams at the Atlanta address, or by phone at 404/363-7000. Please refer to this notice when requesting information.