

NOTICE OF THE OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
AIR PROTECTION BRANCH

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF EARLY
NOTICE OF 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. 2631-099-0001-V-01-0 issued to Georgia Pacific, Cedar Springs Operation by the issuance of Permit Amendment No. 2631-099-0001-V-01-2. This amendment will also be a modification to a PCP previously issued to the facility. The facility is located at Highway 273 West, Cedar Springs, Georgia. The primary purpose of this permit amendment is to increase the NOx limit on the NCG/SOG incinerator and to update monitoring permit conditions based on performance tests and approved alternative monitoring. Part 70 Operating Permits are being prepared in accordance with Part 70 of the Clean Air Act by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD). This permit will be enforceable by the Georgia EPD, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and other persons as otherwise authorized by law.

The operation of a kraft pulp mill and a neutral sulfite semi-chemical mill.

The Division has concluded that Georgia Pacific'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 Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) regulations, 40 CFR 52.21, concerning PCPs.

Net emission increases of nitrogen oxides, from the proposed expansion, 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.

The draft permit modification and all information used to develop the draft permit modification 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 following locations: (1) Office of the Air Protection Branch, 4244 International Parkway, Atlanta Tradeport - Suite 120, Atlanta, Georgia 30354 and (2) Early County Courthouse, Blakely, Georgia; Telephone: (229) 723-4304. Copies of the draft 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. (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 only and is available on a first-come, first-served basis. One copy of a single draft permit can be made free of charge. If additional copies are required, a copying charge of 25 cents per page will be assessed unless you bring your own copier. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday - Friday.

You are hereby 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 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.

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. 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 Federal and State air quality regulations.

This draft Permit Modification is simultaneously being issued as a proposed Part 70 Permit for review by the US EPA in accordance with 40 CFR 70.8. The draft/proposed Part 70 Permit modification is undergoing a parallel permit review in accordance with the "Part 70 Operating Permit Program Implementation Agreement" between the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and the US EPA, Region 4. The US EPA's review period extends for an additional fifteen (15) days after the expiration of the thirty (30) day public comment period. Should the draft/proposed Permit be changed by EPD following the public comment period, the US EPA may reinstate its forty five (45) day review period subsequent to the thirty (30) day public comment period.

After the comment period has expired, the EPD will consider all comments, make any necessary changes, and issue the Part 70 Operating Permit. 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 Mr. Jimmy Johnston, Program Manager, Stationary Source Permitting Program, at the Atlanta address, or by phone at 404/363-7000. Please refer to this notice when requesting information.