

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE ON PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION REGARDING APPROVAL OF AN APPLICATION SUBMITTED UNDER THE REGULATIONS FOR THE “PREVENTION OF SIGNIFICANT DETERIORATION OF AIR QUALITY”

Arauco Panels USA, LLC has applied to the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Air Quality (DAQ), Permitting Section, to make modifications to its medium density fiberboard (MDF) plant located at 985 Corinth Road, Moncure, North Carolina 27559, Chatham County. The proposed project is expected to result in an increase in throughput and quality of products from the MDF plant. The proposed project includes, but is not limited to, increasing the heat input capacities of three natural gas-fired burners that ultimately supply heat to the MDF press. (ID No. ES-16).

The proposed project is subject to review and processing under North Carolina Administrative Code, Title 15A, Subchapter 02D .0530, “Prevention of Significant Deterioration”. The facility is defined as a “major stationary source” for the discharge of significant quantities of VOC, PM, PM₁₀, PM_{2.5}, NO_x, CO and GHG. The proposed project will result in a significant emission increase of volatile organic compounds (VOC).

The Arauco Panels USA, LLC application has been reviewed by the DAQ, Major New Source Review Branch in Raleigh, North Carolina to determine compliance with the requirements of the North Carolina Environmental Management Commission air pollution regulations.

A preliminary review, including analysis of the impact of the facility emissions on local air quality, has led to the determination that the project can be approved, and the DAQ air permit issued, if certain permit conditions are met.

Chatham County is classified as an attainment area. Compliance with all ambient air quality standards and the PSD increments is projected.

Persons wishing to submit written comments or request a public hearing regarding the Air Quality Permit are invited to do so. Requests for a public hearing must be in writing and include a statement supporting the need for such a hearing, an indication of your interest in the facility, and a summary of the information intended to be offered at such hearing.

Written comments or requests for a public hearing should be postmarked no later than November 18, 2018 and addressed to Joseph Voelker, Division of Air Quality, 1641 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1641.

All comments received or postmarked by this date will be considered in the final determination regarding the Air Quality Permit. A public hearing may be held if the Director of the DAQ determines that significant public interest exists or that the public interest will be served.

A copy of all data and the application submitted by Arauco Panels USA, LLC and other material used by the DAQ in making this preliminary determination are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the following locations:

NC DEQ		NC DEQ
Division of Air Quality	or	Division of Air Quality
New Source Review Branch		Raleigh Regional Office
217 West Jones Street		3800 Barrett Drive
Raleigh, N.C. 27603		Raleigh, NC 27609

Information on the proposed permit, the permit application, and the staff review is available on the DAQ website (<https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/air-quality/events>) or by writing or calling:

William Willets, P.E.
Chief, Permitting Section
North Carolina Division of Air Quality
1641 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1641
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After weighing relevant comments received by November 18, 2018, and other available information on the project, the DAQ will act on the PSD application.

Michael Abraczinskas, Director
Division of Air Quality, NCDEQ