

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

Domtar Paper Company, LLC has applied to the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Air Quality (DAQ), Permitting Section for the approval to make modifications to its kraft Pulp Mill located at NC Highway 149 North, Plymouth, NC 27962, Martin County. The permit application is to retroactively permit the lignin solids removal process and other energy improvement project to account for measured emissions that were higher than originally estimated by the Permittee.

The project is subject to review and processing under North Carolina Administrative Code (NCAC), Title 15A, Sub-Chapter 2D.0530 - Prevention of Significant Deterioration. The facility is defined as a "major stationary source" for the discharge of all NSR regulated pollutants. The project resulted in significant increases of H<sub>2</sub>S and TRS emissions.

The Domtar Paper Company, LLC retroactive permit 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.

Martin 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 April 11, 2019, and addressed to [daq.publiccomments@ncdenr.gov](mailto:daq.publiccomments@ncdenr.gov) (please type “Domtar.16C” in the subject line) or mail written comments to: NC DEQ Division of Air Quality 1641 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 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 Domtar Paper Company, 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  
Division of Air Quality

or

NC DEQ  
Division of Air Quality

Major New Source Review Branch  
217 West Jones Street, Suite 4000  
Raleigh, NC 27603

Washington Regional Office  
943 Washington Square Mall  
Washington, NC 27889

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 D. Willets, P.E.  
Chief, Permitting Section  
North Carolina Division of Air Quality  
1641 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1641  
Telephone: 919-707-8726

After weighing relevant comments received by April 11, 2019, and other available information on the project, the DAQ will act on the Domtar Paper Company, LLC PSD application.

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