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Mr. Antonio Esposito  
Chief Operation Officer  
Active Energy Renewable Power  
1885 Alamac Road  
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**SUBJECT: Request for Additional Information**  
Active Energy Renewable Power  
Permit Application No. 7800242.19A  
North Carolina, Robeson County 06/7800242

Dear Mr. Esposito:

We have received a number of public comments regarding the proposed air permit for the Active Energy Renewable Power wood pellet production facility in Lumberton, specifically in regard to the company's proposed expansion of production throughput of this facility in the future. I have attached excerpts from a sample of these comments for your information.

In order to adequately address these public comments regarding the draft permit for the facility, to properly evaluate the facility, and to complete our review, we require some additional information from the company. Please provide the following information:

1. What are the company's plans to expand this facility in the near future, including expected production capacity of wood pellets and expected timing of the expansion?
2. What are the expected air pollutant emissions from this expanded facility?

We appreciate your prompt attention to this matter. If you have questions regarding this matter, please call Gregory Reeves, Permit Engineer, or me at 910-433-3300.

Sincerely,

*Heather S Carter*

Heather S. Carter  
Regional Supervisor  
NCDEQ, Division of Air Quality



ATTACHMENT – Excerpts from Public Comments

*“...I am also concerned that Active Energy Group has indicated its intent to significantly scale up the production at the facility by 2021...”*

*“As discussed more fully below, in light of the hazards – both known and unknown – created by this type of black wood pellet production, these red flags should require DAQ to pause this process and, as obligated by law, conduct a comprehensive disparate impact analysis of a revised Draft Permit that accounts for the expansion of operations that AERP has already forecast...”*