

NOTICE OF THE OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
AIR PROTECTION BRANCH

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON
NOTICE OF PSD PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION AND DRAFT PSD PERMIT

To All Interested Parties:

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) has reviewed Houston American Cement Plant (HAC) application for a permit to construct and operate a Portland cement manufacturing plant located at 319 A.E. Harris Road, Perry, Georgia (Houston County).

EPD has concluded that HAC's application should be approved and that a permit should be granted. This conclusion is based upon evidence that the proposed project, when completed, will comply with the EPD's Rules for Air Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-1; that the emissions from the facility will not cause or contribute to a violation of any applicable national Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) or Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) increment, and will comply with the PSD Regulations, 40 CFR 52.21, including use of Best Available Control Technology (BACT) for regulated air pollutants.

The PSD regulations allow specific maximum incremental increases in ambient concentrations of particulate matter (PM₁₀), sulfur dioxide (SO₂), and nitrogen oxides (NO₂). The EPD has determined that the maximum predicted impacts of these pollutants due to the proposed modification do not consume any SO₂ and NO₂ PSD increment, and it will consume 32% percent of the annual PM₁₀ PSD increment, and 94% percent of the 24-hour PM₁₀ PSD increment. Thus, EPD has concluded that the facility will not adversely affect the air quality (i.e., exceed the allowable incremental increases in ambient concentration of PM₁₀).

With regard to the Class I Area analysis, the EPD has determined that the allowable PM₁₀, SO₂, NO₂ emissions from the facility do not exceed the significant impact levels and therefore will not consume any PSD Class I increments. With this in mind, the EPD has concluded that the facility will not adversely affect the air quality (i.e., exceed the allowable Class II and Class I incremental increase in ambient concentrations of PM₁₀, SO₂, NO₂).

The draft permit, PSD Preliminary Determination, and all information used to develop the draft permit are available for review. This information is available at the office of the Air Protection Branch, 4244 International Parkway, Atlanta Tradeport - Suite 120, Atlanta, Georgia 30354. A copy of the draft permit, the PSD Preliminary Determination, and the application are also available for review at Perry Branch of the Houston County Library System, 1201 Washington Street, Perry, Georgia. (Telephone Number: 478-987-3050). The PSD Preliminary Determination and the draft permit are also available at our internet site <http://www.georgiaair.org/airpermit> by clicking "Permits & Title V Applications" 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 the 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 notified of the opportunity to submit written public comments concerning the application, the Preliminary Determination and/or the draft permit. Persons wishing to comment on any said documents are invited to submit their comments, in writing, to Mr. James Capp, Stationary Source Permitting Program Manager, Air Protection Branch of EPD at the Atlanta address above, postmarked no later than 30 days after the date of publication of this notice in the newspaper. All comments postmarked on or prior to that date will be considered by the Division in making its final decision on the permit.

Any requests for a public hearing must be made in writing within the 30-day public comment period. Such requests should specify in detail the portion of the Air Quality Control Rules which the individual believes may not have been adequately reviewed. 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 facility's capability to comply with the requirements of Federal and State Air Quality Control regulations. State laws specify that a permit shall be issued on evidence satisfactory to the Director of compliance with applicable State and Federal regulations and requirements.

After the comment period has expired, the EPD will consider all comments, make any necessary changes, and issue a Final Determination relative to HAC's application. Copies of the 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, as well as at the Internet addresses given above. Some of these documents will also be added to the information already available at the internet address given above.

For additional information, contact Mr. James Capp, 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.