

NOTICE OF THE OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

**GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
AIR PROTECTION BRANCH**

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF RICHMOND
NOTICE OF PSD PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION AND 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. 2421-245-0047-V-01-0 issued to the International Paper Company, Inc.- Augusta Lumber Mill through the issuance of Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) permit Amendment No. 2421-245-0047-V-01-3. The facility is located at 4206 Mike Padgett Highway, Augusta, Georgia. The facility operates a sawmill.

The primary purpose of this permit amendment is to allow modification of the infeed of the sharp chain of the sawmill by installing a mini double length infeed; the modification of the three kilns to improve drying efficiency, which will increase the production capacity of the plant to 157 MBF/year; and the removal of the production restrictions on the kilns. The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) is preparing Title V Operating Permits in accordance with Title V of the Clean Air Act. This permit will be enforceable by the Georgia EPD, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and other persons as otherwise authorized by law.

The draft permit, preliminary determination, and all information used to develop the draft permit 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 office of the Air Protection Branch, 4244 International Parkway, Atlanta Tradeport - Suite 120, Atlanta, Georgia 30354. Copies of the draft permit, narrative, application summary, and permit application will be available at our internet site <http://www.air.dnr.state.ga.us/airpermit> 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, the first 25 pages are free of charge, and every page thereafter costs \$0.10 per page. 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. Office hours are 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 draft Title V Air Quality Operating Permit Modification. Persons wishing to comment on the draft Title V Operating Permit 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 Title V permit, will consider all comments received on or prior to that date.

You are hereby notified of the opportunity to submit written public comments concerning the application for the modifications at the Augusta Lumber mill, and the EPD's preliminary Determination concerning the application,

and the draft Part 70 permit modification. The Preliminary Determination is a summary of the technical review of the application and contains a copy of the Company's application along with supporting documents, and draft permit modification. The draft permit serves as both a draft PSD permit and draft Part 70 permit amendment.

The Division has concluded that Augusta Lumber Mill'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 will not cause or add to a violation of any ambient air quality standards; and that emissions from the source will not cause any significant deterioration of air quality and will comply with the federal PSD regulations, 40 CFR 52.21, including the use of Best Available Control technology (BACT) for regulated pollutants.

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. If a public hearing on the draft Title V Operating Permit is to be held, the date, time, and location of the hearing will be provided in a subsequent, separate public notice. At that hearing, anyone may present data, make a statement or comment, or offer a viewpoint or argument either orally or in writing concerning the draft Title V permit. During the Division's decision-making procedures to issue the Title V permit, any information received during a public hearing will be considered together with information received during the comment period.

Following this 30 day public comment period, the draft permit will undergo a 45 day review by U.S. EPA in accordance with 40 CFR 70.8. Information pertaining to U.S. EPA's review period can be found on their website at www.epa.gov/region4/air/permits.

After the comment period has expired, the EPD will consider all comments, make any necessary changes, and issue the Title V 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 Ms. Heather Abrams, 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.