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March 7, 2012

Mr. Greg Martin
VP Manufacturing and Plant Manager
Green Circle Bio Energy Inc.
2500 Green Circle Parkway
Cottondale, Florida 32431

Re: Project No. 0630058-010-AC
Green Circle Bio Energy Inc., Cottondale Wood Pellet Plant
Title V Source Air Construction Permit
Pellet Production Increase

Dear Mr.Martin:

On December 19, 2011, you submitted an application requesting to increase wood pellet production from 554,304 tons per year to 610,000 tons per year; remove aspiration systems on the hammer mill and pelletizing infeed conveyors for Pelletizing Lines 1, 2 and 3; redefine several compliance demonstration measures; and, remove the never-constructed Green Wood Chip Grinding System from the permit. This facility is located in Jackson County at 2500 Green Circle Parkway in Cottondale, Florida. Enclosed are the following documents: the Written Notice of Intent to Issue Air Permit; the Public Notice of Intent to Issue Air Permit; the Technical Evaluation and Preliminary Determination; and, the Draft Permit and Appendices. The Public Notice of Intent to Issue Air Permit is the actual notice that you must have published in the legal advertisement section of a newspaper of general circulation in the area affected by this project. If you have any questions, please contact the project engineer, Rick Prusa, at 850/595-0634 or rick.prusa@dep.state.fl.us.

Sincerely,

/s/

Rick Bradburn
Air Program Administrator
Northwest District Office

Enclosures

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WRITTEN NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE AIR PERMIT

In the Matter of an
Application for Air Permit by:

Green Circle Bio Energy Inc.
2500 Green Circle Parkway
Cottondale, Florida 32431

Project No. 0630058-010-AC
Title V Source Air Construction Permit
Jackson County, Florida

Authorized Representative:
Greg Martin, VP Manufacturing and Plant Manager

Cottondale Wood Pellet Plant
Pellet Production Increase

Facility Location: Green Circle Bio Energy Inc. operates the existing Cottondale Wood Pellet Plant, which is located in Jackson County at 2500 Green Circle Parkway in Cottondale, Florida.

Project: The applicant proposes to increase wood pellet production from 554,304 tons per year to 610,000 tons per year; remove aspiration systems on the hammer mill and pelletizing infeed conveyors for Pelletizing Lines 1, 2 and 3; redefine several compliance demonstration measures; and, remove the never-constructed Green Wood Chip Grinding System from the permit. Details of the project are provided in the application and the enclosed Technical Evaluation and Preliminary Determination.

Permitting Authority: Applications for air construction permits are subject to review in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 403, Florida Statutes (F.S.) and Chapters 62-4, 62-210, and 62-212 of the Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.). The proposed project is not exempt from air permitting requirements and an air permit is required to perform the proposed work. The Permitting Authority responsible for making a permit determination for this project is the Department of Environmental Protection's Air Resource Section in the Northwest District Office. The Permitting Authority's physical address and mailing address is: 160 W. Government Street, Suite 308, Pensacola, Florida 32502-5740. The Permitting Authority's telephone number is 850/595-8300.

Project File: A complete project file is available for public inspection during the normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (except legal holidays), at address indicated above for the Permitting Authority. The complete project file includes the Draft Permit, the Technical Evaluation and Preliminary Determination, the application and information submitted by the applicant (exclusive of confidential records under Section 403.111, F.S). Interested persons may contact the Permitting Authority's project review engineer for additional information at the address or phone number listed above.

Notice of Intent to Issue Permit: The Permitting Authority gives notice of its intent to issue an air permit to the applicant for the project described above. The applicant has provided reasonable assurance that operation of the proposed equipment will not adversely impact air quality and that the project will comply with all appropriate provisions of Chapters 62-4, 62-204, 62-210, 62-212, 62-213, 62-296, and 62-297, F.A.C. The Permitting Authority will issue a Final Permit in accordance with the conditions of the proposed Draft Permit unless a timely petition for an administrative hearing is filed under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S., or unless public comment received in accordance with this notice results in a different decision or a significant change of terms or conditions.

Public Notice: Pursuant to Section 403.815, F.S., and Rules 62-110.106 and 62-210.350, F.A.C., you (the applicant) are required to publish at your own expense the enclosed Public Notice of Intent to Issue Air Permit (Public Notice). The Public Notice shall be published one time only as soon as possible in the legal advertisement section of a newspaper of general circulation in the area affected by this project. The newspaper used must meet the requirements of Sections 50.011 and 50.031, F.S., in the county where the activity is to take place. If you are uncertain that a newspaper meets these requirements, please contact the Permitting Authority at above address or phone number. Pursuant to Rule 62-110.106(5) and (9), F.A.C., the applicant shall provide

proof of publication to the Permitting Authority at the above address within seven days of publication. Proof of publication of notice is made by furnishing a uniform affidavit in substantially the form prescribed in Section 50.051 of the Florida Statutes, to the office of the Department issuing the permit. Failure to publish the notice and provide proof of publication may result in the denial of the permit pursuant to Rule 62-110.106(11), F.A.C.

Comments: The Permitting Authority will accept written comments concerning the proposed Draft Permit for a period of 14 days from the date of publication of the Public Notice. Written comments must be received by the Permitting Authority by close of business (5:00 p.m.) on or before the end of the 14-day period. If written comments received result in a significant change to the Draft Permit, the Permitting Authority shall revise the Draft Permit and require, if applicable, another Public Notice. All comments filed will be made available for public inspection.

Petitions: A person whose substantial interests are affected by the proposed permitting decision may petition for an administrative hearing in accordance with Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S. The petition must contain the information set forth below and must be filed with (received by) the Department's Agency Clerk in the Office of General Counsel of the Department of Environmental Protection at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station #35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000 (Telephone: 850/245-2241). Petitions filed by the applicant or any of the parties listed below must be filed within 14 days of receipt of this Written Notice of Intent to Issue Air Permit. Petitions filed by any persons other than those entitled to written notice under Section 120.60(3), F.S., must be filed within 14 days of publication of the attached Public Notice or within 14 days of receipt of this Written Notice of Intent to Issue Air Permit, whichever occurs first. Under Section 120.60(3), F.S., however, any person who asked the Permitting Authority for notice of agency action may file a petition within 14 days of receipt of that notice, regardless of the date of publication. A petitioner shall mail a copy of the petition to the applicant at the address indicated above, at the time of filing. The failure of any person to file a petition within the appropriate time period shall constitute a waiver of that person's right to request an administrative determination (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S., or to intervene in this proceeding and participate as a party to it. Any subsequent intervention (in a proceeding initiated by another party) will be only at the approval of the presiding officer upon the filing of a motion in compliance with Rule 28-106.205, F.A.C.

A petition that disputes the material facts on which the Permitting Authority's action is based must contain the following information: (a) The name and address of each agency affected and each agency's file or identification number, if known; (b) The name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner; the name, address and telephone number of the petitioner's representative, if any, which shall be the address for service purposes during the course of the proceeding; and an explanation of how the petitioner's substantial interests will be affected by the agency determination; (c) A statement of when and how each petitioner received notice of the agency action or proposed decision; (d) A statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petition must so state; (e) A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action; (f) A statement of the specific rules or statutes the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action including an explanation of how the alleged facts relate to the specific rules or statutes; and, (g) A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action the petitioner wishes the agency to take with respect to the agency's proposed action. A petition that does not dispute the material facts upon which the Permitting Authority's action is based shall state that no such facts are in dispute and otherwise shall contain the same information as set forth above, as required by Rule 28-106.301, F.A.C.

Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the filing of a petition means that the Permitting Authority's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this Written Notice of Intent to Issue Air Permit. Persons whose substantial interests will be affected by any such final decision of the Permitting Authority on the application have the right to petition to become a party to the proceeding, in accordance with the requirements set forth above.

Mediation: Mediation is not available in this proceeding.

Executed in Pensacola, Florida.

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Rick Bradburn
Air Program Administrator
Northwest District Office

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned duly designated deputy agency clerk hereby certifies that this Written Notice of Intent to Issue Air Permit package (including the Written Notice of Intent to Issue Air Permit, the Public Notice of Intent to Issue Air Permit, the Technical Evaluation and Preliminary Determination and the Draft Permit) was sent by electronic mail (or a link to these documents made available electronically on a publicly accessible server) with received receipt requested before the close of business on March 7, 2012 to the persons listed below.

Mr. Greg Martin, Green Circle Bio Energy: gmartin@greencirclebio.com
Mr. Scott A. McCann, P.E.; Golder Associates: scott_mccann@golder.com
Ms. Kathleen Forney, EPA Region 4: forney.kathleen@epa.gov
DEP Northwest District Branch Office, Panama City

Clerk Stamp

FILING AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT FILED, on this date, pursuant to Section 120.52(7), Florida Statutes, with the designated agency clerk, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged.

/s/ 3/7/12

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(Clerk) (Date)

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE AIR PERMIT

Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Air Resource Section, Northwest District Office
Draft Title V Source Air Construction Permit
Project No. 0630058-010-AC
Green Circle Bio Energy Inc., Cottondale Wood Pellet Plant
Jackson County, Florida

Applicant: The applicant for this project is Green Circle Bio Energy Inc. The applicant's authorized representative and mailing address is: Greg Martin, VP Manufacturing and Plant Manager, Green Circle Bio Energy Inc., Cottondale Wood Pellet Plant, 2500 Green Circle Parkway, Cottondale, Florida 32431.

Facility Location: Green Circle Bio Energy Inc. operates the existing Cottondale Wood Pellet Plant, which is located in Jackson County at 2500 Green Circle Parkway in Cottondale, Florida.

Project: Green Circle Bio Energy Inc.'s Cottondale Wood Pellet Plant requests to increase wood pellet production from 554,304 tons per year to 610,000 tons per year; remove aspiration systems on the hammer mill and pelletizing infeed conveyors for Pelletizing Lines 1, 2 and 3; redefine several compliance demonstration measures; and, remove the never-constructed Green Wood Chip Grinding System from the permit. Existing production equipment can achieve the requested rate without new construction. Potential emissions of VOC increase by 17.8 tons per year.

Permitting Authority: Applications for air construction permits are subject to review in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 403, Florida Statutes (F.S.) and Chapters 62-4, 62-210 and 62-212 of the Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.). The proposed project is not exempt from air permitting requirements and an air permit is required to perform the proposed work. The Permitting Authority responsible for making a permit determination for this project is the Department of Environmental Protection's Air Resource Section in the Northwest District Office. The Permitting Authority's physical and mailing address is: 160 W. Government Street, Suite 308, Pensacola, Florida 32502-5740. The Permitting Authority's telephone number is 850/595-8300.

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Comments: The Permitting Authority will accept written comments concerning the proposed Draft Permit for a period of 14 days from the date of publication of this Public Notice. Written comments must be received by the Permitting Authority by close of business (5:00 p.m.) on or before the end of the 14-day period. If written comments received result in a significant change to the Draft Permit, the Permitting Authority shall revise the Draft Permit and require, if applicable, another Public Notice. All comments filed will be made available for public inspection.

(Public Notice to be Published in the Newspaper)

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Mediation: Mediation is not available for this proceeding.