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Mr. Greg Martin
Vice President
Green Circle Bio Energy Inc.
2500 Green Circle Parkway
Cottondale, Florida 32431

Re: Permit No. 0630058-012-AV
Cottondale Wood Pellet Plant
Title V Air Operation Permit Revision

Dear Mr. Martin:

Enclosed is the draft permit package to revise the Title V air operation permit for Cottondale Wood Pellet Plant. This facility is located in Jackson County at 2500 Green Circle Parkway, Cottondale, Florida. The permit package includes the following documents:

- The Statement of Basis, which summarizes the facility, the equipment, and the primary rule applicability, and the changes since the initial Title V permit.
- The draft Title V air operation permit revision, which includes the specific permit conditions that regulate the emissions units covered by the proposed project.
- The Written Notice of Intent to Issue Air Permit provides important information regarding: the Permitting Authority's intent to issue an air permit for the proposed project; the requirements for publishing a Public Notice of the Permitting Authority's intent to issue an air permit; the procedures for submitting comments on the draft permit; the process for filing a petition for an administrative hearing; and the availability of mediation.
- 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. The Public Notice of Intent to Issue Air Permit must be published as soon as possible and the proof of publication must be provided to the Department within seven days of the date of publication. Proof of publication may be submitted electronically to nwdair@dep.state.fl.us.

If you have any questions, please contact the Project Engineer, Rick Prusa by telephone at 850/595-0634 or rick.prusa@dep.state.fl.us.

Sincerely,

Rick Bradburn

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Rick Bradburn
Air Program Administrator

Date

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WRITTEN NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE AIR PERMIT

In the Matter of an
Application for Title V Air Operation Permit by:

Green Circle Bio Energy Inc.
2500 Green Circle Parkway
Cottondale, Florida 32431
Responsible Official:
Mr. Greg Martin, Vice President

Permit No. 0630058-012-AV
Facility ID No. 0630058
Cottondale Wood Pellet Plant
Title V Permit Revision
Jackson County, Florida

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

Project: The purpose of this project is to revise Title V air operation permit 0630058-005-AV for the above referenced facility. Details of the project are provided in the application and the enclosed Statement of Basis.

Permitting Authority: Applications for Title V air operation permits are subject to review in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 403, Florida Statutes (F.S.) and Chapters 62-4, 62-210, 62-213 of the Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.). The proposed project is not exempt from air permitting requirements and a Title V air operation permit is required to operate the facility. The Department of Environmental Protection's Air Resource Section in the Northwest District is the Permitting Authority responsible for making a permit determination for this project. The Permitting Authority's physical and mailing address is: 160 W. Government Street, Room 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 the address indicated above for the Permitting Authority. The complete project file includes the draft permit, the statement of basis, the application, and the information submitted by the applicant, exclusive of confidential records under Section 403.111, F.S. Interested persons may view the draft permit by visiting the following website: http://www.dep.state.fl.us/air/emission/apds/default.asp and entering the permit number shown above. 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 a Title V air operation permit revision to the applicant for the project described above. The applicant has provided reasonable assurance that continued operation of the existing 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 proposed permit and subsequent final permit in accordance with the conditions of the draft permit unless a response received in accordance with the following procedures 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 the 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 7 days of publication. 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 draft Title V air operation

permit for a period of 30 days from the date of publication of the Public Notice. Written comments must be received by the close of business (5:00 p.m.), on or before the end of this 30-day period by the Permitting Authority at the above address. As part of his or her comments, any person may also request that the Permitting Authority hold a public meeting on this permitting action. If the Permitting Authority determines there is sufficient interest for a public meeting, it will publish notice of the time, date, and location in the Florida Administrative Weekly (FAW). If a public meeting is requested within the 30-day comment period and conducted by the Permitting Authority, any oral and written comments received during the public meeting will also be considered by the Permitting Authority. If timely received written comments or comments received at a public meeting result in a significant change to the draft permit, the Permitting Authority shall issue a revised draft permit and require, if applicable, another Public Notice. All comments filed will be made available for public inspection. For additional information, contact the Permitting Authority at the above address or phone number.

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, 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station #35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000. 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 indicate; (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.

Objections: Finally, pursuant to 42 United States Code (U.S.C.) Section 7661d(b)(2), any person may petition the Administrator of the EPA within 60 days of the expiration of the Administrator's 45-day review period as established at 42 U.S.C. Section 7661d(b)(1), to object to the issuance of any Title V air operation permit. Any petition shall be based only on objections to the Permit that were raised with reasonable specificity during the 30-day public comment period provided in the Public Notice, unless the petitioner demonstrates to the Administrator of the EPA that it was impracticable to raise such objections within the comment period or unless the grounds for such objection arose after the comment period. Filing of a petition with the Administrator of the EPA does not stay the effective date of any permit properly issued pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 62-213, F.A.C. Petitions filed with the Administrator of EPA must meet the requirements of 42 U.S.C. Section 7661d(b)(2) and must be filed with the Administrator of the EPA at: U.S. EPA, 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460. For more information regarding EPA review and objections, visit EPA's Region 4 web site at http://www.epa.gov/region4/air/permits/Florida.htm.

Executed in Pensacola, Florida.

Rick Bradburn

Rick Bradburn
Air Program Administrator

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned duly designated deputy agency clerk hereby certifies that this Written Notice of Intent to Issue Title V Air Operation Permit (including the Public Notice, the Statement of Basis, and the Draft Permit), or a link to these documents available electronically on a publicly accessible server, was sent by electronic mail with received receipt requested before the close of business on August 8, 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. Katy Forney, U.S. EPA Region 4: forney.kathleen@epamail.epa.gov
Ms. Ana Oquendo, EPA Region 4: oquendo.ana@epamail.epa.gov
Ms. Barbara Friday, DEP BAR: barbara.friday@dep.state.fl.us (for posting with U.S. EPA, Region 4)
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.

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(Clerk) (Date)

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE A TITLE V AIR OPERATION PERMIT REVISION

Florida Department of Environmental Protection
DRAFT Title V Air Operation Permit Revision Project No.: 0630058-012-AV
Revision to Title V Air Operation Permit No.: 0630058-005-AV
Green Circle Bio Energy Inc.; Cottondale Wood Pellet Plant
Jackson County

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection Northwest District Office (permitting authority) gives notice of its intent to issue a Title V air operation permit revision to Green Circle Bio Energy Inc. for the Cottondale Wood Pellet Plant located at 2500 Green Circle Parkway in Cottondale, Jackson County. The revision authorizes changes to Title V air operation permit 0630058-005-AV, effective March 17, 2011. The applicant's name and address are: Mr. Greg Martin, Vice President, Green Circle Bio Energy Inc., 2500 Green Circle Parkway, Cottondale, Florida 32431.

The applicant applied on May 16, 2012 to the Department for a Title V air operation permit revision to Title V air operation permit 0630058-005-AV for the purpose of incorporating the terms and conditions of air construction permits 0630058-008-AC, 0630058-009-AC and 0630058-010-AC. The existing facility is a wood fuel pellet plant comprised of a wood fiber receiving and storage area, two dryer lines, three pelletizing lines and a pellet load-out area. PM, NO_X and VOC emissions from each Dryer Line are controlled by a high efficiency cyclone, a wet electrostatic precipitator and a regenerative thermal oxidizer. PM emissions from the Pelletizing Lines are controlled by dust filters and high efficiency cyclones and PM emissions from bulk load-out are controlled by a dust filter.

Permit revisions include: 1) a new dry wood truck dump to feed as-delivered wood chips to the Grinding Storage Bin, 2) changing monitored parameters for the Dryer Line combustors, 3) using natural gas along with propane as supplemental fuels for the RTOs, 4) adding two new pelletizer mills, 5) increasing wood pellet production rate, 6) removing hammer mill and pelletizing infeed conveyors aspiration systems, and 7) increasing the bulk load-out production rate.

The permitting authority will issue the PROPOSED Title V Air Operation Permit Revision and subsequent FINAL Title V Air Operation Permit Revision, in accordance with the conditions of the DRAFT Title V Air Operation Permit Revision unless a response received in accordance with the following procedures results in a different decision or significant change of terms or conditions.

The Permitting Authority will accept written comments concerning the DRAFT Title V Air Operation Permit Revision for a period of 30 days from the date of publication of this Public Notice. Written comments must be post-marked and all facsimile comments must be received by the close of business (5:00 pm), on or before the end of this 30-day period, by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Northwest District Office, 160 W. Government Street, Suite 308, Pensacola, Florida 32502-5740 or facsimile. As part of his or her comments, any person may also request that the Permitting Authority hold a public meeting on this permitting action. If the Permitting Authority determines there is sufficient interest for a public meeting, it will publish notice of the time, date, and location on the Department's official web site for notices at http://tlhora6.dep.state.fl.us/onw and in a newspaper of general circulation in the area affected by the permitting action. For additional information, contact the Permitting Authority at the above address or phone number. If written comments or comments received at a public meeting result in a significant change to the DRAFT Title V Air Operation Permit Revision, the Permitting Authority shall issue a Revised DRAFT Title V Air Operation Permit Revision and require, if applicable, another Public Notice. All comments filed will be made available for public inspection.

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 of the Florida Statutes (F.S.). The petition must contain the information set forth below and must be filed (received) in the Office of General Counsel of the Department of Environmental Protection, 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station #35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000 (Telephone: 850/245-2241). 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 public notice or within 14 days of receipt of the notice of intent, whichever occurs first. Under Section 120.60(3), F.S.,