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.,

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 applicable 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 will be only at the approval of the presiding officer upon the filing of a motion in compliance with Rule 28-106.205 of the Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.).

All petitions filed under these rules shall contain:

(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 each 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 how and when each petitioner received notice of the agency decision;

(d) A statement of 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 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 notice of intent. Persons whose substantial interests will be affected by any such final decision of the permitting authority on the application(s) have the right to petition to become a party to the proceeding, in accordance with the requirements set forth above.

Mediation is not available for this proceeding.

In addition to the above, pursuant to 42 United States Code (U.S.C.) Section 7661d(b)(2), any person may petition the Administrator of the EPA within 60 (sixty) 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 issuance of any permits. Any petition shall be based only on objections to the permits that were raised with reasonable specificity during the 30-day public comment period provided in this 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.

A complete project file is available for public inspection during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, at:

<u>Permitting Authority:</u>
Florida Department of Environmental Protection Northwest District
160 W. Government Street, Suite 308
Pensacola, Florida 32502-5740
Telephone: 850/595-8300
Fax: 850/595-8096

The complete project file includes the DRAFT Title V Air Operation Permit Revision, the application(s), and the information submitted by the responsible official, exclusive of confidential records under Section 403.111, F.S. Interested persons may contact Armando Sarasua, P.E., at the above address, or call 850/595-0639, for additional information.