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(Sent by Electronic Mail – Return Receipt Requested)

Neil Smith, Vice President and General Manager
Sugar Processing Operations - Clewiston Sugar Mill and Refinery
U.S. Sugar Corporation
111 Ponce DeLeon Avenue
Clewiston, Florida 33440

Re: Draft Air Construction Permit No. PSD-FL-333C
Project No. 0510003-037-AC
Clewiston Sugar Mill and Refinery
Boiler No. 8 Capacity Increase

Dear Mr. Smith:

U.S. Sugar Corporation submitted an application for the existing Clewiston Sugar Mill and Refinery requesting the following for newly constructed Boiler 8: increases in the heat input and steaming rates; clarification of startup procedures; and modification to the biomass fuel handling system. The application was made complete with the additional information provided on October 23, 2006. Enclosed are the following documents: "Technical Evaluation and Preliminary Determination", "Draft Permit", "Written Notice of Intent to Issue Air Permit", and "Public Notice of Intent to Issue Air Permit".

The "Technical Evaluation and Preliminary Determination" summarizes the Permitting Authority's technical review of the application and provides the rationale for making the preliminary determination to issue a Draft Permit. The proposed "Draft Permit" includes the specific 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.

If you have any questions, please contact the Project Engineer, Jeff Koerner, at 850/921-9536.

Sincerely,

Trina L Vielhauer

Trina Vielhauer, Chief
Bureau of Air Regulation

Enclosures

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 Public Notice, the Technical Evaluation and Preliminary Determination, and the Draft Permit) was sent by electronic mail (with return receipt requested) before the close of business on 12/7/06 to the persons listed below.

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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.

Mary L Harvey (Clerk) 12/7/06 (Date)