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To: Greg Williamson; jmeriwether1@cox.net
Cc: Koerner, Jeff; advokitt@gmail.com; sallyhayes@bellsouth.net; karen@energyjustice.net; cwlwpb@aol.com; arringtonkla@yahoo.com; redscho@bellsouth.net; susan@susanbaird.com; yang36@ufl.edu; samcollins1@cox.net; maryrodg@gmail.com; dglende@ufl.edu; tombussing@gmail.com; jehatty@gmail.com; bobbie.shaipe01@hotmail.com; edcenter@att.net; probert@ufl.edu; john.davies72565@gamil.com; nkrauthammer@hotmail.com; hsaive@cox.net; suz2610@mindspring.com; maple.canner@gmail.com; quequa@gator.net; skmkennedy@yahoo.com; facr@bellsouth.net; jgator10015@aol.com; barbaralee@live.com; ndflagg@gmail.com; Scearce, Lynn; rastokes49@gmail.com; paul@yatsko.net; gvlcoopers@aol.com; Len341@cs.com; jmilesh@cox.net; micheleloeffler@bosshardtrealty.com; sisterspace1515@yahoo.com; relrad@cpss.net; raywashingtonlaw@gmail.com; Judy.judybelle@yahoo.com; al2014@FunkDESIGNS.com; jjm@alachuacounty.us; paco3954@aol.com; lcoullias@msn.com; sbdickinson31@gmail.com; gs6466@cox.net; belluct@cox.net; martinez8919@bellsouth.net; diandv@bellsouth.net; lmcshe2001@aol.com; celesteas@gmail.com; amo.gainesville@gmail.com; Debbie.martinez44@cox.net; sueblythe01@gmail.com
Subject: Re: Gainesville Renewable Energy Center, Final Permit
Date: Tuesday, December 02, 2014 3:12:54 AM

Greg,
The answer to your question lies in the number of votes cast. Consider only about 14% of those eligible to vote bother to do so. As we all know the majority wins in elections therefore 7% plus one wins.
We have a large powerful institutions that work to influence that 7 or so % that control. One of the most influential is the Gainesville Sun and their major concern is profit even though they have a monopoly on the media available to the local public.
Just as a side, and complaint, the sun has officially rejected any thing I offer in comments, they do not allow me to comment on anything.
Mac McEachern

From: "Greg Williamson" <GatorGW@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, December 01, 2014 7:38 PM
To: <jmeriwether1@cox.net>
Cc: <Jeff.Koerner@dep.state.fl.us>; <advokitt@gmail.com>; <sallyhayes@bellsouth.net>; <karen@energyjustice.net>; <cwlwpb@aol.com>; <arringtonkla@yahoo.com>; <redscho@bellsouth.net>; <susan@susanbaird.com>; <yang36@ufl.edu>; <samcollins1@cox.net>; <maryrodg@gmail.com>; <dglende@ufl.edu>; <tombussing@gmail.com>; <jehatty@gmail.com>; <bobbie.shaipe01@hotmail.com>; <edcenter@att.net>; <probert@ufl.edu>; <john.davies72565@gamil.com>; <nkrauthammer@hotmail.com>; <hsaive@cox.net>; <suz2610@mindspring.com>; <maple.canner@gmail.com>; <quequa@gator.net>; <skmkennedy@yahoo.com>; <facr@bellsouth.net>; <jgator10015@aol.com>; <barbaralee@live.com>; <ndflagg@gmail.com>; "Scearce, Lynn" <Lynn.Scearce@dep.state.fl.us>; <rastokes49@gmail.com>; <paul@yatsko.net>; <gvlcoopers@aol.com>; <Len341@cs.com>; <jmilesh@cox.net>; <micheleloeffler@bosshardtrealty.com>; <sisterspace1515@yahoo.com>; <relrad@cpss.net>; <raywashingtonlaw@gmail.com>; <Judy.judybelle@yahoo.com>; <al2014@FunkDESIGNS.com>; <jjm@alachuacounty.us>; <paco3954@aol.com>; <lcoullias@msn.com>; <imac@cox.net>; <sbdickinson31@gmail.com>; <gs6466@cox.net>; <belluct@cox.net>; <martinez8919@bellsouth.net>; <diandv@bellsouth.net>; <lmcshe2001@aol.com>; <celesteas@gmail.com>; <amo.gainesville@gmail.com>; <Debbie.martinez44@cox.net>; <sueblythe01@gmail.com>
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> Why do residents have to continue to suffer from the frequent obnoxious
> decaying wood odors from the biomass plant? I'm out of town right now,

> but my wife just told me that she had opened our back French doors today
> but had to close them due to the obnoxious smell of the wood from the
> biomass plant. This is crazy! Quality of life issues here, folks.
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> There has also been increasing noise problems coming from the biomass
> plant during the middle of the night. For example, two nights ago at
> 12:30am, and for a long time, there were loud rattling and clanking sounds
> that sounded like the plant's conveyor system, along with the sound of
> squeaking rollers. Further, the vibrating rumblings from the plant during
> nighttime hours appears to be increasing in intensity and frequency and
> has become clearly heard in my home way too often. I often have to wear
> earplugs to bed lately in order to get to sleep. The two stained glass
> ornaments hanging on a kitchen window are rattling at times from the
> vibrations. And it's not from a train or from our heating/air system. This
> all is a degradation of quality of life that is unacceptable. Are the
> noise reducing panels installed inside the smokestack about a year ago
> starting to wear out?
>
> Greg Williamson
> Turkey Creek Resident
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> Sent from my iPhone
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>> On Nov 24, 2014, at 9:32 PM, <jmeriwether1@cox.net> wrote:
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>> Dear Mr. Koerner:
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>> On page 4, Section II. Facility-Wide Conditions of
>> (0010131-004-AV_Final_Permit_signed.pdf), the following requirement
>> applies:
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>> Emissions and Controls
>> FW2. Not federally Enforceable. Objectionable Odor Prohibited. No person
>> shall cause, suffer, allow or permit the discharge of air pollutants,
>> which cause or contribute to an objectionable odor. An “objectionable
>> odor” means any odor present in the outdoor atmosphere which by itself or
>> in combination with other odors, is or may be harmful or injurious to
>> human health or welfare, which unreasonably interferes with the
>> comfortable use and enjoyment of life or property, or which creates a
>> nuisance. [Rule 62-296.320(2) and 62-210.200(Definitions), F.A.C.]
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>> In the attached letter to me dated February 14, 2014, your Department
>> indicated that the odor issue was due to wood chips having been delivered
>> in July of 2013 and that their age contributed to odor. We are much
>> further along now and the odor has not been mitigated and has been a
>> continuous problem for residents around the facility. Your Department has
>> received numerous complaints from residents. Are you truly serving the
>> residents or GREC? It is our quality of life that has been severely
>> affected while the owners of GREC enjoy the fruits of their destructive
>> quality of life actions.
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>> The approval of this permit, which allows this plant to continue to
>> operate, while diminishing our quality of life, is an out right disgrace
>> to your department, created to protect the citizens of our State .
>> Hopefully, the legislative and executive branches of our state government

>> can review this departments lack of concern for fulfilling it's mission
>> and responsibilities as defined by State Constitution.
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>> Sincerely,
>> Jerry Meriwether
>> 489 Turkey Creek
>> Alachua, Fl 32615
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>> Over a year ago, our community was told that
>> ---- "Scearce wrote:
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>>> From: Scearce, Lynn
>>> Sent: Friday, November 21, 2014 4:18 PM
>>> To: jgordon@amrenewables.com
>>> Cc: jlevine@amrenewables.com; stantonjw@gru.com; Rachal, Richard;
>>> tdavis@ectinc.com; Andrew Bass; ddee@gbwlegal.com; Mulkey, Cindy; Ana
>>> Oquendo; Hazziez, Natasha; Ceron, Heather; mayor@cityofgainesville.org;
>>> bocc@alachuacounty.us; Read, David; Scearce, Lynn
>>> Subject: 0010131-004-AV, Gainesville Renewable Energy Center, LLC.,
>>> Gainesville Renewable Energy Center, Final Permit
>>>
>>> Dear Mr. Gordon:
>>> Attached is the official Notice of Final Permit for the project
>>> referenced below. Click on the link displayed below to access the permit
>>> project documents and reply back verifying receipt of the documents
>>> provided in the links.
>>> Note: We must receive verification that you are able to access the
>>> documents. Your immediate reply will preclude subsequent e-mail
>>> transmissions to verify
>>> Owner/Company Name: GAINESVILLE RENEWABLE ENERGY CENTER, LLC
>>> Facility Name: GAINESVILLE RENEWABLE ENERGY CENTER
>>> Project Number: 0010131-004-AV
>>> Permit Status: FINAL
>>> Permit Activity: INITIAL ISSUANCE
>>> Facility County: ALACHUA
>>> Click on the following link to access the permit project documents:
>>> http://ARM-PERMIT2K.dep.state.fl.us/adh/prod/pdf_permit_zip_files/0010131.004.AV.F_pdf.zip.
>>> If you have any problems opening the documents or would like further
>>> information, please contact the Florida Department of Environmental
>>> Protection, Office of Permitting and Compliance..
>>> Sincerely,
>>> Lynn Scearce
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>>> Office of Permitting and Compliance (OPC)
>>> Division of Air Resource Management - DEP
>>> 2600 Blair Stone Road, Mail Stop 5505
>>> Phone: 850-717-9025
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