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Subject: Re: Gainesville Renewable Energy Center, Final Permit
Date: Tuesday, December 02, 2014 9:16:57 PM

Here is yet another message that I received today from a resident complaining about noise and odor coming from the biomass plant. Greg Williamson

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cwlwpb@aol.com

I,too, have smelled the obnoxious odor and have heard the familiar rumbling like the roar of a jet engine.

What recourse is there now? The permanent air permit has been issued and they installed the muffler system that was supposed to alleviate the noise.

Sent from AOL Mobile Mail

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Sent: Mon, Dec 1, 2014 07:38 PM
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Subject: 0010131-004-AV, Gainesville Renewable Energy Center, LLC., Gainesville Renewable Energy Center, Final Permit

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Project Number: 0010131-004-AV

Permit Status: FINAL

Permit Activity: INITIAL ISSUANCE

Facility County: ALACHUA

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