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Re: Project No. 0550061-002-AC / PSD-FL-406A  
Highlands Ethanol Facility  
Cellulosic Ethanol Production  
Extension of Air Permit No. 0550061-001-AC / PSD-FL-406

Dear Mr. Grawey:

On August 9, 2011, the Department received your attached request for an extension of the expiration date to December 31, 2014 on air construction Permit No. 0550061-002-AC / PSD-FL-406A for the Highlands Ethanol Facility. The location is in Highlands County north of State Road 70 and approximately 1.7 miles east, northeast of Brighton, Florida. The UTM coordinates are Zone 17, 493.2 kilometers (km) East and 3167.5 km North.

Highlands Ethanol, LLC requests additional time to complete construction largely due to delays related to the permitting and construction of access and road improvement projects so that the facility can be constructed in a safe and efficient manner.

**Determination:** The original air construction permit was issued on March 22, 2010 pursuant to the rules for the Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) at Section 62-212.400, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.). Section 2, Specific Condition 7, Source Obligation, Paragraph (a) states:

*“Authorization to construct shall expire if construction is not commenced within 18 months after receipt of the permit, if construction is discontinued for a period of 18 months or more, or if construction is not completed within a reasonable time. This provision does not apply to the time period between construction of the approved phases of a phased construction project except that each phase must commence construction within 18 months of the commencement date established by the Department in the permit”.*

The definition of “commence construction” is given in Section 62-210.200(Definitions), F.A.C.

*“Commence Construction” – As applied to the construction or modification of a facility, means that the owner has all preconstruction permits and approvals required under federal air pollution control laws and regulations and those air pollution control laws and regulations which are part of the State Implementation Plan (SIP) or which are part of Chapter 62-210 or 62-212, F.A.C., to the extent that the provisions of these laws and regulations specify conditions or requirements for obtaining a state construction permit for an emissions unit, and:*

- (a) Begins a continuous program of actual on-site construction or physical modification of the facility, to be completed within a time commensurate with the nature of the construction project; or*
- (b) Enters into binding agreements or contractual obligations, which cannot be cancelled or modified without substantial loss to the owner or operator, to undertake a program of actual construction or physical modification of the facility to be completed within a time commensurate with the nature of the construction project; or*
- (c) Begins those on-site activities, other than preparatory activities, which mark the initiation of a change in the method of operation of the facility.*

## EXTENSION OF AIR CONSTRUCTION PERMIT EXPIRATION DATE

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The Department reviewed the Project Status Update Report attached to the request. Highlands Ethanol has invested more than \$50 million in the design, permitting and initial construction activities for the facility all of which are for the sole purpose of accommodating the emission units that will be installed. The Department concludes that construction commenced within 18 months of receipt of the permit.

According to Section 62-4.080(3), F.A.C.

*"A permittee may request that a permit be extended as a modification of the permit. Such a request must be submitted to the Department in writing before the expiration of the permit. Upon timely submittal of a request for extension, unless the permit automatically expires by statute or rule, the permit will remain in effect until final agency action is taken on the request. For construction permits, an extension shall be granted if the applicant can demonstrate reasonable assurances that, upon completion, the extended permit will comply with the standards and conditions required by applicable regulation"*.

The Department continues to rely on the original permit application and the subsequent technical evaluation issued by the Department as reasonable assurance that, upon completion, the extended permit will comply with the standards and conditions required by applicable regulation and original permit.

For reference, the Department issued two PSD permits for crop to ethanol projects since issuance of the permit to Highlands Ethanol. Both included best available control technology (BACT) determinations. The Department compared the emission limits for those projects with the BACT determination for the Highlands Ethanol project and concludes that the latter is at least as stringent as the other determinations and would constitute BACT for the Highlands Ethanol project if issued today.

Based on the circumstances and information provided, the Department approves this request. This letter extends the authorization to construct through December 31, 2014. The additional time granted by this action will allow the applicant to complete physical construction of the project, conduct shakedown activities, demonstrate compliance and prepare and submit an application for a Title V Operation Permit.

**Permitting Authority:** Applications for air construction permits are subject to review in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 403, Florida Statutes (F.S.) and Chapters 62-4, 62-210 and 62-212, F.A.C. The Permitting Authority responsible for making a permit determination for this project is the Bureau of Air Regulation in the Department of Environmental Protection's Division of Air Resource Management. The Permitting Authority's physical address is: 111 South Magnolia Drive, Suite #4, Tallahassee, Florida 32301. The Permitting Authority's mailing address is: 2600 Blair Stone Road, MS #5505, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2400. The Permitting Authority's telephone number is 850/717-9000.

**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 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 must be filed within 21 days of receipt of this exemption from air permitting requirements. 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.

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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 state; (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.

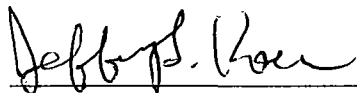
Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the filing of a petition means that the Permitting Authority's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this action. Persons whose substantial interests will be affected by any such final decision 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.

**Effective Date:** This permitting decision is final and effective on the date filed with the clerk of the Permitting Authority unless a petition is filed in accordance with the above paragraphs or unless a request for extension of time in which to file a petition is filed within the time specified for filing a petition pursuant to Rule 62-110.106, F.A.C., and the petition conforms to the content requirements of Rules 28-106.201 and 28-106.301, F.A.C. Upon timely filing of a petition or a request for extension of time, this action will not be effective until further order of the Permitting Authority.

**Judicial Review:** Any party to this permitting decision (order) has the right to seek judicial review of it under Section 120.68, F.S., by filing a notice of appeal under Rule 9.110 of the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure with the clerk of the Department of Environmental Protection in the Office of General Counsel, Mail Station #35, 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida, 32399-3000, and by filing a copy of the notice of appeal accompanied by the applicable filing fees with the appropriate District Court of Appeal. The notice must be filed within 30 days after this order is filed with the clerk of the Department.

Executed in Tallahassee, Florida  
For the Division of Air Resource Management



Jeffery F. Koerner, Administrator  
Office of Permitting and Compliance

8/25/11  
(Date)

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned duly designated deputy agency clerk hereby certifies that this Extension of Air Construction Expiration Date was sent by electronic mail, or a link to these documents made available electronically on a publicly accessible server, with received receipt requested before the close of business on 8-25-11 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.

Lynn Scarce August 25, 2011  
(Clerk) (Date)

Florida Department of  
Environmental Protection

Memorandum

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To: Jeff Koerner   
From: A.A. Linero   
Date: August 23, 2011  
Subject: Project No. 0550061-002-AC / PSD-FL-406A  
Highlands Ethanol Facility  
Cellulosic Ethanol Production  
Extension of Air Permit No. 0550061-001-AC / PSD-FL-406

Attached for your review is a letter authorizing an extension of the permit expiration date from December 31, 2012 to December 31, 2014 on air construction Permit No. 0550061-001-AC / PSD-FL-406 for the Highlands Ethanol Facility. The location is in Highlands County north of State Road 70 and approximately 1.7 miles east, northeast of Brighton, Florida.

Highlands Ethanol, LLC requests additional time to complete construction largely due to delays related to the permitting and construction of access and road improvement projects so that the facility can be constructed in a safe and efficient manner.

Today is Day 1 based on the date we received the required fee.

I recommend your approval of the attached extension.

Attachments

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8 August 2011

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Subject: Air Construction Permit  
Highlands Ethanol, LLC – Highlands Ethanol Facility  
DEP File No. 0550061-001-AC (PSD-FL-406)

Dear Mr. Linero:


Per your request at the meeting held on 27 July 2011, this letter is intended to serve as an overall update regarding the status of the Highlands Ethanol Facility ("HEF"). The update describes the status of:

1. Final engineering design and permitting;
2. Feedstock farm construction and operation;
3. Driveway permitting and construction; and
4. Current and future jobs created by Highlands Ethanol ("HE").

HE is hereby requesting a written acknowledgement of commencement of construction, in accordance with the construction activities detailed in the attached project status update. Additionally, HE requests an extension of the Air Construction Permit's expiration date through 31 December 2014, from its current expiration date of 31 December 2012. This extension is required due to the HEF's ~24+ month construction schedule, and will ensure adequate time is allowed for the preparation of HE's application for a Title V operation permit.

If you or any member of your staff should have questions or comments regarding this letter, or with regards to the project in general, please do not hesitate to contact me using the information I have included below.

Regards,

  
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cc: Jeffrey Koerner – Florida Department of Environmental Protection  
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# HEF: PROJECT STATUS UPDATE

## 1. Final Engineering Design & Permitting

To date, HE has invested roughly \$50MM in the design and permitting of the HEF. HE is currently in the process of developing the HEF's final detailed design. In addition to the PSD Air Construction Permit, HE has secured all of the major permits required for operation of the HEF, including:

- Special Use Permit ("SUP") from Highlands County, SUP 08-1;
- Environmental Resource Permit ("ERP") from South Florida Water Management District ("SFWMD"), Standard General Permit No. 28-00146-S-02;
- Industrial Wastewater Permit ("IWW") from FDEP, Permit Number FLA680532; and
- Water Use Permit ("WUP") from SFWMD, WUP No. 28-00579-W.

Further, HE has obtained a final Biological Opinion ("BO") from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service ("USFWS") through resolution of a Section 7 consultation. The BO review covered the HEF site, as well as the adjacent ~16,500 Net Farmable Acre ("NFA") feedstock farm, leased from Lykes Bros. Inc., that HE is currently in the process of developing. Through a Section 106 consultation, HE has received approval from the Florida State Historic Preservation Office ("SHPO") for the development of the HEF site and approximately 3,000 NFA of the feedstock farm. SHPO approval for the remaining ~13,500 NFA is expected to be granted in mid-August 2011.

## 2. Feedstock Farm Construction & Operation

The HEF will require approximately 20,000 NFA for full-scale commercial operation. To achieve adequate agricultural yields, HE will employ the use of novel feedstocks such as energycane and other perennial energy grasses. While these perennial grasses are optimal for processing in a 2nd generation ethanol facility such as the HEF, no commercial market currently exists, due in part to their low sucrose content. To reach commercial quantities, HE must endure a "bulk-up" period wherein, through vegetative propagation, feedstock is harvested and replanted over the course of a number of years. To satisfy this iterative scale-up of feedstock, HE began constructing a ~850 NFA "seed farm" in 2Q 2010. Construction activities included, but were not limited to:

- Construction of a maintenance building and installation of construction offices;
- Digging of canals and construction of drainage systems;
- Building of roads and turn areas;
- Installation of pumps and water control systems;
- Heavy disking of the land;
- Leveling and drainage slooping;
- Construction of irrigation systems; and
- Final preparation for planting.

Following construction completion in 4Q 2010, roughly 250 NFA of the seed farm were planted. Immediately after completing construction of the seed farm, HE began to construct an adjacent, ~2,150 NFA parcel in 1Q 2011. Construction of this parcel involved similar activities as those identified as seed farm construction activities, and is expected to be completed by mid-3Q 2011. The current feedstock

farm construction activities, and is expected to be completed by mid-3Q 2011. The current feedstock propagation plan calls for the feedstock planted in 4Q 2010 to be harvested for seed and used to plant an additional ~1,000 NFA in 4Q 2011. Approximately 10,000-12,000 NFA will be constructed and planted through the remainder of 2011 and 2012, with the balance of the 20,000 NFA requirement being planted in 2013. HE's capital investment through the completion of the first 3,000 NFA, all of which was designed and constructed by Florida-based contractors, totals approximately \$15MM. Appendix A contains a few sample images depicting farm construction activity.

Table 1.

HE Farm Construction and Planted Area		2010	2011	2012 (Exp.)	2013 (Exp.)
<b>Farm Area Constructed in Period</b>	(000 Ac)	1	2,150	10,000	7,000
<b>Cumulative Farm Area Constructed</b>	(000 Ac)	1	2,151	12,151	19,151
<b>Feedstock Planted in Period</b>	(000 Ac)	250	1,000	11,000	7,750
<b>Cumulative Feedstock Planted</b>	(000 Ac)	250	1,250	12,250	20,000

### 3. HEF Driveway Permitting & Construction

The project team, in conjunction with Highlands County officials, has determined that prior to commencement of construction of the conversion facility, it is necessary to complete construction of the HEF access driveway and related highway improvements from State Route ("SR") 70 to provide a safe and appropriately-sized entrance for construction activities. This decision was driven primarily by the project's desire to construct the HEF in a safe and efficient manner. Because the currently-existing access point to the proposed project site is best characterized as a "farm entrance" (i.e. minor farm road secured by a pasture gate), the entrance cannot safely accommodate the significant increase in daily traffic and delivery of oversized construction equipment / capital improvements that is typical of the construction of a project like the HEF.

The construction of the HEF driveway is the first stage of the HEF site development, and represents a significant investment by HE. HEF driveway construction will include the widening of approximately 0.5 miles of State Road ("SR") 70 to accommodate an acceleration lane and turn-in/deceleration lane. The improvements are required as a result of the Florida Department of Transportation ("FDOT") approved traffic study, which sought to project traffic flow during commercial operation. As a result of the SR70 widening, the drainage ditch running along the highway will be re-routed to the North and partially replaced with detention ponds and a box culvert approximately 0.25 miles in length. The box culvert was required due to the limited amount of space available between the Florida Gas Transmission ("FGT") pipeline and proposed SR70 right of way ("ROW"). Finally, the HEF driveway construction will include the installation of the actual driveway connection.

For the construction of the drainage improvements, HE has secured a letter modification from SFWMD to the project site's existing surfacewater management permit, as well as a Nationwide Permit ("NWP") from the US Army Corps of Engineers ("ACOE"). HE is currently in discussions with the FDOT regarding the driveway connection permit required for HEF driveway construction. An application has been filed, and all FDOT Requests for Additional Information ("RAIs") have been resolved. It is expected that FDOT will issue a notice of intent to issue permit ("NOI") no later than the end of August 2011. FDOT will then issue the



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driveway connection permit following the finalization of the donation of the roughly 1.13 acres required to ensure adequate ROW for the proposed SR70 widening.

To maintain the integrity of the drainage network throughout the construction period, the ditch re-routing and box culvert installation ("off-ROW work") will be completed prior to the commencement of the SR70 widening and roadwork. The off-ROW work will be kicked off by early-September 2011 and be completed by 31 December 2011. Immediately thereafter, the highway widening and driveway connection ("on-ROW work") construction will commence not later than 01 Jan 2012 and be completed by 30 April 2012.

The HEF driveway project has an overall budget of approximately \$3.0MM. The off-ROW work and on-ROW work account for roughly \$1.25MM and \$1.75MM of the total budget, respectively. HE was awarded an Economic Development Transportation Fund ("EDTF") grant by the Office of Travel Tourism and Economic Development ("OTTED"), in the amount of \$1.65MM, to assist with the cost of the on-ROW work.

In every facet of the HEF project, HE has sought to employ local contractors, including in the recently-concluded contractor selection process for the off-ROW work. All of the proposals evaluated, including that from the selected applicant, were submitted by locally-focused contracting companies headquartered in Florida. The on-ROW work will be managed by the Highlands County Engineering Department ("HCED"). Following the receipt of the FDOT NOI, HCED will kick off their RFP / bid evaluation / contract award cycle, in accordance with Highlands County and Florida regulations.

Please see Appendix B for a depiction of the HEF Driveway's final engineering design.

### 4. Current & Future Job Creation

Once constructed, the HEF will represent the first commercial-scale, fully integrated cellulosic ethanol facility in the United States. Further, as a large-scale infrastructure project operating in the "green energy" sector, HE promises to bring to Florida a significant quantity of permanent, high-paying, "green" jobs in a target industry. Table 1 summarizes the jobs HE has created to-date, as well as planned future job creation. Note that these figures do not include the HEF construction contractor's headcount or average income.

Table 2.

HE Job Creation		Current	Construction Max	Commercial Ops
Headcount	(#)	30	170	160
Average Gross Wage	(\$ / Yr)	126,000	67,000	63,000
General Training Cost	(\$ / Yr)	2,000	1,000	1,000
Average HE Wage	(\$ / Yr)	128,000	68,000	64,000
FL Per Capita Personal Income, 2010	(\$ / Yr)	39,272		
HE Avg. Wage, as % of FL Per Capita	(%)	326%	173%	163%

Note: These figures do not include the HEF construction contractor's headcount or average income

## Appendix A

Photo 1 – Corner of Field 1 during clearing



Photo 2 – Control Structure 1





**Photo 3 – Field 1 ready for planting**



**Photo 4: - Canals & Drainage**





**Photo 5 – Energy Grasses in January 2011**



**Photo 6 – Energy Grasses March 2011 (same view as above)**





Photo 7 – Fastest Growing Energy Grasses (end March 2011)



Photo 8 – Drainage Pump Station





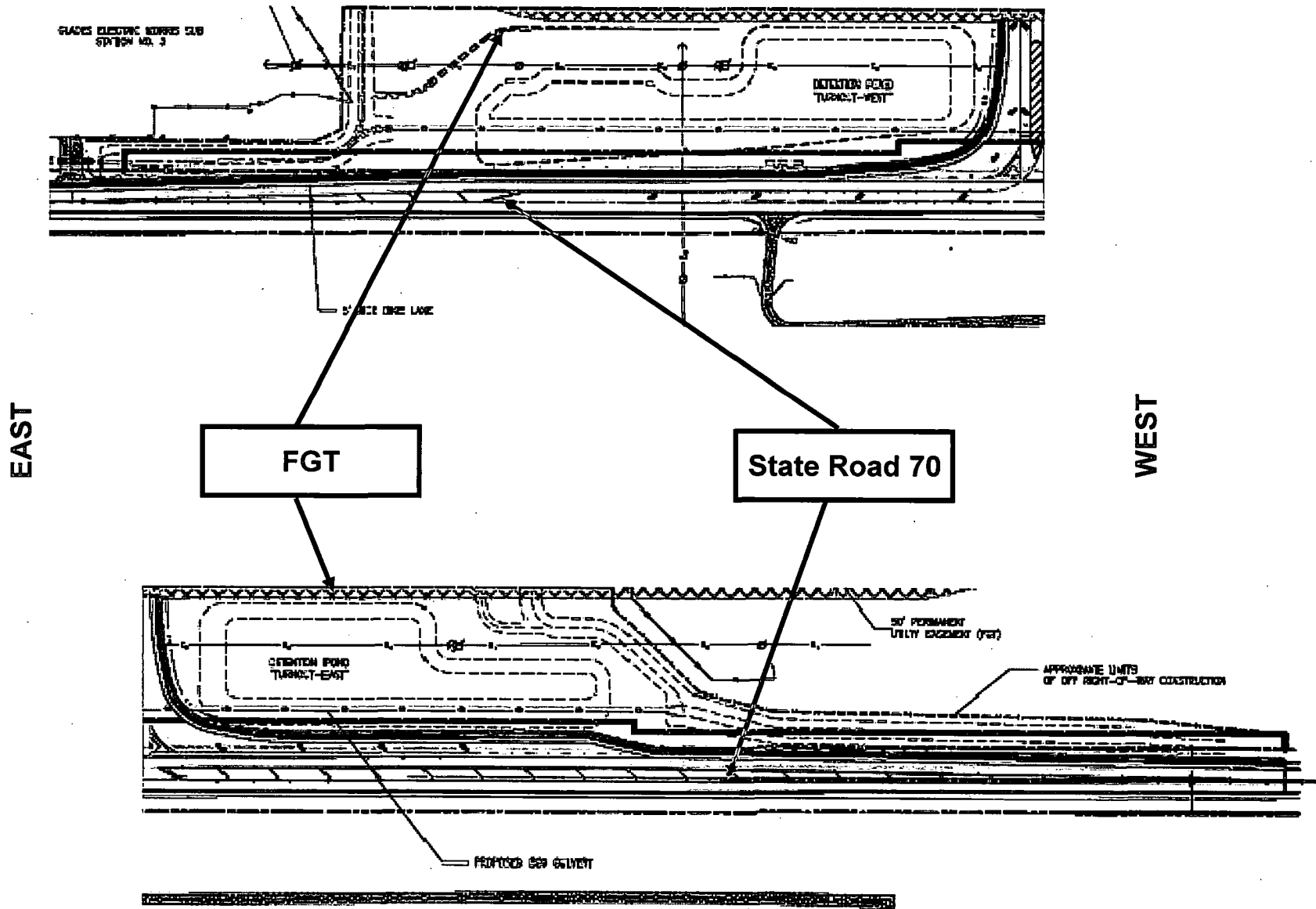
**Photo 9 – Maintenance Shed and Construction Office(s)**



**Photo 10 – Fully Mature Feedstock**









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Dear Mr. Grawey:

Attached is the official **Notice of an Extension** for the project referenced below. Click on the link displayed below to access the permit project documents and send a "reply" message verifying receipt of the document(s) provided in the link; this may be done by selecting "Reply" on the menu bar of your e-mail software, noting that you can view the documents, and then selecting "Send".

*Note: We must receive verification that you are able to access the documents. Your immediate reply will preclude subsequent e-mail transmissions to verify accessibility of the document(s).*

Attention: Al Linero

Owner/Company Name: HIGHLANDS ETHANOL, LLC  
Facility Name: HIGHLANDS ETHANOL  
Project Number: 0550061-002-AC  
Permit Status: FINAL  
Permit Activity: CONSTRUCTION  
Facility County: HIGHLANDS

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Note: The attached document is in Adobe Portable Document Format (pdf). Adobe Acrobat Reader can be downloaded for free at the following internet site: <<http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep.html>> .

Regards,

**Lynn Searce**

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Return Receipt

Your 0550061-002-AC, PSD-FL-406A, Highland Ethanol Production,  
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## **Scearce, Lynn**

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**From:** Satyal, Ajaya  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 25, 2011 10:55 AM  
**To:** Scearce, Lynn  
**Subject:** RE: 0550061-002-AC, PSD-FL-406A, Highland Ethanol Production, Notice of an Extension

Thanks Lynn,

Received the documents and was able to view them. Have a nice day!

AJ Satyal

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**From:** Scearce, Lynn  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 25, 2011 10:23 AM  
**To:** [charles.grawey@vercipia.com](mailto:charles.grawey@vercipia.com)  
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Facility County: HIGHLANDS

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Regards,

**Lynn Searce**

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