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November 7, 2003

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Mr. Jose F. Alvarez, Vice President Planning and Plant Operations
Glades Sugar House
Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative of Florida
Post Office Box 666
Belle Glade, Florida 33430-0666

Re: Project No. 0990026-009-AC
Request for Additional Information - Reminder
Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative of Florida, Glades Sugar House
Request to Revise Operating Hours and Crop Season for Boilers 1-5 and 8

Dear Mr. Alvarez:

On September 3, 2003, the Department received your application and sufficient fee for an air construction permit to revise the operating hours and crop season for Boilers 1-5 and 8 at the existing Glades Sugar House. The application was incomplete. On September 26, 2003, the Department requested additional information that would allow continued processing of your application. To date, we have not received the requested additional information. Rule 62-4.055(1) of the Florida Administrative Code requires the following:

"The applicant shall have ninety days after the Department mails a timely request for additional information to submit that information to the Department. If an applicant requires more than ninety days in which to respond to a request for additional information, the applicant may notify the Department in writing of the circumstances, at which time the application shall be held in active status for one additional period of up to ninety days. Additional extensions shall be granted for good cause shown by the applicant. A showing that the applicant is making a diligent effort to obtain the requested additional information shall constitute good cause. Failure of an applicant to provide the timely requested information by the applicable deadline shall result in denial of the application."

It has been nearly 45 days since our request for additional information (copy attached). You are reminded that the permit processing time clock has stopped for this project and that we will not continue our review until we receive the additional information. If you require a period of time in addition to the 90 days allowed by rule, please submit a written request indicating the amount of time necessary. If you fail to provide the additional information or request additional time to submit the additional information, the Department will deny your application. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call me at 850/921-9536.

Sincerely,

Jeffery F. Koerner
New Source Review Section

cc: Mr. David Buff, Golder Associates Inc.
Mr. Ron Blackburn, DEP South District Office
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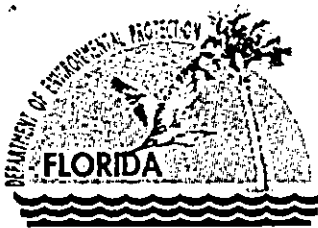
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[Rule 62-212.400, F.A.C., (Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) and Construction Permit AC50-42476\PSD-FL-077 dated 10/28/81)]

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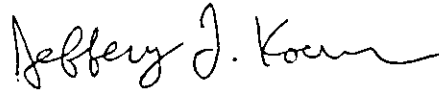
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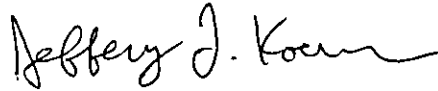
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Attention: Mr. A. A. Linero, P.E., New Source Review Section

BUREAU OF AIR REGULATION

RE: SUGAR CANE GROWERS COOPERATIVE OF FLORIDA
FACILITY ID NO. 0990026
REQUEST TO ADJUST OPERATING HOURS
PERMIT NOS. 0990026-004-AV AND AC50-42467/PSD-FL-077
0990026-007-AC

Dear Mr. Linero:

Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative of Florida, Inc. (SCGCF) operates a sugar mill located on West Sugar House Road in Belle Glade, Palm Beach County, Florida. At the mill, sugar cane is ground to remove the sugar cane juice. The remaining fibrous material, called bagasse, is burned as boiler fuel to provide steam and heating requirements for the mill. SCGCF operates six bagasse/residue/oil-fired boilers (Boiler Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 8), ranging in capacity from 125,000 to 300,000 pounds per hour (lb/hr) of steam production.

The current Title V Permit for the facility (Permit No. 0990026-004-AV) contains permit conditions for each boiler that limits annual operation to 7,296 hour per year (also refer to Permit No. AC50-42467/PSD-FL-007, December 1981). These boilers are permitted to operate during the crop season (October 12 through April 16) as well as during the off-season (April 16 to October 12). However, Common Condition H.1 of the Title V Permit further restricts the operation of Boiler Nos. 1, 2, 4, 5, and 8 during the off season to no more than three of these boilers, and for no more than 120 days (see also Permit No. AC50-42467/PSD-FL-007).

The purpose of this letter is to request that the referenced Title V and previous PSD permit be changed to reflect beginning and ending crop season dates of October 5th and June 1st, respectively. In addition, the allowable operating hours for each boiler would be reduced to 5,784 hr/yr (241 days x 24 hours per day), and boiler operation would be restricted to only the crop season. Suggested permit condition wording for each boiler is as follows:

Hours of Operation. The hours of operation for this emission unit shall not exceed 5,784 hours per year. The emission unit is restricted to operation during the crop season from October 5th to June 1st. (Applicant's request dated June 2003.)

The current off-season operation reflected in the Title V permit was for the purpose of supplying the adjacent Great Lakes Chemical facility with steam. However, this facility is no longer operational and, therefore, there is no need to operate the boilers past the end of the sugar cane processing season (crop season). The purpose for requesting the change to October 5th to June 1st as the crop season dates is to allow SCGCF to accommodate crop seasons that may start sooner or end later, due to

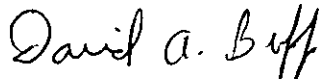
weather or other factors. Although such a situation has not yet occurred, during the past crop season (2002-2003), the April 16th date was approached. Also, in the 1990s tropical storms and other rainfall events have caused the shutdown of the mill for periods of a week or longer. Obviously, the crop season was extended by the same number of days, but the boilers were not operating during the shutdown. Therefore, there is a possibility in the future that the crop season could extend outside of the period October 12th through April 16th due to the size of the crop, weather conditions, equipment breakdown, or other factors. As described above, however, SCGCF has no further need at this time to operate the boilers beyond the crop season.

SCGCF's goal is always to process the sugar cane for the mill in the shortest amount of time, i.e., to minimize the length of the crop season. As the crop season lengthens, there is added wear and tear on equipment and personnel, as well as additional costs to operate the mill. Therefore, there is no incentive for SCGCF to make the crop season any longer than necessary. However, as described above, there are factors beyond SCGCF's control that may result in the crop season being extended.

If you have any questions concerning this request, please me at telephone number (352) 336-5600.

Sincerely,

GOLDER ASSOCIATES INC.



David A. Buff, P.E., Q.E.P.
Principal Engineer

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