

STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION
NOTICE OF PERMIT[S]

In the matter of an
Application for Permit by:

DER File No. PSD-FL-108A
Palm Beach County

Solid Waste Authority of Palm
Beach County
7501 North Jog Road
West Palm Beach, FL 33412

Enclosed is Permit Modification Number PSD-FL-108A to allow the two (2) existing RDF boilers to operate at their maximum design input rating of 412.5 MMBtu's per hour, at the North County Regional Resource Recovery Facility in Palm Beach County, Florida, issued pursuant to section(s) 403, Florida Statutes.

Any party to this Order (permit) has the right to seek judicial review of the permit pursuant to Section 120.68, Florida Statutes, by the filing of a Notice of Appeal pursuant to Rule 9.110, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure, with the Clerk of the Department in the Office of General Counsel, 2600 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2400; 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 of Appeal must be filed within 30 days from the date this Notice is filed with the Clerk of the Department.

Executed in Tallahassee, Florida.

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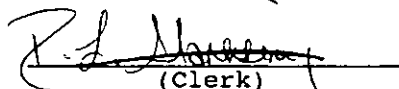
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned duly designated deputy agency clerk hereby certifies that this NOTICE OF PERMIT and all copies were mailed before the close of business on 1-14-92 to the listed persons.

Clerk Stamp

FILING AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT FILED,
on this date, pursuant to
§120.52(11), Florida Statutes,
with the designated Department
Clerk, receipt of which is hereby
acknowledged.


(Clerk)

1-14-92
(Date)

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Final Determination

Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County
North County Regional Resource Recovery Facility
Palm Beach County, Florida

Modification
Permit No. PSD-FL-108A

Department of Environmental Regulation
Division of Air Resources Management
Bureau of Air Regulation

January 7, 1992

FINAL DETERMINATION

Solid Waste Authority (SWA) of Palm Beach County submitted an application for a permit modification on November 29, 1989. The North County Regional Resource Recovery Facility is currently authorized to process 2,000 tons per day of municipal solid waste with an annual throughput of 624,000 tons. The modifications requested would allow the maximum boiler heat input to increase from 360 MMBtu/hr to 412.5 MMBtu/hr. Modifications to the nitrogen oxide (NO_x) and carbon monoxide (CO) emission rates were also requested.

The Florida Department of Environmental Regulation (FDER) reviewed the application and issued a Preliminary Determination and Technical Evaluation on October 16, 1991. Modifications included raising the maximum boiler heat input rate from 360 to 412.5 MMBtu/hr, raising the NO_x emission rate from 0.32 to 0.48 lbs/MMBtu, and modifying the CO emission rate to conform with EPA's guidelines for Existing Municipal Waste Combustors. The notice of intent to issue was published in the Palm Beach Post on October 20, 1991.

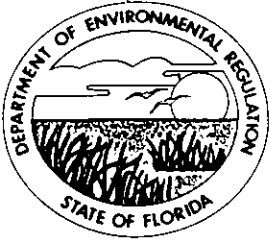
The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) submitted a letter commenting on the Preliminary Determination on November 20, 1991. The first comment made by the EPA was to modify the permit conditions for hydrogen chloride and sulfur dioxide to read the same as the federal guidelines. As a result, the words, "whichever is less stringent" were added to specific conditions 3.i and 3.j of the permit. In accordance with federal guidelines, the EPA commented that the opacity from each unit should not exceed 10%, for a 6-minute average. Specific condition 3.k was modified accordingly. The EPA also requested that the Department include an emission standard for dioxins and furans. This standard was added to the permit as specific condition 3.l and limits the emissions to 60 nanograms per standard cubic meter, corrected to 7% O₂. In accordance with this emission limitation, Method 23 has been added as specific condition 4.q.

On October 22, 1991, the Department's Southeast District (SED) office submitted a letter commenting on the Preliminary Determination. It was suggested that either an expiration date be specified or that specific condition 21 be modified to reflect some other basis for the operation permit application deadline. A review of the Preliminary Determination indicated that conditions 20 and 21 were inadvertently included in the permit (these conditions are not included for permits being reviewed under the Power Plant Siting Process). Specific conditions 20 and 21 have been removed from the permit. The SED's letter also expressed concern over the apparent increase in the mercury and VOC emission limits. After reviewing the permit history of this facility, the Department concluded that the emission limits in

the original PSD construction permit (1986) were extrapolated from the emission limits in the Power Plant Siting Certification (PPSC) in such a way as to allow higher total emissions of mercury and VOCs from the facility. The PSD permit modification (1991) used the emission limits from the PSD construction permit (1986) and not the PPSC. Compliance testing conducted for the North County Resource Recovery Facility demonstrated that neither unit tested higher than 21% of the stricter limit for mercury or 5% of the stricter limit for VOCs. As this is the case, the mercury emission limit in specific condition 3.e was changed from 0.00036 lbs/MMBtu to 0.00024 lbs/MMBtu and the VOC emission limit in specific condition 3.h was changed from 0.023 lbs/MMBtu to 0.016 lbs/MMBtu.

On November 4, 1991, the Department received a comment letter regarding the Preliminary Determination from the Palm Beach County Health Unit (PBCHU). In this letter, the PBCHU recommended including a dioxin/furan emission limit according to the federal guidelines. Also, the PBCHU concurred with the SED's comments regarding the mercury and VOC emission limits. All comments made by the PBCHU were previously addressed.

The final action of the Department will be to issue the modified permit (PSD-FL-108A) as proposed in the Technical Evaluation and Preliminary Determination except for the changes discussed above.



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Lawton Chiles, Governor

Carol M. Browner, Secretary

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Expiration Date: None
County: Palm Beach
Latitude/Longitude: 26°46'00"N
80°08'45"W
Project: North County Regional
Resource Recovery Facility

This permit is issued under the provisions of Chapter 403, Florida Statutes, and Florida Administrative Code Chapters 17-2 and 17-4. The above named permittee is hereby authorized to perform the work or operate the facility shown on the application and approved drawings, plans, and other documents attached hereto or on file with the Department and made a part hereof and specifically described as follows:

The North County Regional Resource Recovery Facility is authorized to operate the two (2) existing RDF boilers to their maximum design input rating of 412.5 MMBtu's per hour with a maximum steam rating of 324,000 lbs. per hour, subject to the General and Specific Conditions stated herein.

This permit shall supercede the original PSD permit (PSD-FL-108) issued to the North County Regional Resource Recovery Facility.

The Resource Recovery Facility consists of three major plants: the RDF manufacturing plant, the boiler plant and the electric generating plant.

The facility is designed to process 2,000 TPD of municipal solid waste (MSW) with an annual throughput of 624,000 tons. The RDF manufacturing plant is equipped with three MSW processing lines, any two of which can handle 2,000 TPD of incoming MSW. Excess capacity and redundancy were built into the processing plant to assure that the throughput requirements could be met with one processing line down for planned or unplanned maintenance.

The boiler plant includes two B&W boilers, each designed to combust up to 900 TPD of RDF with a reference heating value of 5,500 Btu/lb (412.5 MMBtu/hr). Actual RDF heating values typically range from 4,500 to 6,200 Btu/lb respectively.

Emissions from each boiler are controlled by a Joy Technologies spray dryer absorber followed by a Joy/BSH Krefeld four field electrostatic precipitator. Each precipitator has a gas flow

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rating of 198,000 ACFM and is designed to operate with three of four fields in service.

Flue gas emissions (opacity, O₂, SO₂, CO and NO_x) from each unit are monitored with an Enviroplan CEM system.

The turbine-generator plant has a nominal output rating of 62 MW, and is matched to the full output capacity of the boilers.

The source shall be constructed in accordance with the permit application, plans, documents, amendments and drawings, except as otherwise noted in the General and Specific Conditions.

Attachments are listed below:

1. Solid Waste Authority application for modification received November 29, 1989.
2. Solid Waste Authority letter dated October 5, 1990.
3. HRS letter dated October 8, 1990.
4. Solid Waste Authority letter dated December 3, 1990.
5. HRS letter dated May 24, 1991.
6. Solid Waste Authority letter dated July 17, 1991.
7. Southeast District Office letter dated October 22, 1991.
8. HRS letter dated October 29, 1991.
9. Solid Waste Authority letter dated November 5, 1991.
10. Solid Waste Authority letter dated November 6, 1991
11. EPA letter dated November 20, 1991.

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GENERAL CONDITIONS:

1. The terms, conditions, requirements, limitations, and restrictions set forth in this permit are "Permit Conditions" and are binding and enforceable pursuant to Sections 403.161, 403.727, or 403.859 through 403.861, Florida Statutes. The permittee is placed on notice that the Department will review this permit periodically and may initiate enforcement action for any violation of these conditions.

2. This permit is valid only for the specific processes and operations applied for and indicated in the approved drawings or exhibits. Any unauthorized deviation from the approved drawings, exhibits, specifications, or conditions of this permit may constitute grounds for revocation and enforcement action by the Department.

3. As provided in Subsections 403.087(6) and 403.722(5), Florida Statutes, the issuance of this permit does not convey any vested rights or any exclusive privileges. Neither does it authorize any injury to public or private property or any invasion of personal rights, nor any infringement of federal, state or local laws or regulations. This permit is not a waiver of or approval of any other Department permit that may be required for other aspects of the total project which are not addressed in the permit.

4. This permit conveys no title to land or water, does not constitute State recognition or acknowledgement of title, and does not constitute authority for the use of submerged lands unless herein provided and the necessary title or leasehold interests have been obtained from the State. Only the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund may express State opinion as to title.

5. This permit does not relieve the permittee from liability for harm or injury to human health or welfare, animal, or plant life, or property caused by the construction or operation of this permitted source, or from penalties therefore; nor does it allow the permittee to cause pollution in contravention of Florida Statutes and Department rules, unless specifically authorized by an order from the Department.

6. The permittee shall properly operate and maintain the facility and systems of treatment and control (and related appurtenances) that are installed or used by the permittee to achieve compliance with the conditions of this permit, as required by Department rules. This provision includes the operation of backup or

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auxiliary facilities or similar systems when necessary to achieve compliance with the conditions of the permit and when required by Department rules.

7. The permittee, by accepting this permit, specifically agrees to allow authorized Department personnel, upon presentation of credentials or other documents as may be required by law and at a reasonable time, access to the premises, where the permitted activity is located or conducted to:

- a. Have access to and copy any records that must be kept under the conditions of the permit;
- b. Inspect the facility, equipment, practices, or operations regulated or required under this permit; and
- c. Sample or monitor any substances or parameters at any location reasonably necessary to assure compliance with this permit or Department rules.

Reasonable time may depend on the nature of the concern being investigated.

8. If, for any reason, the permittee does not comply with or will be unable to comply with any condition or limitation specified in this permit, the permittee shall immediately provide the Department with the following information:

- a. a description of and cause of non-compliance; and
- b. the period of noncompliance, including dates and times; or, if not corrected, the anticipated time the non-compliance is expected to continue, and steps being taken to reduce, eliminate, and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance.

The permittee shall be responsible for any and all damages which may result and may be subject to enforcement action by the Department for penalties or for revocation of this permit.

9. In accepting this permit, the permittee understands and agrees that all records, notes, monitoring data and other information relating to the construction or operation of this permitted source which are submitted to the Department may be used by the Department as evidence in any enforcement case involving the permitted source

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arising under the Florida Statutes or Department rules, except where such use is prescribed by Sections 403.73 and 403.111, Florida Statutes. Such evidence shall only be used to the extent it is consistent with the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure and appropriate evidentiary rules.

10. The permittee agrees to comply with changes in Department rules and Florida Statutes after a reasonable time for compliance, provided, however, the permittee does not waive any other rights granted by Florida Statutes or Department rules.

11. This permit is transferable only upon Department approval in accordance with Florida Administrative Code Rules 17-4.120 and 17-30.300, F.A.C., as applicable. The permittee shall be liable for any non-compliance of the permitted activity until the transfer is approved by the Department.

12. This permit or a copy thereof shall be kept at the work site of the permitted activity.

13. This permit also constitutes:

- (x) Determination of Best Available Control Technology (BACT)
- (x) Determination of Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD)
- () Compliance with New Source Performance Standards (NSPS)

14. The permittee shall comply with the following:

- a. Upon request, the permittee shall furnish all records and plans required under Department rules. During enforcement actions, the retention period for all records will be extended automatically unless otherwise stipulated by the Department.
- b. The permittee shall hold at the facility or other location designated by this permit records of all monitoring information (including all calibration and maintenance records and all original strip chart recordings for continuous monitoring instrumentation) required by the permit, copies of all reports required by this permit, and records of all data used to complete the application for

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this permit. These materials shall be retained at least three years from the date of the sample, measurement, report, or application unless otherwise specified by Department rule.

c. Records of monitoring information shall include:

- the date, exact place, and time of sampling or measurements;
- the person responsible for performing the sampling or measurements;
- the dates analyses were performed;
- the person responsible for performing the analyses;
- the analytical techniques or methods used; and
- the results of such analyses.

15. When requested by the Department, the permittee shall within a reasonable time furnish any information required by law which is needed to determine compliance with the permit. If the permittee becomes aware that relevant facts were not submitted or were incorrect in the permit application or in any report to the Department, such facts or information shall be corrected promptly.

SPECIFIC CONDITIONS:

1. Before the third unit commences construction, a new PSD construction permit must be submitted to the DER, since more than 18 months have elapsed from the date construction permit PSD-FL-108 was issued on December 16, 1986.

2. The Solid Waste Authority's North County Regional Resource Recovery Facility shall be allowed to operate continuously (i.e., 8,760 hrs/yr).

3. Stack emissions from each unit shall not exceed the following limits.

- a. Particulate matter: 0.015 grains per dscf corrected to 7% O₂.
- b. NO_x: 0.48 lbs/MMBtu. (24-hour block average)
- c. Carbon Monoxide: 400 ppmvd corrected to 7% O₂ (1-hour average); 200 ppmvd corrected to 7% O₂ (24-hour average).

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- d. Lead: 4.0×10^{-4} lbs/MMBtu.
 - e. Mercury: 2.4×10^{-4} lbs/MMBtu.
 - f. Beryllium 7.3×10^{-7} lbs/MMBtu.
 - g. Fluoride: 0.0032 lbs/MMBtu.
 - h. VOC: 0.016 lbs/MMBtu.
 - i. SO₂: 70% removal or 30 ppmvd at 7% O₂, whichever is less stringent (24-hour geometric mean).
 - j. Hydrogen Chloride: 90% removal or 25 ppmvd at 7% O₂, whichever is less stringent (3 run test average).
 - k. The opacity from each unit shall not exceed 10%, 6 minute average. CEM readings when the process is not operating shall be excluded from averaging calculations.
 - l. Dioxins/Furans: Emissions of total (tetra thru octa-chlorinated dibenzo-p dioxins and dibenzofurans) shall not exceed 60 ng/dscm at 7% O₂.
4. Each unit shall be tested within 180 days of issuance of this permit, and annually thereafter, to demonstrate compliance with emission standards mentioned in specific condition No. 3, using the following EPA test methods contained in 40 CFR 60, Appendix A, and in accordance with F.A.C. Section 17-2.700:
- a. Method 1 for selection of sample site and sample traverses.
 - b. Method 2 for determining stack gas flow rate when converting concentrations to or from mass emission limits.
 - c. Method 3 or 3A for gas analysis when needed for calculation of molecular weight or percent CO₂.
 - d. Method 4 for determining moisture content when converting stack velocity to dry volumetric flow rate for use in converting concentrations in dry gases to or from mass emission limits.
 - e. Method 5 for concentration of particulate matter and associated moisture content. One sample shall constitute one test run.
 - f. Method 9 for visible determination of the opacity of emissions.

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- g. Method 6, 6C or 8 for concentration of SO₂, or other Methods approved by DER. Two samples, taken at approximately 30 minute intervals, shall constitute one test run.
 - h. Method 7, 7A, 7B, 7C, 7D or 7E for concentration of nitrogen oxides, or other Methods approved by DER. Four samples, taken at approximately 15 minute intervals, shall constitute one test run.
 - i. Method 26 for determination of hydrochloric acid concentration or other Methods approved by DER and EPA.
 - j. Method 10 (continuous) for determination of CO concentrations. One sample constitutes one test run.
 - k. Method 12 for determination of lead concentration and associated moisture content, or other Methods approved by DER. One sample constitutes one test run.
 - l. Method 13A or 13B for determination of fluoride concentrations and associated moisture content, or other Methods approved by DER. One sample constitutes one test run.
 - m. Method 19 for determination of "F" factors in determining compliance with heat input emission rates.
 - n. Method 101A for determination of mercury emission rate and associated moisture content, or other Methods approved by DER. One sample shall constitute one test run.
 - o. Method 104 for determination of beryllium emission rate and associated moisture content, or other Methods approved by DER. One sample shall constitute one test run.
 - p. Method 25 or 25A for determination of volatile organic compounds, or other Methods approved by DER. One sample shall constitute one test run.
 - q. Method 23 for determination of dioxin/furan concentration or other Methods approved by DER and EPA.
5. The permittee shall submit a stack test report to the Department within 45 days of testing.
6. The temperature at the exit of the dry scrubber shall not exceed 300°F (4 hour block average). Appropriate instrumentation shall be installed, if not already installed, within 180 days of

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issuance of this permit, at a proper location to continuously monitor and record these operating temperatures.

7. During boiler start up, the auxiliary gas burners shall be operating at their maximum capacity prior to the introduction of RDF to the boilers, and shall remain in operation until the lime spray dryer and particulate control device are fully operational.

8. During normal, non-emergency boiler shut down, the auxiliary gas burners shall be operated at their maximum capacity until all RDF has been combusted.

9. The annual capacity factor for the auxiliary gas burners, as determined by 40 CFR 60.43B(d), shall be less than 10%.

10. Open storage of solid waste outside of a building is prohibited.

11. The Solid Waste Authority's North County Regional Resource Recovery Facility shall utilize municipal solid waste as stated in the permit application. No sludge from sewage treatment plants shall be used as fuel. Use of alternate fuels would necessitate application for a modification to this permit.

12. During the compliance stack tests, RDF shall be analyzed by at least two separate labs, approved by the Department, using split samples for the Btu and moisture contents.

13. The lbs/hr of steam produced, corrected for pressure and temperature, shall be continuously monitored and recorded on a 4 hour block average. This monitor and data record shall be properly calibrated and maintained at all times.

14. Continuous Monitoring Program: The owner or operator of this source shall install (if not already installed), maintain, operate, and submit reports of excessive emissions for the SO₂, NO_x, CO, oxygen, and opacity. All averaging periods for emissions monitors shall be based on a midnight to midnight averaging period. The permittee shall also continuously monitor temperature at the dry scrubber exit, and steam production. The facility shall be operated by personnel properly trained for the equipment herein. The permittee shall provide a copy of the operation and maintenance manual for the Continuous Emissions Monitoring System to the Department within 180 days of issuance of this permit. The

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permittee shall provide written notice to the Department 15 days prior to formal staff training sessions, and allow Department representatives to attend said training sessions.

15. Continuous monitoring data shall be collected and recorded during periods of startup, shutdown and malfunction. Emissions during periods of startup, shutdown and malfunction shall be excluded from averaging calculations, and from determinations of compliance with emissions limits of this permit provided, however, that the duration of startups, shutdowns or malfunctions shall not exceed three hours per occurrence.

a. The startup period as stated in this condition shall mean the period when the boilers begin continuous burning of RDF, and does not include any warm up period when only the auxiliary gas burners are utilized, and no RDF is being combusted.

b. Malfunction shall mean any sudden and unavoidable failure of air pollution control equipment or process equipment to operate in a normal and usual manner. Failures that are caused entirely or in part by poor maintenance, careless operation, any other preventable upset condition or preventable equipment breakdown shall not be considered malfunctions.

16. The Department's Tallahassee office and the West Palm Beach District office, along with the PBCHD, shall be notified at least 30 days prior to the first annual stack tests. After the first stack tests are completed, the permittee shall give at least 15 days written notice prior to future annual stack testing to the West Palm Beach District and PBCHD offices.

17. There shall be no objectionable odors from this facility during operation, startup, shutdown or malfunction periods.

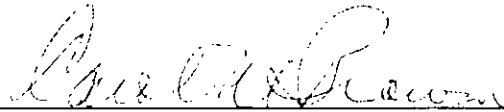
18. The permittee shall maintain a daily log of the municipal solid waste received. Such a log must record, at a minimum, the amount of waste, the time, and the type of waste received. The permittee shall also retain records of all information resulting from monitoring activities and indicating operating parameters as specified in this permit for a minimum of three years from the date of recording.

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Issued this 13th day
of January, 1992

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT
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Carol M. Browner
Secretary

Best Available Control Technology (BACT)
North County Regional Resource Recovery Facility
Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County
Palm Beach County, Florida
PSD-FL-108-A

The applicant has constructed a resource recovery facility (RRF) located near the intersection of the Beeline Highway and the Florida Turnpike in Palm Beach County, Florida. The resource recovery facility consists of three major plants: the RDF manufacturing plant, the boiler plant and the electric generating plant.

The facility is designed to process 2,000 TPD of municipal solid waste (MSW) with an annual throughput of 624,000 tons. The RDF manufacturing plant is equipped with three MSW processing lines, any two of which can handle 2,000 TPD of incoming MSW. The boiler plant includes two B&W boilers, each designed to combust up to 900 TPD of RDF with a reference heating value of 5,500 Btu/lb (412.5 MMBtu/hr). Emissions from each boiler are controlled by a Joy Technologies spray dryer absorber followed by a Joy/BSH Krefeld four field electrostatic precipitator. Flue gas emissions (opacity, O₂, SO₂, CO and NO_x) from each unit are monitored with an Enviroplan CEM system. The turbine-generator plant has a nominal output rating of 62 MW, and is matched to the full output capacity of the boilers.

The original application to construct the facility was submitted in 1985. As the permit was being finalized in 1986, the applicant met with the Department to identify several items where the proposed permit differed from the designs being finalized and the contract for construction and operation which was executed in 1986. The primary issue concerned heat input. The draft permit provided a heat input of 360 MMBtu/hr capacity for each boiler. The design allowed heat input of 412.5 MMBtu/hr. This higher boiler capacity was intended to provide more reliable operating margins. The increased capacity allows more throughput during peak waste generation periods, allows for catch up capacity after scheduled or unscheduled downtime and to account for variability in fuel heating value. The increased capacity decreases the likelihood that raw garbage would be diverted to the landfill.

In addition to permitted heat input, the applicant also identified emission limitations for some air pollutants for which the draft permit and contract differed. Based on the discussions conducted in 1986, the Department and the applicant concurred that the permit would be issued as drafted. The applicant agreed to accept the permit as drafted and submit a request for modification to conform the permit to the design at a later date.

In 1989, the applicant submitted a request to increase the permitted boiler capacity and modify the emission limitations for the pollutants nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxide, sulfur dioxide, sulfuric acid mist, lead, and mercury. Subsequently the applicant withdrew the request for modifications of emission limitations for lead and mercury. In accordance with this request, BACT has been re-evaluated for nitrogen oxides and carbon monoxide. The emission limitation for sulfur dioxide has been reviewed from the standpoint of alternative means of determining compliance, and an evaluation has been made to determine if an emission limitation is needed for sulfuric acid mist.

BACT Determination Requested by the Applicant:

Current Permit Language	Requested Modification
NO _x : 0.32 lbs/MMBtu	0.56 lbs/MMBtu
CO: 400 PPMDV (3 hr. avg.) @ 12% CO ₂	200 PPMDV (24 hr. avg.) @ 12% CO ₂ 400 PPMDV (1 hr. avg.) @ 12% CO ₂

Date of Receipt of a BACT Application:

November 30, 1989

BACT Determination Procedure:

In accordance with Florida Administrative Code Chapter 17-2, Air Pollution, this BACT determination is based on the maximum degree of reduction of each pollutant emitted which the Department, on a case by case basis, taking into account energy, environmental economic impacts, and other costs, determines is achievable through application of production processes and available methods, systems, and techniques. In addition, the regulations state that in making the BACT determination the Department shall give consideration to:

- (a) Any Environmental Protection Agency determination of Best Available Control Technology pursuant to Section 169, and any emission limitation contained in 40CFR Part 60 (Standards of Performance for New Stationary Sources) or 40 CFR Part 61 (National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants).
- (b) All scientific, engineering, and technical material and other information available to the Department.
- (c) The emission limiting standards of BACT determinations of any other state.

- (d) The social and economic impact of the application of such technology.

With regard to the considerations outlined above, the evaluation will also take into account both the regulations as they existed in 1986 when the original permit was issued, and the emission guidelines for existing municipal waste combustors that have recently been promulgated under Section 111(d) and 129 of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990.

The EPA currently stresses that BACT should be determined using the "top-down" approach. The first step in this approach is to determine for the emission source in question the most stringent control available for a similar or identical source or source category. If it is shown that this level of control is technically or economically infeasible for the source in question, then the next most stringent level of control is determined and similarly evaluated. This process continues until the BACT level under consideration cannot be eliminated by any substantial or unique technical, environmental, or economic objections.

Nitrogen Oxides

The applicant asserted that original NO_x limit of 0.32 lb/MMBtu is too stringent. This was based on permit limitations allowing higher NO_x emissions for mass burn facilities permitted in Florida prior to or concurrently with the applicant's facility. The applicant requested the permit limit be changed from .32 lbs/MMBtu to .56 lbs/MMBtu.

A review of the BACT/LAER Clearinghouse suggest that the NO_x limit requested by the applicant is comparatively high. Although no RDF facilities have been required to use add on equipment for NO_x control, such as thermal de-NO_x, several RDF facilities have been permitted with lower than the applicant's requested NO_x limitations.

Two RDF facilities, in Huntsville, Alabama and Honolulu, Hawaii were permitted in 1987 (Palm Beach RRF was permitted in 1986). Each had NO_x emission limitations of 0.46 lb/MMBtu and 260 ppm_{dv} at 12% CO₂ (equates to approximately 0.46 lb/MMBtu for the Palm Beach Facility). Given these limitations and the stack test results, an emission level of 0.48 lb/MMBtu is viewed to be reasonable for the Palm Beach RRF and is thereby judged to represent BACT.

Carbon Monoxide

The applicant has proposed a reduction in the emission limitation for carbon monoxide as a valid criteria to demonstrate good combustion practices.

The applicant has proposed that the averaging time for the current carbon monoxide limitation of 400 ppm_{dv} at 12% CO₂ be adjusted from 3 hours to 1 hour. In addition, the applicant has also proposed that a carbon monoxide limitation of 200 ppm_{dv} at 12% CO₂ be established with a 24 hour averaging time.

Carbon monoxide emissions are generally accepted as an indicator of combustion efficiency. Limiting the emissions of carbon monoxide provides assurance that good combustion is taking place and organic emissions are being controlled. As this is the case, it is a common practice to establish both a short term and long term emission level, in which the short term limit is set higher to allow for sporadic changes in combustion.

For the long term standard, EPA has recently established guidelines for RDF facilities which limit carbon monoxide emissions to 200 ppm_{dv} at 7% O₂ on a 24 hour average basis. As this is the case, this standard along with the short term standard proposed by the applicant (400 ppm_{dv} at 7% O₂ on a 1 hour average basis) is judged to represent BACT for the facility.

Other Requests

The applicant has requested that the SO₂ emission limitation be modified to include the option of complying with either a percent removal or a mass emission rate. Currently, the standard requires a 65% removal which may not be possible when the sulfur content of the waste stream is low.

Given this situation, the Department believes that the EPA emission guideline of either 70% removal or 30 ppm_{dv} at 7% O₂ on a 24 hour geometric mean basis should be used. In addition, the EPA guideline of 90% removal or 25 ppm_{dv} at 7% O₂ based on an annual stack test, (three test run average) should be established for HCl. A review of the test results indicates that these levels should be achievable.

Recent RRF permits have not established an emission limitation for sulfuric acid mist. This decision is based on unreliable results that are obtained with the sulfuric acid mist testing method (Method 8) for the low concentrations that are common to these facilities. As this is the case, the request to delete the limitation for sulfuric acid mist is reasonable.

With regard to plant capacity, the Department believes that it is reasonable to modify heat rate limitations to coincide with the actual design rate. The permit will be modified to establish the maximum boiler heat input at 412.5 MMBtu per hour. This corresponds to the nameplate rating of 324,300 pounds per hour steam capacity.

Other Revisions:

To bring the Palm Beach RRF in line with other recently permitted facilities and the EPA guidelines, the Department is recommending the following revisions:

Continuous emissions monitoring for CO, NO_x, and SO₂.

Emission concentrations be corrected to 7% O₂ instead of 12% CO₂.

Details of the Analysis May be Obtained by Contacting:

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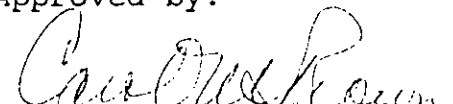
Recommended by:



C.H. Fancy, P.E., Chief
Bureau of Air Regulation

January 6 1992
Date

Approved by:



Carol M. Browner, Secretary
Dept. of Environmental Regulation

January 13 1992
Date

BEFORE THE STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION

In Re:)
)
Palm Beach County)
Palm Beach County Resource)
Recovery Facility)
Power Plant Certification)
Modification Request)
No. PA 85-21)
Palm Beach County, Florida)
_____)

FINAL ORDER
MODIFYING CONDITIONS OF CERTIFICATION

The Department of Environmental Regulation after notice and opportunity for hearing modifies the Conditions of Certification for the Palm Beach County Resource Recovery Facility pursuant to the Florida Electrical Power Plant Siting Act Section 403.516(1) Florida Statutes, and Condition XII, Modification of Conditions, which delegates authority to modify conditions to the Department.

1. On November 29, 1989, the Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County submitted a petition to the Department requesting modification of the Conditions of Certification and reissuance of the Prevention of Significant Deterioration Permit.

2. On May 2, 1991, the Department released a Preliminary Determination and proposed PSD permit modification for the North County Regional Resource Recovery Facility.

3. On August 2, 1991, Notice of Intent to Issue proposed Modification of Power Plant Certification was published in the Florida Administrative Weekly. Copies of the Notice were served on all parties. No hearing as been requested, therefore the Department adopts the proposed agency action as final.

4. On October 16, 1991, the Department released a revised Preliminary Determination and proposed PSD permit modification for the North County Resource Recovery Facility.

5. After review of the petition and supporting information, the Department grants relief to the Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County by making the following amendments to the Conditions of Certification:

XIV.A.1. Emission Limitations upon operation of Units 1 and 2.

a. Stack emissions from each unit shall not exceed the following:

(2) ~~SO₂: 0.32 lbs/MBtu average heat input not to exceed 0.62 lbs/MBtu heat input one-hour average~~ 70% removal or 30 ppmvd at 7% O₂, whichever is less stringent (24-hour geometric mean). ~~Compliance with SO₂ emission limits shall be determined by annual stack tests. The average of three or more stack tests runs shall determine the average value.~~

(3) Nitrogen Oxides: ~~0.32~~ 0.48 lbs/MBtu heat input.

(4) Carbon Monoxide: 400 ppmvd corrected to 7% O₂ (1-hour average); 200 ppm ppmvd corrected to 7% O₂ (24-hour average)

(8) Visible Emissions: ~~opacity shall be no greater than 15% except that visible emissions with no more than 20% opacity may be allowed for up to three consecutive minutes in any one hour except during start-up or upsets when the provisions of 17-2-250, FAC, shall apply. Opacity compliance shall be demonstrated in accordance with Florida Administrative Code Rule 17-2-700(6)(a)9-7-BER Method 9~~ The opacity from each unit shall not exceed 10%, six minute average. CEM readings shall be excluded from averaging calculations when the process is not operating.

(12) ~~Sulfuric Acid Mist: 3.2-E-5-lb/Mbtu heat input. Hydrogen Chloride: 90% removal or 25 ppmvd at 7% O₂, whichever is less stringent (24 hour average).~~

(13) Dioxins/Furans: Emissions of Total dioxins/furans (Tetra thru Octa-chlorinated dibenzo-p dioxins and dibenzofurans shall not exceed 60 ng/dscm at 7% O₂.

XIV.A.1.c. The maximum boiler heat input shall not exceed 412.5 MBtu per hour. This corresponds to a name plate rating of 324,000 pounds per hour steam capacity.

XIV.A.1.e. Compliance with the limitations for particulates, sulfur oxides, nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxide, fluoride, ~~sulfuric--acid-mist~~ HCL, VOC, mercury, dioxins and furans, and lead shall be determined in accordance with Florida Administrative Code Rule 17-2.700, DER Methods 1, 2, 3, and 40 CFR 60, Appendix A, Methods 5, 6 or 6C, 7, 8, (modified with prefilter), 10, 12, 13A or 13B (or modified Method 5 for fluorides), and 18, 19, 23, 26, and 101A or other methods as approved by the DER. The stack test for each unit shall be performed at +10% of the maximum heat input rate of ~~360-0~~ 412.5 x 10⁶ Btu per hour or the maximum charging rate of 58,333 66,840 pounds of MSW per hour. ---

XIV.A.3. Air Monitoring Program

a. The Permittee shall install and operate continuously monitoring devices for flue gas oxygen, SO₂, NO_x, CO, and opacity. ----

Any party to the this Order has a right to seek judicial review of this Order pursuant to Section 120.67, Florida Statutes by the Filing of a Notice of Appeal pursuant to Rule 9.110, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure, with the clerk of the Department in the Office of General Counsel, 2600 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2400, 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 of Appeal must be filed within 30 days from the date this Order is filed with the clerk of the Department.

DONE AND ORDERED this 13th day of January, 1992, in Tallahassee, Florida.

FILING AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

FILED, on this date, pursuant to S120.52 Florida Statutes, with the designated Department Clerk, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged.

[Signature]
Clerk

1-13-92
Date

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION

[Signature]
Carol M. Browner
Secretary

Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a copy of the Final Order Modifying Conditions of Certification of the Palm Beach County Resource Recovery Facility, Power Plant Site Certification was sent to the following parties by United States mail on January 14, 1992.

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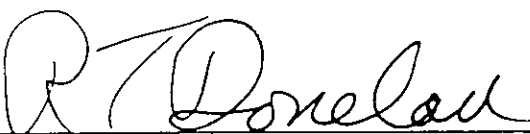
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Interoffice Memorandum

TO: Carol Browner
 FROM: Steve Smallwood *JS*
 DATE: January 8, 1992
 SUBJ: Approval of Permit Modification PSD-FL-108A
 Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County

Attached for your approval and signature is the Final Determination and corresponding Best Available Control Technology Determination prepared by the Bureau of Air Regulation for the above mentioned company to increase their maximum boiler heat input to 412.5 MMBtu/hr at the North County Regional Resource Recovery Facility.

Also attached for your signature is the Final Order Modifying Conditions of Certification. The Siting Section and the Bureau of Air Regulation have worked together in preparing this document. Buck Owen suggested that I send this up with the PSD permit.

I recommend your approval and signature.

CF/MH/mh

Attachments

If you need more information than provided in the final determination and the draft permit, call me and I'll set up a verbal briefing for you.
JS
 1-8-92