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Al Linero, PE New Source Review Section Florida Department of Environmental Protection 2600 Blair Stone Rd Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2400

Dear Mr. Linero:

RE:

CARGILL FERTILIZER – BARTOW FACILITY

EXTENSION TO #3 FERTILIZER PLANT CONSTRUCTION PERMIT

NO. 1050046-008-AC PSD-FL-255

TITLE V OPERATING PERMIT NO. 1050046-003-AV

Cargill Fertilizer is currently operating the #3 Fertilizer Plant at the Bartow facility under the above referenced construction permit. The permit will expire on March 31, 2002. This permit represented a major expansion of the plant with numerous improvements and allowed for a variety of fertilizer products to be produced. While the major construction work has been completed, some of the production goals of the plant with regard to product quality and specialty fertilizers are not being met at this time. We would like more time to adequately assess the operating controls for the plant with regard to process inputs and operating rates. In order to do this we are requesting a 9-month extension to the construction permit. We have conducted testing to ensure compliance with the emissions limits and continue to meet pressure drop limits on all scrubbers as required by the construction permit.

An application to modify the Title V operating permit to include the #3 Fertilizer plant was submitted to the Southwest District Office on December 21, 2001 (90 days prior to expiration as required). If the requested extension is granted, this letter also serves as notification to the FDEP of our withdrawal of the applicable sections of that Title V application.

If you need any additional information to process this request, please do not hesitate to call me at (863) 534-9615 or email debbie waters@cargill.com.

Sincerely,

Debra R. Waters

Environmental Superintendent

Xc: Jellerson, Royster, MacConnell, Lulf, Dennis, File 60-07-06A

Gerald Kissel - FDEP, Southwest District

