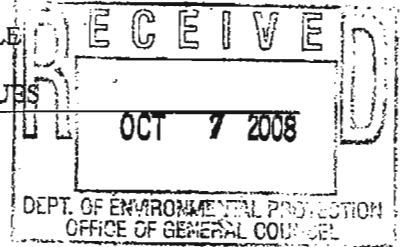


STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

PETITION FOR ADDITIONAL TIME IN WHICH TO FILE
 A PETITION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING
 UNDER SECTIONS 120.569 and 120.57, FLORIDA STATUTES



Applicant: United States Sugar Corporation

DEP Draft Title V Permit No.: 0510003-032-AV
 0510003-031-AC

Intent to Issue and Draft Title V Air Operation Permit Renewal
 Concurrent Air Construction Permit Revision

The undersigned has read Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes (F.S.), and fully understands the applicant's rights under those sections.

On or about February 7, 2008, United States Sugar Corporation received notice of publication of the Public Notice of Intent to Issue Title V Air Operation Permit Renewal and Concurrent Air Construction Permit Revision for the Clewiston Sugar Mill and Refinery. United States Sugar has not yet published the notice in the local newspaper. United States Sugar hereby requests a fourth extension of time in which to file a petition for an administrative hearing on the draft permits.

Since receiving the Draft Title V Air Operation Permit Renewal and Concurrent Air Construction Permit Revision from the Department's Tallahassee office, the applicant has been diligently reviewing the drafts and preparing comments. The Draft Title V represents a major reformatting and restructuring of the permit. Therefore, United States Sugar and Golder Associates spent considerable effort and time to conduct a thorough review of the two Draft Permits, Appendices and the accompanying Statement of Basis. A comment letter was developed as well as an electronic markup of the draft permits. The applicant has submitted these comments on the draft permits to the Department on or about May 8, 2008.

The Department is still reviewing these comments on the draft permits, and has indicated that a teleconference will be needed to review the comments and to attempt to resolve any issues. Issues may need to be discussed and negotiated with the Department. Additional time may then be needed for the Department to request any additional information from the applicant, and to meet with further with the applicant. It is anticipated that revised draft permits will then be issued by the Department.

To allow for this process, and protect the right of the applicant to file for an administrative hearing if so desired, this fourth request for additional time is being made. This request is made freely and voluntarily by the applicant, is in its self-interest, and is made without any pressure or coercion by anyone employed by the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

This request for extension of time shall expire on January 8, 2009.

The undersigned is authorized to make this request on behalf of the applicant.

David A. Buff 10/7/08
 Signature/Date

David A. Buff, P.E., Principal Engineer, Golder Associates Inc.