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Re: Draft Title V Air Operation Permit No. **1050051-019-AV**
USAC – Fort Meade Plant
Title V Permit Renewal

Dear Mr. Vo:

On February 28, 2003, you submitted an application for a Title V air permit renewal to operate Fort Meade Plant located at 3225 SR 630 West, Fort Meade, Polk County. Enclosed are the following documents: "Statement of Basis", "DRAFT Permit", "Written Notice of Intent to Issue Title V Air Operation Permit", and "Public Notice of Intent to Issue Title V Air Operation Permit".

The "Statement of Basis" summarizes the Permitting Authority's technical review of the application and provides the rationale for making the preliminary determination to issue a DRAFT Permit. The proposed "DRAFT Permit" includes specific conditions that regulate the emissions units at this facility. The "Written Notice of Intent to Issue Title V Air Operation Permit" provides important information regarding: the Permitting Authority's intent to issue a Title V air operation permit (DRAFT Permit); the requirements for publishing a Public Notice of the Permitting Authority's intent to issue the DRAFT Permit; the procedures for submitting comments on the DRAFT Permit; the requirements for requesting a public meeting; the requirements for filing a petition for an administrative hearing; and the availability of mediation. The "Public Notice of Intent to Issue Title V Air Operation Permit" is the actual notice that you must have published in the legal advertisement section of a newspaper of general circulation in the area affected by this project.

If you have any questions, please contact the Project Engineer, Syed Arif, at 850-921-9528.

Sincerely,

Trina L. Vielhauer, Chief
Bureau of Air Regulation

Enclosures

In the Matter of an
Application for Title V Air Operation Permit by:

Mr. Phong Vo, General Manager
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DRAFT Air Permit No. **1050051-019-AV**
Fort Meade Plant
Title V Permit Renewal
Polk County, Florida

Facility Location: The applicant requests a Title V air operation permit (Permit) renewal to operate Fort Meade Plant located at 3225 SR 630 West in Fort Meade, Polk County, Florida.

Project: On February 28, 2003, the applicant applied to the Permitting Authority for a Permit renewal. This facility consists of two phosphoric acid plants (A and B trains), a phosphoric acid tank farm, a prilled MAP plant, a granular MAP/DAP plant, a MAP/DAP loadout system, two sulfuric acid plants, an auxiliary boiler, a molten sulfur storage and handling system, and a lime silo. Also included in this permit are miscellaneous unregulated/insignificant emissions units and/or activities.

This permit will be a Title V Air Operation Permit Renewal to initial Title V Operation Permit issued in 1998 as revised in 2003. The changes compared with the present permit relates to the identification of the facility as a Major Source for Hazardous Air Pollutants, including Compliance Assurance Monitoring Plans for emission units and compliance plans for meeting NESHAP Monitoring and Compliance Provisions. The Permit Renewal also incorporates emission units that were recently permitted. The changes were considered significant.

Emissions from this facility will not be increased as a result of this project. This facility is subject to applicable provisions of Chapters 62-4, 62-204, 62-210, 62-212, 62-213, 62-256, 62-257, 62-281, 62-296, and 62-297, F.A.C.

Details of the project are provided in the in the application and the enclosed "Statement of Basis".

Permitting Authority: Applications for Title V air operation permits are subject to review in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 403, Florida Statutes (F.S.) and Chapters 62-4, 62-210, and 62-213, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.). The proposed project is not exempt from air permitting requirements and an air permit is required to operate the facility. The Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Air Regulation is the Permitting Authority responsible for making a permit determination regarding this project. The Permitting Authority's physical address is: Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Air Regulation, 111 South Magnolia Drive, Suite 4, Tallahassee, Florida 32301. The Permitting Authority's mailing address is: Florida Department of Environmental Protection, 2600 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2400. Mail Station #5505. The Permitting Authority's telephone number is 850/488-0114 and facsimile number is 850/922-6979.

Project File: A complete project file is available for public inspection during the normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (except legal holidays), at the address indicated above for the Permitting Authority. The complete project file includes the DRAFT Permit, the Statement of Basis, the application, and the information submitted by the applicant, exclusive of confidential records under Section 403.111, F.S. Interested persons may view the DRAFT Permit and file electronic comments by visiting the following website: http://www.dep.state.fl.us/air/eproducts/ards/. A copy of the complete project file is also available at the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Southwest District Office, 3804 Coconut Palm Drive, Tampa, Florida 33619-1352. Telephone: 813/744-6100.

Notice of Intent to Issue Air Permit: The Permitting Authority gives notice of its intent to issue a permit to the applicant for the project described above. The applicant has provided reasonable assurance that operation of the facility will not adversely impact air quality and that the project will comply with all

appropriate provisions of Chapters 62-4, 62-204, 62-210, 62-212, 62-213, 62-256, 62-257, 62-281, 62-296, and 62-297, F.A.C. The Permitting Authority will issue a PROPOSED Permit and subsequent FINAL Permit in accordance with the conditions of the DRAFT Permit unless a response received in accordance with the following procedures results in a different decision or a significant change of terms or conditions.

Public Notice: Pursuant to Section 403.815, F.S. and Rules 62-110.106 and 62-210.350, F.A.C., you (the applicant) are required to publish at your own expense the enclosed "Public Notice of Intent to Issue Title V Air Operation Permit" (Public Notice). The Public Notice shall be published one time only as soon as possible in the legal advertisement section of a newspaper of general circulation in the area affected by this project. The newspaper used must meet the requirements of Sections 50.011 and 50.031, F.S. in the county where the activity is to take place. If you are uncertain that a newspaper meets these requirements, please contact the Permitting Authority at above address or phone number. Pursuant to Rule 62-110.106(5), F.A.C., the applicant shall provide proof of publication to the Permitting Authority at the above address within seven (7) days of publication. Failure to publish the notice and provide proof of publication may result in the denial of the permit pursuant to Rule 62-110.106(11), F.A.C.

Comments: The Permitting Authority will accept written comments concerning the DRAFT Permit for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this Public Notice. Written comments must be post-marked, and all e-mail or facsimile comments must be received by the close of business (5 pm), on or before the end of this 30-day period by the Permitting Authority at the above address, email or facsimile. As part of his or her comments, any person may also request that the Permitting Authority hold a public meeting on this permitting action. If the Permitting Authority determines there is sufficient interest for a public meeting, it will publish notice of the time, date, and location on the Department's official web site for notices at http://tlhora6.dep.state.fl.us/onw and in a newspaper of general circulation in the area affected by the permitting action. For additional information, contact the Permitting Authority at the above address or phone number. If written comments or comments received at a public meeting result in a significant change to the DRAFT Permit, the Permitting Authority issue a Revised DRAFT Permit and require, if applicable, another Public Notice. All comments filed will be made available for public inspection.

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 Department's 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 filed by the applicant or any of the parties listed below must be filed within fourteen (14) days of receipt of this Written Notice of Intent to Issue Title V Air Operation Permit. Petitions filed by any persons other than those entitled to written notice under Section 120.60(3), F.S., must be filed within fourteen (14) days of publication of the attached Public Notice or within fourteen (14) days of receipt of this Written Notice of Intent to Issue Title V Air Operation Permit, whichever occurs first. Under Section 120.60(3), F.S., however, any person who asked the Permitting Authority for notice of agency action may file a petition within fourteen (14) days of receipt of that notice, regardless of the date of publication. 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 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.

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 how and when each petitioner received notice of the agency action or proposed action; (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; 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 Written Notice of Intent to Issue Title V Air Operation Permit. 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.

Objections: Finally, pursuant to 42 United States Code (U.S.C.) Section 7661d(b)(2), any person may petition the Administrator of the EPA within sixty (60) days of the expiration of the Administrator's 45 (forty-five) day review period as established at 42 U.S.C. Section 7661d(b)(1), to object to the issuance of any Title V air operation permit. Any petition shall be based only on objections to the Permit that were raised with reasonable specificity during the thirty (30) day public comment period provided in the Public Notice, unless the petitioner demonstrates to the Administrator of the EPA that it was impracticable to raise such objections within the comment period or unless the grounds for such objection arose after the comment period. Filing of a petition with the Administrator of the EPA does not stay the effective date of any permit properly issued pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 62-213, F.A.C. Petitions filed with the Administrator of EPA must meet the requirements of 42 U.S.C. Section 7661d(b)(2) and must be filed with the Administrator of the EPA at: U.S. EPA, 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460. For more information regarding EPA review and objections, visit EPA's Region 4 web site at http://www.epa.gov/region4/air/permits/Florida.htm.

Executed in Tallahassee, Florida.

Trina L. Vielhauer, Chief
Bureau of Air Regulation

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned duly designated deputy agency clerk hereby certifies that this "Written Notice of Intent to Issue Air Permit" package (including the Public Notice, the Statement of Basis, and the Draft Permit) was sent by certified mail (*) and copies were mailed by U.S. Mail before the close of business on 7/7/05 to the persons listed below.

Mr. Phong Vo, USAC*
Dr. John Koogler, Ph.D., P.E. Koogler & Associates (jkoogler@kooglerassociates.com)
Mr. Joel Smolen, DEP-SWD
U. S. EPA Region 4

Clerk Stamp

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.

Barbara J. Friday 7/7/05
(Clerk) (Date)