

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **PUBLIC NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION REGARDING APPROVAL FOR AN APPLICATION SUBMITTED UNDER THE REGULATIONS FOR THE “PREVENTION OF SIGNIFICANT DETERIORATION OF AIR QUALITY”**

Domtar Paper Company, LLC, has applied to the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Air Quality (DAQ), Permitting Section, to make modifications to the facility located at NC Highway 149 North, Plymouth in Martin County. The proposed project includes, but is not limited to, the approval to reconfigure the Lignin Solids Removal Process.

The project is subject to review and processing under North Carolina Administrative Code, Title 15A, Subchapter 02D .0530, “Prevention of Significant Deterioration.” The facility is defined as a “major stationary source.” The proposed project will result in a significant emissions increase of total reduced sulfur and hydrogen sulfide.

The Domtar Paper Company, LLC application has been reviewed by the DAQ, Permitting Section, Raleigh, North Carolina, to determine compliance with the requirements of the North Carolina Environmental Management Commission air pollution regulations.

A preliminary review, including analysis of the impact of the facility emissions on local air quality, has led to the determination that the project can be approved, and the DAQ air permit issued, if certain permit conditions are met.

Martin County is designated as an attainment area for all pollutants. Compliance with all ambient air quality standards and PSD increments are expected.

Persons wishing to submit written comments or request a public hearing regarding the Air Quality Permit are invited to do so. Requests for a public hearing must be in writing and include a statement supporting the need for such a hearing, an indication of your interest in the facility, and a summary of the information intended to be offered at such hearing.

Written comments or requests for a public hearing should be postmarked no later than February 19, 2022 and addressed to [daq.publiccomments@ncdenr.gov](mailto:daq.publiccomments@ncdenr.gov) (Please type “Domtar.19B” in the subject line), or mail written comments to: NC DEQ, Division of Air Quality, 1641 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1641.

All comments received prior to this date will be considered in the final determination regarding the Air Quality Permit. A public hearing may be held if the Director of the DAQ determines that significant public interest exists or that the public interest will be served.

A copy of all data and the application submitted by Domtar Paper Company, LLC, and other material used by the DAQ in making this preliminary determination are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the following locations:

NCDEQ  
Division of Air Quality  
Permitting Section  
217 West Jones Street  
Raleigh, NC 27603

or

NCDEQ  
Division of Air Quality  
Raleigh Regional Office  
3800 Barrett Drive  
Raleigh, NC 27609

Information on the draft permit, the permit application, and the staff review is available on the DAQ website (<https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/air-quality/events>) or by writing or calling:

Mark J. Cuilla, EIT, CPM  
Chief, Permitting Section  
North Carolina Division of Air Quality  
1641 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1641  
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After weighing relevant comments received by February 19, 2022, and other available information on the project, the DAQ will act on the Domtar Paper Company, LLC PSD application.

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