Enviva Pellets Hamlet, LLC has applied to the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Division of Air Quality (DAQ) for approval of a project for installing a new wood pellets manufacturing facility. The facility will be located at

Highway 177
Hamlet, NC

The project is subject to review and processing under the North Carolina Administrative Code, Title 15A, Environment Management Subchapter 2D Section .0530 “Prevention of Significant Deterioration” and Subchapter 2Q Section .0300 “Construction and Operation Permits”.

The permit application has been reviewed by the DAQ, Air Permitting Section, Raleigh, North Carolina, to determine compliance with the requirements of the North Carolina Environmental Management Commission’s 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.

Richmond County is classified as an attainment area for National Ambient Air Quality Standards for all criteria 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 brief 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 October 18, 2015 and addressed to Kevin Godwin, 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 Enviva Pellets Hamlet, 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:

NC DENR Fayetteville Regional Office
Division of Air Quality or 225 Green Street, Suite 714
Air Permitting Section Fayetteville, NC 28301
217 West Jones Street
Raleigh, NC 27603

Information on the draft permit, the permit application, and the staff review is available by writing or calling:

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