

PUBLIC NOTICE

APPROVAL OF AN APPLICATION SUBMITTED UNDER THE REGULATIONS FOR PREVENTION OF SIGNIFICANT DETERIORATION AND PREVENTION OF SIGNIFICANT DETERIORATION REQUIREMENTS FOR GREENHOUSE GASES

Roseburg Forest Products applied to the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Air Quality, for a PSD (Prevention of Significant Deterioration) permit to construct and operate a new lumber sawmill, named Roanoke Valley Lumber, located at 290 Power Place Drive, Weldon, Halifax County, NC. The mill will process southern yellow pine logs and includes green lumber operations, lumber drying, planer mill, and an emergency fire water pump.

The facility will be constructed in two phases: the first phase will support up to 300 million bd-ft per year of lumber drying capacity. The second phase will support additional 200 million bd-ft per year lumber drying capacity bringing the total capacity to 500 million bd-ft/yr. Even though the facility will be constructed in two phases, this PSD permit approval is for the entire project (five kilns and ancillary equipment).

The facility is subject to review and processing under North Carolina Administrative Code (NCAC), Title 15A, Subchapter 02D, Section .0530 "Prevention of Significant Deterioration" and Section 02D .0544, "Prevention of Significant Deterioration Requirements for Greenhouse Gases", and Subchapter 02Q, Section .0300 "Construction and Operation Permits". The facility is a new "major stationary source" for at least one regulated NSR pollutant (VOC). This new facility will also result in significant increases in the emissions of greenhouse gases (GHGs).

The 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 proposed new facility can be approved, and the DAQ air permit issued, if certain permit conditions are met.

Halifax County is designated as an attainment or attainment/unclassifiable or unclassifiable/attainment area for all promulgated National Ambient Air Quality Standards. 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 17, 2022 and addressed to daq.publiccomments@ncdenr.gov (Please type “Roanoke Valley Lumber.21A” in the subject line), or mail written comments to: NCDEQ 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 Roanoke Valley Lumber, 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		NCDEQ
Division of Air Quality	or	Division of Air Quality
Permitting Section		Raleigh Regional Office
217 West Jones Street		3800 Barrett Drive
Raleigh, NC 27603		Raleigh, NC 27609

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

Mark J. Cuilla, EIT, CPM
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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 17, 2022, and other available information on the project, the DAQ will act on the Roanoke Valley Lumber’s PSD application.

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