

PUBLIC NOTICE
PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION REGARDING APPROVAL OF
AN AIR PERMIT APPLICATION

The North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Air Quality hereby gives notice that the following facility has applied for a construction and operation of a non-emitting gas upgrading system (GUS) and an emitting candlestick (open) flare. The Pressure Swing Adsorption equipment (GUS) was originally evaluated and installed at the Smithfield Fresh Meats location. Optima TH installed a flare with the Pressure Swing Adsorption equipment (GUS) and is now required to obtain a permit for the equipment.

Optima TH
15855 Highway 87 West
Tar Heel, NC 28392
Bladen County

This facility's application for the proposed facility was reviewed by the DAQ to determine compliance with the requirements of the North Carolina Environmental Management Commission air pollution regulations. This notice serves as a notice of opportunity for public comment for this proposal. The public comment period will run through April 4, 2021.

A copy of all data and the application submitted by Optima TH and other material used by the DAQ in making this preliminary determination are available for public inspection on the NCDEQ/DAQ website or during normal business hours at the following locations:

NC DEQ		Fayetteville Regional Office
Division of Air Quality	or	System Building
Air Permits Section		225 Green Street, Suite 714
217 West Jones Street, Suite 4000		Fayetteville, NC 28301-5094
Raleigh, NC 27603		

Information on the permit application and the staff review are available by writing or calling.

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217 West Jones Street, Suite 4000
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Raleigh, NC 27699-1641
919-707-8740

Interested persons are invited to review these materials and make comments to the address indicated above. Written comments may also be submitted during the public comment period via email at the following address: daq.publiccomments@ncdenr.gov. Please type " Optima .20A " in the subject line. Comments must be postmarked no later than April 4, 2021.

After weighing relevant comments received and other available information on the project, the DAQ will act on the Optima TH application.

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