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Esmeralda Martinez

From: Brian Parkey
Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2010 2:39 PM
To: Esmeralda Martinez
Subject: FW: Catalyst Paper Mill, Snowflake Arizona

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From: Trevor Baggione
Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2010 2:02 PM
To: Balaji Vaidyanathan; Brian Parkey
Subject: FW: Catalyst Paper Mill, Snowflake Arizona

FYI

From: gary gumbel [mailto:ggum1947@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2010 2:00 PM
To: Trevor Baggione
Subject: Catalyst Paper Mill, Snowflake Arizona

Mr. Baggione,

I am writing to hopefully address the paper mill air pollution problem in Snowflake Arizona, stemming from the Catalyst Paper Mill. In the last two years the mill has unfortunately acquired a burning device which I guess creates electricity. We didn't have this problem 3 years ago with excessive pollution from May until the winds change in September. The last two years during those times have caused me to travel to towns north and northwest of Snowflake for weeks at a time. The mill is now burning wood of all kinds, coal, roofing tar paper (I followed the truck there myself), and all garbage from the paper making process itself.

I have spent a lot of money on oxygen and oxygen equipment. The mill was not like that when I moved here, and has been horrendous in the past two years.

In addition, if and when the summertime wildfires and controlled burns get going... it is very, very bad...as it is now the policy of the ADEQ to let these fires burn themselves out...which may take months-due to indifference. Last year, we were downwind of 12 or more "continuing burns" in the state. On the NOAA air quality website, Arizona was worst in the 50 states for smoke profiles and smoke densities. In addition, the 5 or 6 national forests do not talk to each other or coordinate their burns, as some times we are covered by burns of 5000 acres from two or three different National Forests.

Lastly, we asked for air monitoring devices, and never got an answer, let alone a reply. I hope this year is better, it would be nice if you could help us. Thank you. Gary Gumbel

2/25/2010

Brian Parkey

From: Trevor Baggione
Sent: Sunday, February 28, 2010 8:15 PM
To: Balaji Vaidyanathan; Brian Parkey
Subject: FW: Please factor this into your Snowflake equation

From: gary gumbel [mailto:ggum1947@hotmail.com]
Sent: Sun 2/28/2010 7:04 AM
To: Trevor Baggione
Subject: Please factor this into your Snowflake equation

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Some Prescott area residents say they're OK with forest officials using prescribed burns and other means to clear away excess growth in nearby national forests.

About a dozen people attended a meeting Thursday in Prescott to hear about the Forest Service's proposal to thin out overcrowded trees and brush on 55,000 acres surrounding the southern boundary of Prescott over the next decade or more.

Federal officials plan to use a combination of fire, timber sales, brush crushing, goats and chain saws to accomplish their goal.

Over the past decade, Prescott Forest officials have thinned out trees and brush on about 21,600 acres.

Several speakers praised the Forest Service for its efforts to protect Prescott and surrounding areas from catastrophic wildfires.

"I'd rather smell smoke from a controlled burn than from my house," said local resident Billy Fields.

"The wildlife I'm seeing is just unreal since the burning has been going on the last four or five years," Fields said.

Bradshaw District Ranger Laura Jo West said the effort to keep the forest healthy through proper tree and brush removal is a never-ending project.

"We're going to be in there a lot if we're going to maintain these systems," she said. "Fire and thinning are going to be part of life here."

Prescott Wildland/Urban Interface Commission citizen member Everett Warnock said the public is starting to understand the goals of good forest management.

"There is so much evidence that the public is starting to understand we can manage our forest," Warnock said.

Warnock noted the region now has eight "Firewise Communities" that have earned that designation from the national Firewise program.

Recently, the forest received \$1.6 million in federal stimulus money for mechanical brush-crushing operations on 6,000 acres of chaparral-choked forest around Prescott and Cherry starting this summer.

It got the money because projects were ready to go, and private companies will do the work.

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Brian Parkey

From: Trevor Baggione
Sent: Monday, March 01, 2010 4:00 PM
To: Balaji Vaidyanathan; Brian Parkey
Subject: FW: Permit No. 46898, Air Permit Renewal for Catalyst Paper Mill (Snowflake)

FYI

From: Julie Genser [mailto:planetthrive@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, March 01, 2010 3:59 PM
To: Trevor Baggione
Subject: Permit No. 46898, Air Permit Renewal for Catalyst Paper Mill (Snowflake)

Dear Mr. Baggione,

I am writing to request that you do **NOT** issue Air Quality Renewal Permit No. 46898 to Catalyst Paper Mill (Snowflake) for the continued operation of the Snowflake Paper Mill due to noxious ambient and combustion emissions released by the plant that have damaged my health and the health of people in my neighborhood. I have suffered frequent debilitating neurological symptoms from fumes in the air when the wind comes from the direction of the plant. Although we are approximately 20 miles east of the plant, we still get the smell of sulfur dioxide in the air on those days the winds come from the west, which is one of the emissions that is supposed to be restricted. This leads me to believe that either the restrictions are not stringent enough, or that the plant is not in compliance. Either way, the situation should be remedied before re-issuing a permit for continued operations.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this permit renewal.

John Egnor
Snowflake resident
928.536.5463

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Dorothy Holasek
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Snowflake, AZ 85937

CTS:230632

February 24, 2010

Trevor Bagiori
Air Quality Permits Section Manager
ADEQ
1110 West Washington Street, 34158-1
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Mr. Bagiori:

I would like to express my concern about the air quality in and around the town of Snowflake and Navajo County as relates to the Catalyst Paper Mill. There are concentrations of sulphur dioxide emitted by the paper mill that are high enough for healthy persons to detect more than 10 miles away.

When the opportunity arises, I would like to see scrubbers or more effective filters installed at the paper mill to reduce emissions of VOCs, heavy metals and particulates.

Please have your office notify me of current or future public notices of changes or renewals of their ADEQ air quality permits including the upcoming modifications by the EPA of the Clean Air Act or related amendments.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Holasek

From: Brian Parkey
Sent: Monday, March 01, 2010 9:25 AM
To: Esmeralda Martinez
Subject: FW: Permit Renewal, CPSI

Attachments: PaperMill



PaperMill (51 KB)

CTS please, more to follow.

-----Original Message-----

From: Trevor Baggione
Sent: Friday, February 26, 2010 7:01 AM
To: Balaji Vaidyanathan; Brian Parkey
Subject: FW: Permit Renewal, CPSI

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From: molloy@frontiernet.net [mailto:molloy@frontiernet.net]
Sent: Friday, February 26, 2010 5:40 AM
To: Trevor Baggione
Subject: Permit Renewal, CPSI

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molloy@frontiernet.net

February 26, 2010

Trevor Baggione
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ADEQ
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Phoenix, AZ 85007
Tb4@azdeq.gov

Re: Permit No. 46898, Air Permit Renewal for Catalyst Paper Mill

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I am not equipped to address whether or how well CPSI complies with current legal requirements including the federal Clean Air Act, Arizona Revised Statute 49-426, or Arizona Administrative Code Title 18, Chapter 2, Article 3, 6, 7, 9 and 11.

I am confident that CPSI, with ADEQ's oversight, will do what it can to comply with the technicalities of current law.

Please note however, that even strict adherence to current law is clearly not adequate to protect the health of a substantial segment of our area's population - or else people would not suffer painful symptoms triggered by what is readily identifiable, by odor, as

emissions from the paper mill.

I look forward to an opportunity to address the inadequacies in current regulations, and request notice of that opportunity when it does arise.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Susan Molloy, M.A.

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February 26, 2010

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From: Brian Parkey
Sent: Monday, March 01, 2010 9:26 AM
To: Esmeralda Martinez
Subject: FW: Permit No. 46898, Air Permit Renewal for Catalyst Paper Mill

From: Trevor Baggione
Sent: Sunday, February 28, 2010 8:15 PM
To: Balaji Vaidyanathan; Brian Parkey
Subject: FW: Permit No. 46898, Air Permit Renewal for Catalyst Paper Mill

From: Christine Clementi [mailto:clementi1611@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sun 2/28/2010 8:41 AM
To: Trevor Baggione
Subject: Re: Permit No. 46898, Air Permit Renewal for Catalyst Paper Mill

Dear Trevor Baggione:

I am, like many here in Snowflake, very sensitive to airborne irritants due to severe asthma and hyper-reactive airway disorder. Many people have come to live in Snowflake for the relatively clean, rural air only to find that more and more noxious industries are setting-up shop here.

I think it is time for our state government to amend current air quality regulations so that businesses are compelled to reduce their emissions, as current regulations are too lax. If our government were doing all it could, people like us would be able to live anywhere we wished. As it is, Snowflake is one of the few places yet available to us. We are looking to you to help us retain our relatively safe environment. Please address the inadequacies of the current regulations for this permit renewal.

Thank you,
Christine Clementi
Snowflake, AZ

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From: Brian Parkey
Sent: Monday, March 01, 2010 9:26 AM
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Subject: FW: Air Quality Renewal Permit No. 46898 to Catalyst Paper (Snowflake)

From: Trevor Baggione
Sent: Sunday, February 28, 2010 8:15 PM
To: Balaji Vaidyanathan; Brian Parkey
Subject: FW: Air Quality Renewal Permit No. 46898 to Catalyst Paper (Snowflake)

From: julie genser [mailto:j_genser@hotmail.com]
Sent: Sat 2/27/2010 10:56 AM
To: Trevor Baggione
Subject: Air Quality Renewal Permit No. 46898 to Catalyst Paper (Snowflake)

Trevor Baggione
Manager, Air Quality Permits Section
ADEQ
1110 W. Washington Street, 5415A-1
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Re: Permit No. 46898, Air Permit Renewal for Catalyst Paper Mill (Snowflake)

Dear Mr. Baggione,

Thank you for giving the public the opportunity to comment on permit renewal applications. I am writing to request that Air Quality Renewal Permit No. 46898 to Catalyst Paper Mill (Snowflake) for the continued operation of the Snowflake Paper Mill **NOT** be issued, as current requirements allow air pollutants to be released that are physically harming myself and my neighbors, and are therefore not stringent enough to protect the local population.

According to your monitoring records the Paper Mill is in compliance with current legal requirements, however, when the Paper Mill is operative and the winds are from the West/Southwest, my neighbors and I can frequently smell a noxious substance in the air. We also experience upsetting physical symptoms at the same time, including respiratory distress and neurological symptoms. Many of my neighbors moved to Snowflake with existing reactive airway disorders for the express purpose of finding clean air to heal in. The fact that many of us are experiencing health symptoms when the wind comes from the direction of the Paper Mill indicates that there is some pollutant in the air which is causing us to react. Since the underlying purpose of all air quality legislation is to protect the health of local residents and the environment by limiting toxic emissions from facilities defined as "Major Sources" of air pollution (which the Paper Mill falls under), I feel that the current requirements are not stringent enough to protect the local population and fulfill the main mission of this type of legislation.

It is listed that the airborne contaminants to be restricted in emissions from the Paper Mill include

particulate matter with an aerodynamic of less than 10 microns (PM10), particulate matter (PM), sulfur dioxide (SO2), nitrogen oxides (NOX), carbon monoxide (CO), volatile organic compound (VOCs), and hazardous air pollutants (HAPs). Although there are some methods set in place at the Paper Mill to control some of these pollutants, nothing is mentioned in the proposed permit about devices or procedures to limit emissions of particulate matter with an aerodynamic of less than 10 microns, hazardous air pollutants, or volatile organic compounds, so it seems that nothing is being done by the Paper Mill to control these pollutants at this time. Also, the permit states that the "On-specification used oil" burned in Boiler #2 may contain arsenic, cadmium, chromium, lead, PCBs, and halogens, all toxic heavy metals and pollutants which, again, are seemingly not being scrubbed from the Paper Mill emissions. Thus, the proposed permit seems to limit only **some** of the pollutants being released in emissions from the Paper Mill.

If the permit regulations were stringent enough and the scrubbers and other emission control measures used by the Paper Mill were as effective as they ought to be, and covered **ALL** potential pollutants in the emissions rather than only some of them, my neighbors and I living 20 miles from the Mill should not be able to smell sulfur dioxide in the air or be subject to these types of serious physical reactions to airborne pollutants.

I would like to see more stringent and encompassing air pollution controls in the proposed permit before it is issued.

Thank you for your time.

Julie Genser
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CTS:21558

Esmeralda Martinez

From: Brian Parkey
Sent: Monday, March 01, 2010 9:26 AM
To: Esmeralda Martinez
Subject: FW: Catalyst Paper Mill Air Quality Renewal Permit

From: Trevor Baggione
Sent: Sunday, February 28, 2010 8:14 PM
To: Balaji Vaidyanathan; Brian Parkey
Subject: FW: Catalyst Paper Mill Air Quality Renewal Permit

From: MELINDA HONN [mailto:melhonn@msn.com]
Sent: Fri 2/26/2010 12:32 PM
To: Trevor Baggione
Subject: Catalyst Paper Mill Air Quality Renewal Permit

Dear Mr. Baggione:

My family is seriously affected by the air quality on days when the Catalyst Paper Mill located at Snowflake, Arizona is in operation. I live about 35 miles from the plant, but on days when they are working there and the wind travels in our direction we can not go outside our house. The air stinks of burned petroleum odor and my husband had horrible migraines from this. I have breathing problems and often feel weak.

On most days the smoke comes in my direction and we find it difficult to be outside without having health affects. It is difficult to feed and care for our horse and other animals on these days. We live at a higher elevation and can see a great distance. On days when the smoke isn't coming in our direction, the entire skyline is filled with smoke by the end of the day.

With today's higher standards I don't see how this can be allowed to continue. I would appreciate it if your office would look into this so that my family can again enjoy the use of our property.

Sincerely,

Melinda Honn
melhonn@msn.com

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To: Balaji Vaidyanathan; Brian Parkey
Subject: FW: Snowflake Paper Mill Permit Renewal

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From: Marsha Honn [mailto:Honn3@msn.com]
Sent: Fri 2/26/2010 12:34 PM
To: Trevor Baggione
Subject: Snowflake Paper Mill Permit Renewal

tb4@azdeq.gov
Dear Mr. Baggione

The Catalyst Paper Mill located at Snowflake, Arizona is seeking a renewal of it's air quality permit. I am requesting the permit not be re-issued. The mill should be reviewed, monitored and held to the same standards of air quality as a new one and not slip by based on the fact that it has been grandfathered in.

On days when the paper mill operates and wind direction brings its smoke over my property (nearly every day that they are working) I get migraines and have burning eyes. My neighbors have similar complaints. There is often an acrid and/or burned wire/petroleum smell in the air. These volatile organic compounds travel long distances from the mill and cannot be healthy for our community. I am over 30 miles away.

I am requesting your office review the possibility of scrubbers or better regulation of this facility.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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February 26, 2010

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Sincerely, 

Susan Molloy, M.A.

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From: Brian Parkey
Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2010 2:39 PM
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Subject: FW: Snowflake Paper Mill

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From: Trevor Baggione
Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2010 12:22 PM
To: Balaji Vaidyanathan; Brian Parkey
Subject: FW: Snowflake Paper Mill

FYI, again, lets give it a CTS #.

Trevor

From: Stephanie Smith [mailto:puffycloudsagain@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2010 11:43 AM
To: Trevor Baggione
Subject: Snowflake Paper Mill

Trevor,

I urge you to NOT issue a renewal permit for the Snowflake Paper Mill. The emissions regularly make me quite sick so I believe air quality is definitely in question. A company should not be allowed to adversely affect the health of the citizens nearby.

Thanks for your attention to this matter, Stephanie Smith, Snowflake, AZ

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Esmeralda Martinez

From: Brian Parkey
Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2010 2:39 PM
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Hi Esmeralda

I'm going to forward you three messages. Could you give them CTS numbers please?

Thanks
Brian

From: Trevor Baggione
Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2010 12:18 PM
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Subject: FW: Snowflake Catalyst Paper Mill Permit Renewal

FYI. We should probably give this a CTS #.

Trevor

From: Susan MacKay [mailto:semackay@dishmail.net]
Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2010 10:22 AM
To: Trevor Baggione
Subject: Snowflake Catalyst Paper Mill Permit Renewal

Trevor Baggione
Air Quality Permits Section Manager
ADEQ
1110 West Washington Street, 3415A-1
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Mr. Baggione,

I am writing to request that Air Quality Renewal Permit No. 46898 to Catalyst Paper (Snowflake) for the continued operation of the Snowflake Paper Mill **not** be issued. The reason for this is not that the Paper Mill is not compliant with the "letter of the law" as set forth in this and the previous permit. Your records show that, based on data from the CEMs and the bi-weekly Opacity testing done at the Mill, the Paper Mill is in compliance.

However, the intention and, therefore, the "spirit" of all air quality legislation is to protect the health of local residents and of the surrounding environment by limiting toxic emissions from those facilities classified as "Major Sources" of air pollution, of which the Catalyst Paper Mill is one. I do not feel that the proposed permit accomplishes this goal.

According to the Notice for public comment on the proposed permit, the airborne contaminants to be restricted in emissions from the Paper Mill are: Particulate matter with an aerodynamic of less than 10 microns (PM10), particulate matter (PM), sulfur dioxide (SO2), nitrogen oxides (NOX), carbon monoxide (CO), volatile organic compound (VOCs), and hazardous air pollutants (HAPs). There are methods set in place at the Paper Mill to control some of these pollutants and monitors to keep track of the effectiveness of those controls: Electrostatic Precipitator with continuous monitoring, Water Sprays and Baghouse, as well as "Opacity" testing of the stack emissions for the Particulate Matter; Slipstream Alkaline Scrubber for the Sulfur Dioxide; and Low Nitrogen Oxide Burner for the Nitrogen Oxide. However, as far as I can see, nothing is mentioned in the proposed permit about

2/26/2010

devices or procedures to limit emissions of either Particulate Matter with an aerodynamic of less than 10 microns, Hazardous Air Pollutants, Carbon Monoxide, or Volatile Organic Compounds, so presumably nothing is being done by the Paper Mill to control these pollutants at this time. Also, the permit states that the "On-specification used oil" burned in Boiler #2 may contain arsenic, cadmium, chromium, lead, PCBs, and halogens. These are all toxic heavy metals and pollutants which, again, are seemingly not being scrubbed from the Paper Mill emissions (being limited only by the amount of "On-specification used oil" that may be burned during any given time period.) Thus, the proposed permit seems to limit only some of the pollutants being released in emissions from the Paper Mill.

I have chemical sensitivities, as do a number of people living in this area, so am very aware of, and reactive to, airborne toxic chemicals. Most of us live on 20-40 acres in the rural Cedar Hills area East and a bit North of the Snowflake Paper Mill, at a distance of approximately 20 miles or more from the Mill. When the Paper Mill is operative and the winds are from the West or slightly Southwest (the direction of our prevailing winds and many storms), I can frequently smell Sulfur Dioxide in the air, presumably from the coal and/or "On-specification used oil" which is burned in Boiler #2, and which provides the main source of power for the Paper Mill. At those same times I also experience a number of specific symptoms, including increased respiratory difficulties, neurological symptoms, and painful, bloodshot eyes. Many of my neighbors with underlying health conditions also report experiencing similar symptoms at those times, indicating that there is likely a general pollutant in the air which is causing us to react.

My point in all this is that, if the permit regulations were stringent enough and the scrubbers and other emission control measures used by the Paper Mill were as effective as they ought to be, and covered **all** potential pollutants in the emissions rather than only some of them, my neighbors and I, living as far from the Mill as we do, should not be able to smell Sulfur Dioxide in the air or be subject to these types of reactions. Granted, the emissions from the White Mountain Power Plant, located on the same site as the Catalyst Paper Mill are probably contributing to the problem and the general pollution level of the air downwind. But, since the Power Plant presumably has newer equipment and is subject to recent, more stringent laws that do not apply to the Paper Mill -- which is evidently "grandfathered" out of having to comply with many of the newer EPA laws -- it seems likely that the Paper Mill is a major source of the problem.

So, to sum up, I would like to see more stringent and encompassing air pollution controls put into effect in the proposed permit before it is issued.

Thank you for your time and attention to these concerns.

Susan MacKay
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CTS: 231059

Navajo County Public Works Department

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Byron James
N. E. Arizona Northern Regional Office
395 S. 1st West St., PO Box 2129
St. Johns, Arizona 85936

Dear Mr. James,

The engineering department has reviewed the Air Quality Control Renewal Permit No. 46898 (Snowflake) Catalyst Paper Inc. This renewed permit is for the continued operation of the Snowflake Paper Mill located at Highway Spur 277; 15 miles West of Snowflake, Navajo County, Arizona. Navajo County has no objections to The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) issuing the Air Quality Control Renewal Permit No. 46898.

Please give me a call if you have any further questions or comments. I can be reached at (928) 313-0191. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Norman R. Cody".

Norman R. Cody
Civil Engineer

