



Air Quality Permitting Response to Public Comments

July 17, 2019

Permit to Construct No. P-2019.0019

Project No. 62212

**Clearwater Paper Corp.-Pulp and Paperboard Div. Lewiston,
Idaho**

Facility ID No. 069-00001

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BACKGROUND

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) provided for public comment on the proposed permit to construct for Clearwater Paper Corp.-Pulp and Paperboard Div. from May 17 through June 17, 2019, in accordance with IDAPA 58.01.01.209.01.c. During this period, comments were submitted in response to DEQ's proposed action. Each comment and DEQ's response is provided in the following section. All comments submitted in response to DEQ's proposed action are included in the appendix of this document.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND RESPONSES

Public comments regarding the technical and regulatory analyses and the air quality aspects of the proposed permit are summarized below. Questions, comments, and/or suggestions received during the comment period that did not relate to the air quality aspects of the permit application, the Department's technical analysis, or the proposed permit are not addressed. For reference purposes, a copy of the Rules for the Control of Air Pollution in Idaho can be found at: <http://adminrules.idaho.gov/rules/current/58/0101.pdf>.

- Comment 1: I disagree that Clearwater Paper should get granted a permit when they promised cleaner and safer air and received a tax break when they got a new digester because since then the air and smell has gotten worse. The odor has become overwhelming every day. During the week is bad enough and then Friday night, Saturday and Sunday is even worse.
- Response 1:** This permit meets all applicable State and Federal air pollution regulations that protect the public and the environment. Therefore, DEQ is required to issue the permit to the facility. All facilities in Idaho are subject to IDAPA 58.01.01.775, Rules for the Control of Odors. Therefore, all odor complaints received by DEQ about this facility, and any other facility located in Idaho, are investigated and will receive an appropriate response.
- Comment 2: Why is Clearwater Paper in full control of the air quality testing? Shouldn't it be the state EPA or a third party and it be tested at least every 6 months?
- Response 2:** Prior to conducting any emission source test, all facilities are required to submit a testing protocol which DEQ staff reviews for approval. DEQ staff then has the option of being present during the source test. The emission source test is then conducted by an independent third party. The final results of the source test are the reviewed by DEQ staff and accepted or rejected based on adherence to procedures and permitted pollutant emission limits.
- Comment 3: Is big business less regulated than small business?
- Response 3:** Regulation of stationary sources is based upon a facility's potential to emit of air pollutants. Larger businesses, such as Clearwater Paper Corp., are in fact required to do additional monitoring, reporting, and recordkeeping. This is in accordance with Part 70 of the Clean Air Act, Title V permitting requirements, which also includes semi-annual and annual compliance reports that is not required of minor sources of air pollution.
- Comment 4: It has been long known that the Lewiston/Clarkston valley has the highest numbers of multiple sclerosis in the nation. Isn't it time to putting people's health first?
- Response 4:** DEQ staff is not aware of how this information relates to the issuance of this air permit.

Appendix

Public Comments Submitted for

Permit to Construct (PTC)

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1. I disagree that Clearwater Paper should get granted a permit when they promised cleaner and safer air and received a tax break when they got a new digester because since then the air and smell has gotten worse. The odor has become overwhelming everyday. During the week is bad enough and then Friday night, Saturday and Sunday is even worse. 2. Why is Clearwater Paper in full control of the air quality testing? Shouldn't it be the state EPA or a third party and it be tested at least every 6 months? 3. Is big business less regulated than small business? 4. It has been long known that the Lewiston/Clarkston valley has the highest numbers of multiple sclerosis in the nation. Isn't it time to putting peoples health first?

Thank you: