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EPD to Host Q & A Session on Huber Engineered Woods Environmental Permit Applications

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) will host a Question-and-Answer Session in Commerce (Jackson County) to provide information on the permitting process and answer questions specific to applications for permits submitted by Huber Engineered Woods, LLC for its existing oriented strandboard (OSB) plant in Commerce.

EPD will hold the meeting on Tuesday, March 7, 2006, from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., in the Commerce Civic Center's Peach Room. The center is located at State and Cherry Streets.

The Huber plant produces oriented strandboard (OSB), which are structural panels made from wood wafers. The panels are bonded together with resin under heat and pressure. These panels are used by builders in place of plywood, for sheathing, single-layer flooring, and underlayment in light-frame construction.

Huber Engineered Woods is proposing to add the capability of using different resins at this facility, in order to be able to produce different products and to enhance the plant's flexibility. As part of this flexibility, Huber proposes that its Title V permit be amended to allow the plant to increase the emissions of some air pollutants above what is currently allowed.

The federal Clean Air Act requires all "major" stationary sources that emit certain air pollutants to obtain Title V operating permits. These are primarily industrial facilities and large commercial operations such as chemical plants, petroleum refineries and large manufacturing facilities.

For information on the permit applications review process, please contact John Yntema, 404-363-7117. For information about the Q&A Session, please contact Thomas Smith, 404-362-2790.

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