



# DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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Augusta, Maine )  
A-195-71-G-M )

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After review of the Air Emission License minor revision application, staff investigation reports, and other documents in the applicant's file in the Bureau of Air Quality, pursuant to 38 M.R.S.A., Section 344 and Section 590, the Department finds the following facts:

1. Statler Industries Incorporated was issued Air Emission License A-195-71-D-A/R on June 16, 1995 for its sanitary paper products facility in Augusta, Maine. Statler Industries Inc. suspended production operations early in February 1995. The property and the air emission license were then transferred to Tree Free Fiber Co., LLC (TFFCo.). TFFCo. has requested a minor revision to their air emission license to add triggers for conducting NO<sub>x</sub> stack testing on boilers #3 and #5, annual tune-ups on boiler #5 and updating the NO<sub>x</sub> RACT for all three boilers.
2. TFFCo. intends to restart the facility as soon as possible, however, they only plan to run at approximately one quarter load for the first several months. For this reason TFFCo. is requesting that all NO<sub>x</sub> testing and NO<sub>x</sub> RACT requirements be postponed until such time that the facility resumes production at a higher level that would trigger the need for NO<sub>x</sub> testing, annual tune-ups on the boilers and NO<sub>x</sub> RACT requirements. TFFCo. will still meet the requirements for NO<sub>x</sub> RACT for boilers #3 and #4, as stated in their current air emission license, as the mill resumes production.
3. TFFCo. has requested a limit of 3,000,000 gallons/year (12 month rolling total) fuel use threshold that would trigger the requirements listed above.

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ORDER

The Department hereby grants Air Emission License Minor Revision A-195-71-G-M, subject to the conditions found in Air Emission License A-195-71-D-A/R and in the following conditions:

The following condition shall replace condition (12)C:

- (12) C. By May 31, 1995, Statler Industries Incorporated shall comply with the conditions in the NO<sub>x</sub> RACT as determined by the Department for boilers #3 and #4. Within six months of exceeding an annual facility-wide fuel threshold of 3,000,000 gallons (based on a 12 month rolling total) the new owners, TFFCo., shall reevaluate the RACT alternatives described above, along with any new control technologies, and submit a report to the Department within 90 days of such evaluation. If at that time any technology is deemed by the Department to be both technically and economically feasible the Department shall require that technology be implemented.

Within 120 days of exceeding an annual facility-wide fuel threshold of 3,000,000 gallons (based on a 12 month rolling total) TFFCo. shall comply with the NO<sub>x</sub> emission stack test for boiler #3. Within 120 days of exceeding an annual facility-wide fuel threshold of 3,000,000 gallons (based on a 12 month rolling total) and an operational limit exceeding 5% (277,250 gallons/year) TFFCo. shall comply with the NO<sub>x</sub> RACT requirements for boiler #5.

The following condition shall replace condition (15):

- (15) Conditions (13) and (14) shall be effective within 120 days of exceeding an annual facility-wide fuel threshold of 3,000,000 gallons (based on a 12 month rolling total).

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The following is a new condition:

- (24) This amendment shall expire concurrently with Air Emission License A-195-71-D-A/R.

DONE AND DATED IN AUGUSTA, MAINE THIS 12th DAY OF June 1996.

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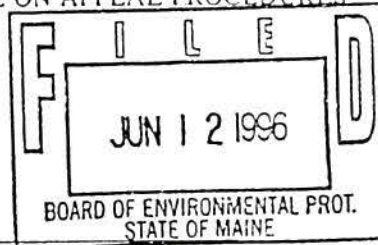
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PLEASE NOTE ATTACHED SHEET FOR GUIDANCE ON APPEAL PROCEDURES

Date of initial receipt of application: May 20, 1996

Date of application acceptance: May 21, 1996

Date filed with the Board of Environmental Protection



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