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March 6, 2012

Mr. Scott Hodges, P.E.
Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality
Environmental Permits Division
P.O. Box 2261
Jackson, MS 39225

RE: Inline Forest Products Draft Permit Public Notice Air Ref. No. 0800-00112

Dear Mr. Hodges:

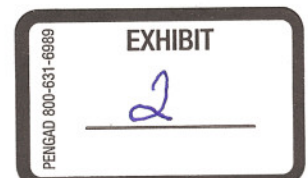
The City of Hattiesburg is necessarily concerned with the health and safety of its citizens. The permitting of Inline Forest Products is certainly an issue that raises some questions regarding the potential effects on both our citizens and our environment. Having reviewed the information regarding this permit, the City has several concerns and/or questions.

- Is the debarking and fumigation process employed in this instance standard industry practice?
- Who and how often will Inline be monitored for compliance with emissions levels approved in the permit?
- What kind of odor will be associated with this process?
- What standard emission levels are established for methyl bromide?
- What is the potential of leakage onto and into the soil during this process?
- Will there be any discharge associated with this process and if so, is there any pretreatment for such waste?
- Can process exhaust fan rate data be captured and saved in order to monitor the extent to which permitted exhaust amounts are not exceeded?

Resulting from our initial review, listed above are just some of the questions that concern us.

Further, the City strongly recommends an alternative method for storing and applying methyl bromide in which the products are completely enclosed in either a container or a

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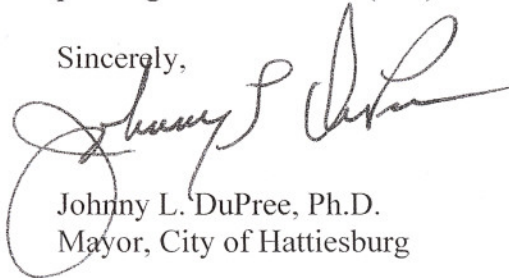
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structure. The use of a tarp and sandbags does not provide the assurance that leakage, seepage and an otherwise breach of containment will not occur. Finally, the City would request drawings and site plans that give a clear indication of the actual spatial location of and dimensions of the treatment sites.

As this process proceeds, there are likely to be additional questions. Other matters relative to zoning and location are under the City's purview and outside the scope of MDEQ's permitting process. Notwithstanding, the effects of the quality of life and the integrity of the surrounding community and residents are our primary concern.

Please apprise the City of the next steps in the permitting process. We certainly welcome the opportunity to submit additional questions and concerns as we learn more details about this industry. We look forward to your response and should you have questions, please give me a call at (601) 545-4501.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Johnny L. DuPree". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

Johnny L. DuPree, Ph.D.
Mayor, City of Hattiesburg

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c: Franklyn Tate