

**PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION**  
**New South Lumber Company**  
**Bucks Sawmill**  
**Facility No. 503-S002**

**Introduction**

On October 1, 2025, Trinity Consultants submitted, on behalf of New South Lumber Company (NSLC), a retroactive Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) permit application. In the application, NSLC proposes to install a new dry kiln and modify an existing planer mill pneumatic transfer system. The facility is located at 14083 U.S. Highway 43 in Bucks, Mobile County, Alabama. Application addenda were received on October 31, November 17, December 9, 2025; January 12, 20, 23, 30, and March 9, 16, 19, 24, 25, 2026. Air Permit Nos. X001 through X004, X006, and X007 would be issued for the proposed project pending the resolution of any comments that may be received during the public comment period and EPA review.

**Facility Operations**

NSLC produces green and kiln-dried southern pine lumber. Processes at the facility consist of a debarker, a sawmill, a sawdust storage system with two (2) storage silos and cyclones (SC01 and SC02), two (2) 70 MMBF/yr continuous lumber drying kilns (CDK-1 and CDK-2) each with a 40 MMBtu/hr wood-fired burner, a 100 MMBF/yr CDK (CDK-3) with a 45 MMBtu/hr natural gas-fired burner, a planer mill with a quad pack cyclone (PLN1-QPC) and a high efficiency cyclone to a truck bin (PLN2-HEC), a 305 BHP diesel-fired emergency fire pump engine and a 69 BHP and two 54 BHP natural gas-fired emergency generators. The facility also utilizes a 700-gallon diesel and a 350-gallon gasoline storage tank to store fuel for mobile equipment used on site.

Tree-length logs are delivered by truck to the mill and offloaded by cranes. The logs are sorted, stacked, and inventoried for processing or placed on wet deck storage. Once entering the Green Lumber Sawing Processes (EU X001), logs are cut to the desired length by saws and manually fed into a debarker. The logs are then scanned for metal to prevent damage to processing equipment and to reduce the possibility of personnel injury. Bark and wood chips are mechanically conveyed to storage bins before being sold off-site as a byproduct. Poor quality log parts are chipped and sold as a paper mill fiber source or distributed for other purposes.

Logs entering the sawmill building are converted into various sized green timbers or dimensional lumber using a series of sawing techniques. The dimensional lumber and timbers are sawed, trimmed at the green trimmer, sorted by length and dimension, stacked on sticks, and sold as rough green lumber or sent to the lumber kilns (EU X002) for drying. Large defective pieces from the sawmill are chipped and sold as a byproduct or distributed for other purposes.

Green sawdust from the sawmill is collected and pneumatically conveyed to one of two fuel storage silos (EU X004) for the continuous dry kilns. Emissions are controlled by individual cyclones (SC01 and SC02) on each fuel silo.

Packs of lumber from the sawmill area are stacked onto carts, which are then pushed on rail tracks into one of the three lumber drying kilns. In the lumber drying area, packs of green lumber are heated to dry the lumber to a moisture content between 15-20%. Emissions from the kilns are directed through powered stacks at the end of each kiln.

Dried rough lumber is sent from the lumber kilns to be finished in the planer mill (EU X003). Each board passes through a planer to dress the surface and finish the board to its final thickness and width. Dry shavings from the planer mill are collected and pneumatically conveyed via a quad pack cyclone (PLN1-QP) and high efficiency cyclone (PLN1-HEC) to a truck bin and stored until sold and loaded into trucks. After planing, each board is grade stamped and packaged for shipping. The finished product is then stored in inventory or loaded and shipped offsite.

The facility also utilizes a 305 BHP diesel-fired fire pump engine (EU X006) to provide water in case of an emergency. The engine is an affected source under 40 CFR Part 63, Subpart ZZZZ, NESHAP: *Stationary Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines* (RICE MACT). The engine is classified as a new source because the unit was installed after June 12, 2006. According to 40 CFR §63.6590(c), a new or reconstructed stationary CI RICE located at a major source must meet the requirements of the RICE MACT by meeting the requirements of 40 CFR Part 60, Subpart III: *Standards of Performance for Stationary Compression Ignition Internal Combustion Engines*. Subpart III stipulates that the engine only operates during emergencies except for no more than 100 hours per year during non-emergency situations. NSLC also operates three small (one 69 BHP and two 54 BHP) natural gas-fired emergency generators (EU X007) that are subject to 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart ZZZZ and 40 CFR Part 60, Subpart JJJ, *Standards of Performance for Stationary Spark Ignition Internal Combustion Engines*.

### **Proposed Project**

New South Lumber Company (NSLC) is applying for an expansion to the Bucks Sawmill to increase facility-wide lumber production. Air Permit Nos. 503-S002-X001 through X005 were issued on May 30, 2024, for the initial construction of the facility as a Greenfield site. NSLC began operations in October 2024. On March 3, 2025, Air Permit Nos. 503-S002-X006 and X007 were issued, replacing Air Permit No. X005, for as-built changes to the emergency fire pump and emergency generators. Based on operations since October 2024, NSLC has determined that the initial construction permitting is not sufficient to cover the operations of the Bucks Sawmill. The facility currently has an annual production capacity of 240 MMBF.

NSLC proposes to install an additional natural gas continuous lumber kiln, increase facility-wide lumber production to 385 MMBF/yr, and replace the pneumatic system and control devices on the existing planer mill as part of the permit application. The initial facility construction and the proposed facility modifications are within the 5-year contemporaneous period from the commencement of construction to the time of normal operation for the modified processes. The initial construction and proposed modifications would utilize many of the same processes throughout the lumber mill. The two projects are interdependent. Therefore, NSLC is evaluating the initial construction and proposed modifications as a single construction project. The application includes potential emissions calculations, state and federal air regulatory review, state implementation plan (SIP) forms, and federal permitting requirements (e.g., BACT, Class I Area analysis, and additional impacts analyses). No air dispersion modeling was included in the application as federal permitting would be triggered for volatile organic compounds (VOC) only. The application also included operating scenarios for utilization of abort stacks on the dry kilns.

Changes from the initial application include:

1. An assumption that the emissions from the kilns consist of 20% “fugitive” emissions;

2. A determination that the maximum annual production rates of CDK-1 and CDK-2 (EU X001) would be 92.5 MMBF (each) as opposed to 70 MMBF (each) given in the initial application;
3. A determination that the potential emissions of PM<sub>2.5</sub> from the gas-fired kilns should be calculated based on newly acquired emission factors which are lower than those utilized in the initial application;
4. Updated emission factors for calculating CO<sub>2e</sub> based on more recent information;
5. Addressing emissions from the abort stacks on the biomass dry kilns which are utilized during startups;
6. Replacing the existing pneumatic system and cyclones on the Planer Mill (EU X003) with a higher capacity system that utilizes a closed-loop cyclone and baghouse.
7. Limiting operation of the sawmill, planer mill, and fuel silo pneumatic systems to 6,000 hours per year.

Upon review of the draft permits, NSLC requested that a revised strategy be utilized to ensure the facility did not exceed the annual PSD Significant Emission Rates for PM, PM<sub>10</sub>, and PM<sub>2.5</sub>. In lieu of short-term emission limits (e.g. lb/hr) for these pollutants, the facility proposes facility-wide 12-month rolling total emissions limits that would be calculated each month. The proposed tracking is outlined in detail in Section 4.1 and Table B-34 of Appendix B in the March 25, 2026, application. The facility also proposes a production limit for the planer mill instead of annual hours of operation and that daily visible emission requirements of the dry kilns be removed.

### **Applicability: Federal Regulations**

#### **Title V**

The facility is currently a major source under Title V regulations because the potential emissions of volatile organic compounds (576.6 TPY of VOC) exceed the 100 ton per year (TPY) major source threshold. It is currently a major source of hazardous air pollutants (HAPs) because the potential emissions of methanol are greater than 10 TPY (20.7 TPY) and the potential emissions for combined HAP exceed 25 TPY (36.8 TPY). After completion of the project, the facility would remain a major source for VOC (734.46 TPY), total HAP (47.5 TPY), and methanol (26.2 TPY).

#### **National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP)**

NESHAP requires that any facility regulated under section 112 of the Clean Air Act whose potential emission of hazardous air pollutants (HAPs) exceeds the major source threshold, unless the source is a specifically designated area source, must control these emissions to the level achievable by the best demonstrated technology as specified in the applicable provisions under 40 CFR Part 63. NSLC would be a major source for HAPs and an affected source under 40 CFR Part 63, Subpart DDDD: *Plywood and Composite Wood Products* (PCWP MACT), and 40 CFR Part 63, Subpart ZZZZ: *Stationary Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines* (RICE MACT).

### PCWP MACT

The PCWP MACT regulates HAP emissions from activities associated with the manufacture of plywood and other composite wood products, including stand-alone lumber kilns, in accordance with 40 CFR §63.2232. Processes that are not subject to the compliance options or work practice requirements specified in 40 CFR §63.2240, such as the lumber kilns, are specifically not required to comply with the compliance options, work practice requirements, performance testing, monitoring, and recordkeeping or reporting requirements of the subpart, or any other requirements in 40 CFR 63 Subpart A, except the initial notification requirements in 40 CFR §63.9(b) in accordance with 40 CFR §63.2252. The application serves as the initial notification of the CDKs, affected sources under PCWP MACT.

### RICE MACT

Reciprocating internal combustion engines are affected sources under 40 CFR Part 63, Subpart ZZZZ, the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Stationary Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines (Subpart ZZZZ). The proposed engines would be considered new affected sources since they would be constructed after June 12, 2006. According to 40 CFR §63.6590(c), any new stationary emergency RICE less than 500 Hp located at a major source of HAP emissions must meet the requirements of the Subpart ZZZZ by meeting the requirements of 40 CFR Part 60, Subpart IIII, Standards of Performance for Stationary Compression Ignition Internal Combustion Engines and Subpart JJJJ, Standards of Performance for Stationary Spark Ignition Internal Combustion Engines. No further requirements would apply to the emergency engines under Subpart ZZZZ.

### **New Source Pollutant Standards (NSPS)**

#### 40 CFR Part 60, Subpart IIII, Standards of Performance for Stationary Compression Ignition Internal Combustion Engines (CI ICE)

Subpart IIII applies to owners/operators of stationary CI ICE that commence construction after July 11, 2005, and are manufactured after April 1, 2006 [40 CFR §60.4200(a)(2)(i)]. Since the emergency fire pump CI ICE would be constructed/manufactured after 2006, the facility would be subject to this NSPS.

According to 40 CFR §60.4205(c), owners and operators of emergency fire pump CI ICE with a displacement of less than 30 liters per cylinder must comply with the emission standards in Table 4 to Subpart IIII. 40 CFR §60.4207 requires that NSLC use fuel that has a sulfur content ( $\leq 15$  ppm) and a Cetane index ( $\geq 40$ ) or aromatic content ( $\leq 35\%$  by volume), on a per gallon basis. The emergency fire pump CI ICE must be equipped with a non-resettable hour meter as required by 40 CFR §60.4209(a). The application indicated that the emergency fire pump CI ICE would be equipped with a non-resettable hour meter. The NSPS also limits the operation of the emergency fire pump CI ICE to emergency situations and 100 hours per year for maintenance checks, readiness testing, and demand response as specified in 40 CFR §60.4211(f).

#### Emission Limitations

In accordance with 40 CFR §60.4205(c) to this subpart, the emergency fire pump CI ICE must meet the emission standards for stationary fire pump engines found in Table 4 of Subpart IIII. The emergency fire pump CI ICE must meet a NO<sub>x</sub> + NMHC emission standard of 4.0 g/kW-hr (3.0 g/HP-hr), a PM emission standard of 0.20 g/kW-hr (0.15 g/HP-hr), and a CO emission

standard of 3.5 g/kW-hr (2.6 g/HP-hr). The engine would be certified by the manufacturer to meet all NSPS standards. To maintain their certification, NSLC must operate and maintain the CI ICE in a manner that meets these emission standards over the entire life of the engine, as required by 40 CFR §60.4211.

#### Compliance Requirements

To demonstrate compliance with the emission limitations of Subpart IIII, NSLC purchased an emergency fire pump CI ICE that is certified by the manufacturer to meet the emission standards. The facility shall maintain records of the date, time, duration, and purpose of operation each time the emergency fire pump CI ICE is operated, as required by 40 CFR §60.4214(b). To demonstrate compliance with the fuel limitations as required by 40 CFR §60.4207(b), NSLC shall maintain records of the sulfur content and either the Cetane index or aromatic content of the diesel fuel that is burned in the emergency fire pump CI ICE. All records shall be maintained in a form suitable for inspection and shall be retained for a period of at least two years from the date of generation, as required by 40 CFR §60.7(f).

#### 40 CFR Part 60, Subpart JJJJ, NSPS for Stationary Spark Ignition Internal Combustion Engines

Subpart JJJJ applies to owners/operators of stationary spark ignition (SI) ICE that commence construction after June 12, 2006, and for emergency engines with a maximum engine power greater than 19KW (25Hp) if the stationary SI ICE is manufactured on or after January 1, 2009. The emergency generators would be subject to 40 CFR 60 Subpart JJJJ. According to 40 CFR §60.4233(d), owners and operators of natural gas-fired SI ICE with a maximum engine power less than 100 HP must comply with the emission standards outlined in Table 1 to the subpart. The SI ICE must meet a NO<sub>x</sub> emission standard of 10 g/HP-hr, and a CO emission standard of 387 g/HP-hr.

#### Compliance

To demonstrate compliance with the emission limitations, NSLC purchased engines certified to meet the emission standards in accordance with 40 CFR §60.4243(b)(1). The facility would operate and maintain the engines in accordance with the requirements of 40 CFR §60.4243(a). The engines would be equipped with a non-resettable hour meter as required by 40 CFR §60.4237(a). The NSPS limits the operation of the engines to emergency situations and 100 hours per year for maintenance checks, readiness testing, and demand response as specified in 40 CFR §60.4243(d). In accordance with 40 CFR §60.4243(d)(3) emergency stationary ICE may be operated for up to 50 hours per calendar year in non-emergency situations. The 50 hours of operation in non-emergency situations are counted as part of the 100 hours per calendar year for maintenance and testing. If the facility operates an emergency engine for the purpose specified in §60.4243(d)(3)(i), they must submit an annual report according to the requirements in paragraphs (e)(1) through (3) of 40 CFR §60.4245.

In accordance with 40 CFR §60.4234 the facility would be required to operate and maintain the engines as required by 40 CFR §60.4233 over the entire life of the engine. The facility must also comply with the General Provisions outlined in Table 3 to Subpart JJJJ as required by 40 CFR §60.4246. The facility would be allowed to operate the engines using propane for a maximum of 100 hours per year as an alternative fuel solely during emergencies in accordance with 40 CFR §60.4243(e).

Recordkeeping

In accordance with 40 CFR §60.4245(a) and (b), NSLC would maintain the following records:

- Documentation from the manufacturer that the engines are certified to meet the emission standards;
- The date, time, duration, and purpose of operation each time an emergency engine is operated and;
- Records of all maintenance performed.

All records would be maintained in a form suitable for inspection and retained for a period of two years from the date of generation, as required by 40 CFR §60.7(f).

Testing Requirements

Operators who do not purchase a certified engine must conduct an initial performance test (in accordance with 40 CFR §60.4244) within one year of engine startup and conduct subsequent performance testing every 8,760 hours or three years, whichever comes first, thereafter to demonstrate compliance with 40 CFR §60.4243(a)(2)(iii). As NSLC purchased certified engines, no testing would be required.

**Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD)**

The facility is located in Mobile County which is currently classified as an attainment area for all criteria pollutants. NSLC is not one of the 28 Major Source categories listed in ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-14-.04(2)(a)(1); therefore, the major source threshold of concern is 250 TPY for criteria pollutants. This facility would be considered a new major stationary source under PSD regulations because the potential emissions of VOC (734 TPY) from the proposed project would exceed 250 TPY, and the potential emissions of CO<sub>2e</sub> (119,839 TPY) would exceed the applicable significant emissions rate of 75,000 TPY

A major source or major modification (one subject to PSD) must be constructed with Best Available Control Technology (BACT) and must have its effect on soils, vegetation, visibility, and ambient air quality addressed for each applicable pollutant. Applicability is determined by comparing each regulated pollutant's potential emission increase to its significant emission rate. NSLC calculated the maximum pollutant emissions based on future potential annual emissions (shown in the following table).

**Emissions Summary (TPY)**

Pollutant	Potential Emissions	PSD Threshold	PSD Major?	PSD SER	PSD Review?
Total PM (Filterable)	15.63	250	No	25	No
PM <sub>10</sub>	11.44	250	No	15	No
PM <sub>2.5</sub>	9.96	250	No	10	No
NO <sub>x</sub>	36.23	250	No	40	No
CO	65.89	250	No	100	No
VOC	734.46	250	Yes	40	Yes
SO <sub>2</sub>	7.23	250	No	40	No
CO <sub>2e</sub>	119,839	100,000	Yes	75,000	Yes
Methanol	26.2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total HAP	47.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Sources subject to PSD must satisfy the following requirements before being allowed to initiate construction:

1. Provide opportunity for public participation in the permitting process relative to the air quality impact the source would have if it were built.
2. Obtain a permit which sets forth emission limitations.
3. Demonstrate that the emissions from the source would not cause or contribute to a violation of the PSD increment or the NAAQS.
4. Apply the best available control technology (BACT), which is defined in terms of an emission limitation, based on the maximum degree of reduction of each pollutant which is determined to be technically and economically achievable for that particular source.
5. Analyze the impairment to visibility, soils, and vegetation that might occur as a result of operation of the source.
6. Analyze the air quality impacts projected due to the growth associated with the facility.
7. Conduct any ambient air quality monitoring necessary to determine the effect of the emissions on air quality.

#### **Public Participation**

In order to satisfy the public participation requirement, a copy of the preliminary determination (this engineering analysis and the air quality dispersion modeling analysis) and the permit applications will be made available on the Department's website for at least 30 days of public review. After the 30-day public comment period and within 5 days of the PSD permit issuance, the final determination will be made available on the Department's eFile system. The final determination consists of copies of the signed permits, any comments received during the public comment period, and any responses made to those comments.

#### **BACT Determination**

During a PSD review, new and modified sources must be assessed for Best Available Control Technology, or BACT, if their potential emissions increase is significant. BACT is an emission limit based on the maximum pollutant reduction achievable considering energy, economic, and environmental impacts. BACT is determined on a unit by unit, pollutant by pollutant basis. The BACT limit can be no less stringent than any applicable New Source Performance Standard (NSPS), National Emission Standard for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP), or other applicable standard.

For the proposed project, BACT must be determined for VOC and CO<sub>2e</sub> emissions from the continuous lumber drying kilns and engines. NSLC utilized the "top-down" approach for the BACT analysis. This approach considers the most stringent control option available and a determination of its technical feasibility for the emission unit in question. If the option is not rejected, the applicant must analyze the option based upon economic, environmental, and energy considerations. Below are the five basic steps of a top-down BACT review procedure as identified by the US EPA in the March 15, 1990, Draft BACT Guidelines:

- Step 1. Identify all control technologies
- Step 2. Eliminate technically infeasible options
- Step 3. Rank remaining control technologies by control effectiveness
- Step 4. Evaluate most effective controls and document results
- Step 5. Select BACT

**Best Available Control Technology (BACT)**

BACT is determined on a unit by unit, pollutant by pollutant basis. Because the PSD application submitted by NSLC addresses new emissions units, BACT would be performed for all applicable units. The proposed available control technologies for the units at NSLC are listed in Table II.

**TABLE I**  
**AVAILABLE CONTROL TECHNOLOGIES**

Pollutant	Control Technology
VOC	Thermal Oxidation, Condensation, Adsorption, Wet Scrubbing, Biofiltration, Good Design/Operation
CO <sub>2e</sub>	Fuel Selection, Good Design/Operation

The facility proposes the following as BACT for each applicable unit:

**Table II**  
**Summary of Proposed BACT**

Unit	Pollutant	Selected BACT	Limits (Each Unit)	Compliance Method
Continuous Kilns	VOC (Kiln)	Proper Maintenance and Operating Practices	4.75 lb/MBF (All kilns)	Recordkeeping
	VOC (Abort Stack)	Proper Maintenance and Operating Practices	0.017 lb/MMBtu	Recordkeeping
	GHG	Optimum Combustion Fuel Selection Good Design and Operating Practices	Rolling 12-month basis 36,827 tpy (Biomass) 23,080 tpy (Natural gas)	Recordkeeping
Emergency Fire Pump Engine	VOC	Good Combustion Practices Limiting Operating Hours	2.47E-03 lb/HP-hr	Recordkeeping
	GHG	Optimum Combustion Fuel Selection Good Design and Operating Practices	1.15 lb/HP-hr	Recordkeeping
Emergency Generators	VOC	Good Combustion Practices Limiting Operating Hours	0.12 lb/HP-hr	Recordkeeping
	GHG	Optimum Combustion Fuel Selection Good Design and Operating Practices	110.1 lb/MMBtu	Recordkeeping

## **Continuous Dry Kilns** **BACT Determination for VOC**

***Steps 1 and 2. Identify all control technologies and the feasibility of each:*** NSLC examined the feasibility of the following control technologies to control VOC emissions:

- Adsorption
- Biofiltration
- Condensation
- Thermal Oxidation
- Wet Scrubbing
- Proper Maintenance and Operation.

### **Adsorption**

Carbon adsorption systems can potentially be used to remove VOCs from exhaust gases. The system funnels VOC laden gases through an activated carbon bed contained in a steel vessel. The gaseous VOCs are adsorbed on the activated carbon while the clean gas is vented to the atmosphere. Spent carbon is regenerated with steam by replacing adsorbed organic compounds at high temperatures. Carbon adsorption systems have demonstrated VOC reduction efficiencies of approximately 90 to 95 percent.

Carbon adsorption is not recommended for exhaust streams with 50 percent or greater relative humidity. At high moisture content, water molecules compete with the hydrocarbon molecules by preferentially condensing on active adsorption sites substantially reducing the efficiency of control. The exhaust from lumber dry kilns contains water vapor that has a relative humidity over 100%. Carbon adsorption is therefore considered technically infeasible in this application. There are currently no identified lumber drying kilns equipped with carbon adsorption systems.

### **Biofiltration**

Biofiltration is a control technology in which vapor-phase organic contaminants are passed through a filter bed. The contaminants are absorbed on the filter material and are then broken down by microorganisms. The compounds transform into CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O with varying efficiency.

To maintain high removal efficiencies moisture levels, pH, temperature, and other filter conditions such as fungi growth should be monitored. Most microorganisms can survive and flourish at temperatures of 60°F to 105°F. The exiting exhaust temperature of the proposed lumber kilns would be approximately 145 °F. VOC emissions from the kilns are also primarily terpenes that are highly viscous and would foul the biofilter. The application of biofiltration technology for VOC removal from lumber kiln emissions has not been demonstrated. Due to the temperature constraints and unproven application of biofiltration to this type of process, biofiltration is technically infeasible for the proposed lumber drying kilns.

### **Condensation**

Condensation removes contaminants by chilling the exhaust streams, converting it into a liquid. The two most common types of condensation devices are contact or barometric condensers and surface condensers.

Condensation is only effective when the gas stream can be cooled to a temperature where VOC constituents condense as a liquid out of the gas stream. To reduce the vapor pressure of terpenes, the primary constituent of lumber kiln emissions, the temperature must be reduced to well below 0 °F. This temperature would freeze the exhaust stream and plug the unit. Condensation is considered technically infeasible in this application.

## **Thermal Oxidation**

### *Regenerative Thermal Oxidation*

According to EPA Air Pollution Control Technology, RTOs use a high-density media, such as a ceramic-packed bed, to preheat an incoming VOC-laden waste gas stream. The preheated gases then pass into a combustion chamber where they are heated by auxiliary fuel (natural gas) combustion to a final oxidation temperature typically between 1400 - 1500°F to achieve maximum VOC destruction. Purified hot gases exit this chamber and are directed to one or more different ceramic-packed beds cooled by an earlier cycle. Heat from the purified gases is absorbed by these before the gases are exhausted to atmosphere. The reheated packed bed then begins a new cycle by heating a new incoming waste gas stream. Destruction efficiency VOC depends upon the design criteria (i.e. chamber temperature, residence time, inlet VOC concentration, compound type, and degree of mixing). Typical VOC destructive efficiencies range from 95% to 99% for RTO systems. Lower control efficiencies are generally associated with lower concentration flows.

### *Regenerative Catalytic Oxidation*

An RCO operates in the same manner as an RTO but uses a catalyst material rather than ceramic material in the packed bed that allows for destruction of VOC at a lower temperature. An RCO uses a precious metal catalyst in the packed bed, allowing oxidation to occur at approximately 800°F. The lower temperature requirement reduces the amount of natural gas needed to fuel the system and overall size of the incinerator. Destruction efficiencies range from 90 to 99% for RCO systems.

The high moisture content and low exit temperature of the kiln exhaust stream would likely make a Regenerative Thermal Oxidizer (RTO) technically infeasible. While regenerative catalytic oxidizers (CatOx) can operate at lower temperatures than the RTO, the exit temperature of the exhaust stream from the kiln is still too low for this option to be feasible. Furthermore, the particulate matter and other contaminants in the exhaust stream would cause a loss of catalytic activity. Also, the low temperature of the exhaust stream precludes the system from using a CatOx system for VOC control.

No lumber drying kilns in the RBLC database were noted to utilize thermal oxidation. NSLC therefore contends that the use of thermal oxidation to control VOC emissions from the lumber kilns would be considered technically infeasible. However, the facility conservatively conducted a cost analysis in determining the economic feasibility of utilization of an RTO and what, if any, environmental impact it might have.

### **Wet Scrubbing**

Scrubbing of exhaust gas or vapor pollutants from a gas stream is usually accomplished in a packed or plated column where pollutants are absorbed by counter-current flow of a scrubbing liquid. A VOC laden gas stream with relatively high water solubility is required for the wet scrubber to be effective.

The terpenes within the kiln exhaust are not highly soluble but are highly viscous. This would lead to plugging the absorption media of a wet scrubber and leaves the process technically infeasible.

### **Proper Kiln Design and Operation**

Proper maintenance and operation of lumber drying kilns can effectively minimize VOC emissions. A maintenance and operation plan should be developed to include selection of a proper drying schedule and temperature based on moisture content (between 13% and 18%) and manufacturer's specifications. Routine maintenance should also be completed on kilns based on manufacturer's recommendations. This method involves no add-on pollution controls. However, written procedures of best management practices, proper maintenance and operating activities can be an effective abatement technique when combined with training of employees and recordkeeping.

*Steps 3, 4 and 5: Rank remaining control technologies by control effectiveness/ Evaluate most effective controls/Select BACT:*

### **Regenerative Thermal Oxidation**

NSLC stated in the application that, even if the use of an RTO were technically feasible on a lumber drying kiln, the cost of using an RTO would exceed the benefit of the VOC reduction it offers. The facility included a cost analysis in the application that indicated the current cost of controlling VOC with an RTO would be approximately \$18,910 per ton of VOC removed for the biomass kilns and \$17,492 per ton of VOC removed for the natural gas kilns. This high cost for VOC control is largely due to the high moisture content of the kiln exhaust stream and low exhaust temperature, as heating water vapor in the exhaust stream to RTO operating temperatures significantly increases the natural gas heating requirement. There would also be associated energy and environmental impacts resulting from the use of natural gas, including additional pollutant emissions such as NO<sub>x</sub> from natural gas combustion. See Appendix D of the application for details of the cost analysis.

### **Proper Kiln Design and Operation**

According to the application, the only economically cost-effective control technology for removing VOC emissions from a continuous lumber kiln is the use of "good design and operating practices". Since this control option is the top remaining BACT control technology, after showing that other "add-on" control systems were not technically or economically feasible, no additional cost analysis was performed.

**Step 5. Select BACT:**

NSLC proposes the following emission level as BACT for VOC:

<b>Pollutant</b>	<b>BACT Determination</b>	<b>BACT Emission Limit</b>
VOC	Proper Kiln Design and Operating Practices	4.75 lb/MBF, as WPP1 VOC*

\*“WPP1 VOC” is an acronym for Wood Products Protocol 1 VOC. WPP1 VOC refers to VOC emissions expressed in accordance with the document “Interim VOC Measurement Protocol for the Wood Products Industry – July 2007.” This EPA document established procedures and emission measurement methods to approximate VOC emissions for determining applicability with Federal programs and to establish consistency across State programs for the forest products industry.

A search of EPA RACT/BACT/LAER Clearinghouse indicated that no facilities are utilizing add-on controls for lumber drying kilns, and the proposed VOC emission limit of 4.75 lb/MBF (as WPP1 VOC) is comparable to other BACT determinations for continuous kilns in the wood products industry. The Department concurs that proper kiln design, operation, and maintenance, and an emission limit of 4.75 lb/MBF (as WPP1 VOC) represents BACT for the proposed kilns.

NSLC identified the average moisture content of the dried lumber as a measurable parameter to be used in minimizing VOC emissions from the kilns. VOC emissions would be minimized by not over-drying the lumber (setting a minimum moisture content parameter of 13%). Due to seasonal variability of the wood moisture content and drying times, NSLC has proposed compliance with a rolling 12-month average for comparison to the moisture content target. NSLC also submitted a maintenance plan for the existing kilns (CDK’s 1-3) on April 29, 2025, and for the proposed kiln in the most recent application.

**Biomass Kiln Burner Abort Stacks**  
**BACT Determination for VOC**

Each 40 MMBtu/hr biomass burner has an associated abort stack which would be utilized during startup operations (venting directly to atmosphere) for approximately 48 non-consecutive hours per year. NSLC determined that the potential VOC emissions from the abort stacks would be 0.032 TPY, which would be approximately 0.0044% of the total VOC emissions from point sources. Due to the very low potential emissions associated with the abort stacks and the intermittent nature of the abort stack operations, methodologies for capturing and controlling the VOCs would be neither practical nor cost effective. NSLC has determined that proper maintenance and good operating practices are the only controls technically and economically feasible for the biomass burner abort stacks. NSLC proposes an emission rate of 0.017 lb/MMBtu for VOC and to record the hours of abort stack usage as BACT. The Department agrees with the proposed BACT for the abort stacks.

## **Emergency Engines** **BACT Determination for VOC**

**Steps 1 and 2. Identify all control technologies and the feasibility of each:** NSLC examined the feasibility of the following control technologies to control VOC emissions:

- Purchase of Certified NSPS IIII/JJJJ Engine
- Good Combustion Practices
- Limitation on Hours of Operation

All of these control technologies would be considered technically feasible.

**Steps 3, 4 and 5: Rank remaining control technologies by control effectiveness/ Evaluate most effective controls/Select BACT:** Purchase of certified NSPS IIII or JJJJ engines, good combustion practices and limitations on hours of operation have an undefined control efficiency for VOC emissions. The emergency engines will have low emissions of VOC, compounded with the fact that they will be restricted to 100 hours per year of operation.

**Step 5. Select BACT:** NSLC proposes good combustion practices and limiting the operating hours for the emergency engines as BACT. Proposed BACT limits will be set to the emission limits required by NSPS Subpart IIII and JJJJ which are obtained through proper operation and maintenance of an EPA certified engine. A summary of these emission limits is shown in Table II.

### **Facility-Wide BACT determination for CO<sub>2e</sub>**

**Step 1. Identify all control technologies:** Controlling CO<sub>2e</sub> emissions would involve the use of the following:

- Carbon Capture and Storage
- Optimum Combustion Efficiency
- Fuel Selection
- Oxygen Enrichment/Oxy-Fuel Combustion
- Good Design and Operating Practices

### **Carbon Capture and Storage**

An effective carbon, capture, and storage (CCS) system would require three elements:

- Separation technology for the CO<sub>2</sub> exhaust stream (i.e., “carbon capture” technology),
- Transportation of CO<sub>2</sub> to a storage site, and
- A viable location for long-term storage of CO<sub>2</sub>.

These three elements work in series. Consequently, to execute a CCS program as BACT, all three elements must be available.

### **CO<sub>2</sub> Capture**

CO<sub>2</sub> Capture involves post-combustion capture of CO<sub>2</sub> from the emission units and sequestration of the CO<sub>2</sub>. Carbon capture is an established process in some industry sectors, although not in the

wood products sectors. In theory, carbon capture could be accomplished with low pressure scrubbing of CO<sub>2</sub> from the exhaust stream with either solvents (e.g., amines and ammonia), solid sorbents, or membranes. However, only solvents have been used to-date on a commercial (slip stream) scale, and solid sorbents and membranes are only in the R&D phase.

CO<sub>2</sub> must be compressed from near-atmospheric pressure to pipeline pressure (around 2,000 psia) prior to transportation to an appropriate sequestration site. The compression of CO<sub>2</sub> requires a large auxiliary power load, resulting in the use of additional fuel (and additional CO<sub>2</sub> emissions) to generate this needed electricity.

### **CO<sub>2</sub> Transport**

CO<sub>2</sub> that has been captured and compressed is subsequently transported to the site designated for long-term geologic storage or use in enhanced oil recovery (EOR). Pipelines are expected to be the most economical and efficient method of transporting CO<sub>2</sub> for commercial purposes. Currently no CO<sub>2</sub> transportation infrastructure is available for the Bucks Sawmill.

### **CO<sub>2</sub> Storage**

CO<sub>2</sub> storage refers to the process of injecting CO<sub>2</sub> into subsurface formations for long-term sequestration. CO<sub>2</sub> storage is currently utilized across the U.S. and around the world. The US DOE has successfully completed two industrial “Major Demonstration” projects at a biofuels plant and a hydrogen production facility. Underground CO<sub>2</sub> injection has also been used successfully to boost production efficiency of oil and gas wells by re-pressurizing the reservoir, and in the case of oil, by increasing mobility.

There are currently no sites where CO<sub>2</sub> could be sequestered in the vicinity of the facility location. The nearest storage sites would be in Southern Mississippi more than 60 miles from the Bucks Sawmill. Since there are currently no CO<sub>2</sub> pipelines which could transport compressed CO<sub>2</sub> to a region of the country where it could be used, NSLC’s evaluation of CCS technology assumed that the construction of a pipeline for the transport of CO<sub>2</sub> to a region where it could be used would be necessary.

While carbon capture technology may be technologically available on a small-scale, it has not been demonstrated in practice for wood product facilities. Consequently, CCS is unavailable for all project combustion systems due to the lack of demonstrated technology and storage locations. Therefore, CCS has not been carried forward into subsequent steps of the BACT analysis for a representative emission unit in the Bucks Sawmill project scope.

### **Optimum Combustion Efficiency**

Greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions are generated when combustible organics are oxidized. As such, typical add-on combustion controls for organic compound destruction are not considered to be GHG control options. GHG emissions from combustion units are minimized when highly efficient combustion devices are implemented that require less fuel usage to achieve the desired energy output. Therefore, GHG BACT considerations involve a review of high efficiency combustion equipment and technology options. By selecting a high efficiency combustion unit, GHG emissions are minimized.

### **Fuel Selection**

The carbon intensity of fuels can vary significantly across available fossil fuels commonly used in industry. Fuels with low carbon intensity have lower GHG emissions than fuels with high carbon intensity. Therefore, GHG BACT considerations involve the evaluation of low carbon intensity fuel options. By selecting a low-carbon fuel, GHG emissions are minimized. The use of pipeline quality natural gas as fuel is inherent to the proposed project. While the use of wood and wood residual biomass is not inherently low carbon, finding use for on-site fuel would eliminate the need for additional transportation fuels resulting in lower overall GHG emissions in the region.

### **Oxygen Enrichment/Oxy-Fuel Combustion**

A certain amount of air is required to provide sufficient oxygen for the combustion of fuel. Air is primarily made up of 78% nitrogen, 21% oxygen and 1% argon and other gases. Oxygen Enrichment/Oxy-Fuel combustion is the substitution of oxygen for combustion air to burn the fuel in the furnace. Oxygen-enriched combustion refers to increasing the oxygen content of the air/oxygen mixture used for the combustion reactions to in the range of 21-35 percent. Oxy-fuel combustion refers to entirely replacing the combustion air supply with 100 percent pure oxygen.

The use of oxygen-enriched or oxy-fuel combustion increases furnace efficiency by improving thermal efficiency and heat transfer. GHG emissions can be further minimized using various oxygen enrichment and oxyfuel strategies. These strategies improve efficiency by reducing or removing the N<sub>2</sub> portion of typical combustion air. Accordingly, a reduced volume of combustion air would be required to complete the combustion reaction, the flame temperature would increase, the available heat would increase, and the thermal efficiency of the system would be improved. However, while oxygen enrichment/oxy-fuel combustion has been successfully applied to some furnaces or burners in other industrial sectors, this technology is not available for the proposed lumber kiln burners in the specific application planned for Bucks Sawmill project.

### **Good Design and Operating Practices**

Good combustion design includes proper burner and unit design for the proposed combustion units. For both the biomass and natural gas burner attached to each lumber kiln, the exhaust gases must be in direct contact with the lumber being dried. Additionally, the doors to the kilns must remain open for operation. The design of the conditioning chambers of the kilns is utilized to transfer the heat produced and limit the amount of fuel required to complete the drying process. Good operating practices include good burner maintenance and operation and good air to fuel mixing to promote complete combustion. By operating a combustion unit as efficiently as possible, GHG emissions are minimized. As part of the normal operating practices, preventative maintenance practices would be performed according to the manufacturer's recommendations.

***Steps 2 Eliminate technically infeasible options:*** NSLC contends in the application that the only technically feasible options for controlling GHG emissions from combustion sources at the sawmill would be Optimum Combustion Efficiency, Fuel Selection and Good Design and Operating Practices.

**Steps 3 through 5. Rank remaining control technologies by effectiveness; evaluate most effective controls and demonstrate results; select BACT:** NSLC proposes the following CO<sub>2e</sub> BACT limits by utilizing Optimum Combustion Efficiency, Fuel Selection and Good Design and Operating Practices:

<b>Emission Unit</b>	<b>Rated Capacity (Specified unit, each)</b>	<b>GHG Emission Rate (tpy, each)</b>
Continuous Kiln No. 1 Biomass Burner No. 1	92.5 MMBF/yr 40 MMBtu/hr	36,827
Continuous Kiln No. 2 Biomass Burner No. 2	92.5 MMBF/yr 40 MMBtu/hr	36,827
Continuous Kiln No. 3 Natural Gas Burner No. 3	100 MMBF/yr 45 MMBtu/hr	23,080
Continuous Kiln No. 4 Natural Gas Burner No. 4	100 MMBF/hr 45 MMBtu/hr	23,080
Emergency Fire Pump Engine	305 HP 100 hr/yr	17.60
Emergency Generator No.1	54 HP 100 hr/yr	2.08
Emergency Generator No.2	54 HP 100 hr/yr	2.08
Emergency Generator No.3	69 HP 100 hr/yr	2.66

Compliance with the proposed GHG emission limits would be demonstrated by operating and maintaining the process units in accordance with the manufacturer’s recommendations, instructions, and/or operating manual(s), with any modifications deemed necessary by NSLC. NSLC’s proposed control method is consistent with the GHG BACT determinations that were identified in the RBLC and similar facility review for similar emission sources. The Department concurs with these BACT proposals for the combustion sources at the NSLC facility.

**Anti-PSD Limits**

Major sources for PSD must determine whether any additional criteria pollutants would require PSD review by exceeding their respective Significant Emission Rate (SER). To avoid exceeding the PSD SER for PM (25 TPY), PM<sub>10</sub> (15 TPY), and PM<sub>2.5</sub> (10 TPY), NSLC requested to utilize emission factors in lieu of short-term limits (e.g. lb/hr) for each applicable unit as outlined in Table III below. These factors would be utilized to calculate the monthly and 12-month rolling total emissions from the facility to demonstrate no SER has been exceeded. The facility wide emissions would be limited to 24.9 TPY for PM, 14.9 TPY for PM<sub>10</sub> and 9.96 TPY for PM<sub>2.5</sub>. Should testing of a unit indicate higher emissions than those in Table III, the facility would immediately begin to utilize the results from the test to calculate the monthly and rolling total emissions. NSLC would be required to submit a permit application within 180 days after testing, either requesting the higher emission factor or demonstrating that the emission factor derived is not representative of normal operations.

**Table III**

Emission Point ID	Emission Factor
CDK-1 and CDK-2	PM 0.0568 lb/MBF PM <sub>10</sub> 0.0832 lb/MBF PM <sub>2.5</sub> 0.0792 lb/MBF
CDK-3 and CDK-4	PM 0.0104 lb/MBF PM <sub>10</sub> 0.0192 lb/MBF PM <sub>2.5</sub> 0.0189 lb/MBF
CDK Abort Stacks	PM 0.000213 ton/hr PM <sub>10</sub> 0.000296 ton/hr PM <sub>2.5</sub> 0.000276 ton/hr
PLN1-DC1	PM 0.0029 lb/MBF PM <sub>10</sub> 0.0029 lb/MBF PM <sub>2.5</sub> 0.0029 lb/MBF
SC01 and SC02	PM 1.46 lb/hr PM <sub>10</sub> 0.20 lb/hr PM <sub>2.5</sub> 0.0204 lb/hr
ENG-1 (305 HP) GEN-1 (54 HP) GEN-2 (54 HP) GEN-3 69 HP	ENG-1: PM 0.1 lb/hr PM <sub>10</sub> 0.671 lb/hr PM <sub>2.5</sub> 0.671 lb/hr  GEN-1 and 2: PM 0.0000291 lb/hr PM <sub>10</sub> 0.0000291 lb/hr PM <sub>2.5</sub> 0.0000291 lb/hr  GEN-1 and 2: PM 0.0000372 lb/hr PM <sub>10</sub> 0.0000372 lb/hr PM <sub>2.5</sub> 0.0000372 lb/hr

An example of the proposed PM emission tracking is as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{Total PM}_{2.5} \text{ (tpy)} \\
 &= \frac{CDK1 \text{ EF } \left(\frac{\text{lb}}{\text{MBF}}\right) \times \text{MBF/yr}}{2,000 \text{ lb/ton}} + \frac{CDK2 \text{ EF } \left(\frac{\text{lb}}{\text{MBF}}\right) \times \text{MBF/yr}}{2,000 \text{ lb/ton}} \\
 &+ \frac{CDK3 \text{ EF } \left(\frac{\text{lb}}{\text{MBF}}\right) \times \text{MBF/yr}}{2,000 \text{ lb/ton}} + \frac{CDK4 \text{ EF } \left(\frac{\text{lb}}{\text{MBF}}\right) \times \text{MBF/yr}}{2,000 \text{ lb/ton}} \\
 &+ \left[ \text{Abort Stack EF } \left(\frac{\text{ton}}{\text{yr}}\right) \times \text{Startup hours } \left(\frac{\text{hr}}{\text{yr}}\right) \right] + \frac{\text{Fuel Silo Cyclone 1 EF } \left(\frac{\text{lb}}{\text{hr}}\right) \times \text{hr/yr}}{2,000 \text{ lb/ton}} \\
 &+ \frac{\text{Fuel Silo Cyclone 2 EF } \left(\frac{\text{lb}}{\text{hr}}\right) \times \text{hr/yr}}{2,000 \text{ lb/ton}} + \frac{\text{Planer EF } \left(\frac{\text{lb}}{\text{MBF}}\right) \times \text{MBF/yr}}{2,000 \text{ lb/ton}} \\
 &+ \frac{ENG1 \text{ EF } \left(\frac{\text{lb}}{\text{hr}}\right) \times \text{Non - Emerg. Hours } \left(\frac{\text{hr}}{\text{yr}}\right)}{2,000 \text{ lb/ton}} + \frac{GEN1 \text{ EF } \left(\frac{\text{lb}}{\text{hr}}\right) \times \text{Non - Emerg. Hours } \left(\frac{\text{hr}}{\text{yr}}\right)}{2,000 \text{ lb/ton}} \\
 &+ \frac{GEN2 \text{ EF } \left(\frac{\text{lb}}{\text{hr}}\right) \times \text{Non - Emerg. Hours } \left(\frac{\text{hr}}{\text{yr}}\right)}{2,000 \text{ lb/ton}} + \frac{GEN3 \text{ EF } \left(\frac{\text{lb}}{\text{hr}}\right) \times \text{Non - Emerg. Hours } \left(\frac{\text{hr}}{\text{yr}}\right)}{2,000 \text{ lb/ton}}
 \end{aligned}$$

### Compliance

NSLC would be required to meet the limits, monitoring, and recordkeeping compliance requirements for this proposed project as outlined in Table IV:

**Table IV**

Emission Point ID	Compliance Requirements
CDK-1 CDK-2 CDK-3 CDK-4	Maintain proper operating and maintenance practices and retain records of such practices
	Measure and maintain records of monthly and 12-month rolling average lumber moisture content
	Ensure the 12-month rolling average moisture content of the lumber is $\geq 13\%$
	Maintain records of monthly and 12-month rolling total lumber dried per kiln and limit emissions as indicated below.
CDK-1 and CDK-2	Limit production of each kiln to $\leq 92.5$ MMBF/yr and the following BACT limits:  VOC (as WPP1) 4.75 lb/MBF CO <sub>2e</sub> 36,827 TPY
CDK-3 and CDK-4	Limit production of each kiln to $\leq 100$ MMBF/yr and the following BACT limits:  VOC (as WPP1) 4.75 lb/MBF CO <sub>2e</sub> 23,080 TPY

Emission Point ID	Compliance Requirements
CDK Abort Stacks	<p>Limit operation of each abort stack to only during startup and the following BACT limit:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">VOC 0.017 lb/MMBtu</p> <p>Maintain records of abort stack usage on a monthly and 12-month rolling total basis.</p>
PLN1-DC1	<p>Limit production to 385 MMBF/yr</p> <p>Conduct initial testing and maintain records of hours of operation on a monthly and 12-month rolling total basis.</p>
SC01and SC02	<p>Limit operation to 6,000 hr/yr</p> <p>Conduct initial testing and maintain records of hours of operation on a monthly and 12-month rolling total basis.</p>
ENG-1 (305 HP)	<p>Maintain the engines in accordance with the manufacturer's emission related written instructions</p>
ENG-1 (305 HP)	<p>Limit emissions of ENG-1 to:</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">NMHC+NO<sub>x</sub> 4.0 g/kW-hr  CO 3.5 g/kW-hr  PM 0.2 g/kW-hr  VOC (BACT) 2.47E-03 lb/HP-hr  CO<sub>2e</sub> (BACT) 17.59 TPY</p>
<p>GEN-1 (54 HP)  GEN-2 (54 HP)  GEN-3 69 HP)</p>	<p>Limit emissions of GEN-1, 2 and 3 to:</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">NO<sub>x</sub> 10 g/HP-hr  CO 387 g/HP-hr  VOC (BACT) 0.12 lb/HP-hr  CO<sub>2e</sub> (BACT) 2.08 TPY (GEN-1 and 2) 2.66 TPY (GEN-3)</p> <p>Maintain records of maintenance performed and the hours of operation to ensure no engine is operated more than 100/yr during non-emergencies</p> <p>Maintain a certificate from the manufacturer that verifies the engine meets the relevant standards</p>
Facility wide	<p>Visually observe emissions from the cyclones and baghouse daily (while they are operating)</p> <p>Visually observe emissions from the engines during non-emergency operation and readiness testing</p> <p>Take corrective measures whenever any visible emissions are observed</p> <p>Inspect and clean pneumatic systems, cyclones, and baghouse at least annually and whenever visible emissions are noted for more than six (6) non-consecutive minutes of a Method 22 observation</p>

Emission Point ID	Compliance Requirements
Facility Wide	<p>Calculate the facility-wide emissions of PM, PM<sub>10</sub>, and PM<sub>2.5</sub> on a monthly and 12-month rolling total basis utilizing the emission factors for each applicable process, or the results of the most recent stack test.</p> <p>The following facility-wide synthetic minor limits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PM 24.9 ton/year</li> <li>PM<sub>10</sub> 14.9 ton/yr</li> <li>PM<sub>2.5</sub> 9.96 ton/yr</li> </ul>

### **Modeling**

NSLC utilized Model Emission Rate for Precursors (MERPs) to evaluate the proposed project's impact on ozone levels in the surrounding area. An ADEM review of the analysis determined that the proposed facility would not be expected to cause or contribute to any violation of a National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) or PSD Increment. For further discussion of the analysis, see the attached memo from the Meteorological Section of the Planning Branch (Appendix B) and Appendix F of the application. No additional modeling was performed for any remaining criteria air pollutants as their potential emissions would be less than the applicable significant emissions rates. No modeling was performed for non-criteria HAP pollutants as the continuous kilns are subject to 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart DDDD, The Plywood and Composite Wood Products MACT.

### **Additional Impacts**

Additional impact analyses assess the impacts of air, ground, and water pollution on soils, vegetation, and visibility caused by any increase in emissions of any regulated pollutant resulting from the proposed project and from associated growth. The depth of the analyses depends on existing air quality, the quantity of emissions, and the sensitivity of local soils, vegetation, and visibility in the source's impact area. NSLC addressed the impacts of the proposed project with respect to growth, soils and vegetation, and visibility.

### **Soil and Vegetation Impacts**

The EPA developed the secondary NAAQS to protect certain air quality related values (i.e., soil and vegetation) that may not be sufficiently protected by the primary NAAQS. The project triggers PSD for VOC emissions and there are no quantitative modeling standards associated with those emissions. However, VOCs are regulated ozone precursors and there are NAAQS standards associated with ozone. Mobile County, AL, where the Bucks facility is located, is in attainment with respect to ozone. The proposed project would be expected to have no significant impact on new ozone formation or any harmful effects on the soil and vegetation in the area.

### **Associated Growth**

The purpose of the growth analysis is to quantify any associated growth likely to occur to support the source or modification under review, and then to estimate the air quality impacts from this growth. The proposed project is subject to retroactive PSD review at an existing facility. The project would not require a significant increase in workforce and thus no significant population growth would be expected. Given the lack of population growth, there will not be any appreciable expansion in infrastructure associated with the project.

### **Class I Impact and Class II Visibility Analysis**

The proposed project would not trigger PSD review for any visibility-affecting pollutants or pollutants that contribute to acidic deposition, and as such no Class I Air Quality Related Values (AQRV) analyses would be required. Since there would be no AQRV considerations, a Federal Land Management notification letter would also not be required. In addition to AQRV review, PSD applications also review Class I increment at any Class I areas within 100 km. The closest Class I area is Breton Wilderness Area which is 145 km to the SW of the facility. Further the proposed project does not trigger PSD review for any increment-affecting pollutants. Therefore, no Class I increment evaluation would be required for this project.

No Class II visibility assessment would be required for this project, as no impact to visibility in the area around the site is anticipated. The existing and proposed sources at the facility would be equipped with control devices and other work practice standards to ensure no significant visible emissions would be expected to occur during normal operation of the sawmill.

### **Applicability: State Regulations**

#### **Particulate Matter**

##### ***Fuel Burning Equipment***

The CDKs and engines would not be subject to ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-4-.03(1), because they do not provide indirect heat, and are therefore not considered “fuel burning equipment” as defined in ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-1-.02(ee).

##### ***Process Industries – General***

All proposed units and processes that are point sources, except for the engines, would be subject to the State particulate matter emission standards for process industries as provided in ADEM Admin. Code r. 334-3-4-.04(1).

##### ***Visible Emissions***

All of the processes would be subject to the State visible emission standards of ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-4-.01(1), which states that no air emission source may emit particulate of an opacity greater than 20% (as measured by a six-minute average) more than once during any 60-minute period and at no time shall emit particulate of an opacity greater than 40% (as measured by a six-minute average).

#### **Sulfur Dioxide**

The proposed CDKs and engines would not be subject to the State sulfur dioxide emission standard of 4.0 lb/MMBtu of heat input [ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-5-.01(1)(b)] as the units are not considered fuel burning equipment. Therefore, the potential emissions of SO<sub>2</sub> from the kilns and engines were calculated using emission factors in this analysis.

#### **VOC**

ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-6-.07 addresses the control of organic emissions from gasoline dispensing facilities – Stage I. The rule applies to a gasoline dispensing facility that commences

construction after October 1, 1990, unless it meets one of the exceptions provided. ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-6-.07(2)(d), states that any new facility, with an actual or expected throughput of gasoline of less than 4,000 gallons per month for the months of June, July, and August during full operation, is exempt from the rule provided that the tanks are equipped with a submerged fill pipe. NSLC stated in the application that the 350-gallon gasoline storage tank would be equipped with a submerged fill pipe. The expected throughput during each summer month would also be less than 4,000 gallons, so the facility would not be subject to this rule.

### **Emission Testing and Monitoring**

#### **Dry Kilns**

The US EPA recently documented the difficulty of stack testing kilns in their documentation of proposed PCWP MACT amendments. EPA stated within EPA PCWP MACT Proposed Rule Prepublication Copy for Federal Register Notice 5/5/23:

"For CDKs, direct measurement of total kiln exhaust flow is not technically feasible due to the significant volume of fugitive emissions from the kiln openings. In addition to being unable to measure total flow, many CDKs have no specific emission point (or conduit) in which to measure emissions concentration (*e.g.*, no outlet stack or hood, or in an indirect-fired kiln no kiln air return duct to a burner). This lack of a specific emission point for measurement of total kiln air flow and concentration is also an economic limitation, because even if outlet vents suitable for testing were present for a portion of exhaust, all such vents would need to be tested to ensure uniformity of concentration or to establish vent-specific concentrations, which would greatly increase source testing costs (while total flow would continue to remain uncertain, limiting usefulness of the data for prescribing or enforcing an emission standard)."

Based upon these findings, testing would not be required for the dry kilns to demonstrate compliance with BACT limits. To ensure that the maximum capacity of the proposed kilns is not exceeded, NSLC would be required to calculate kiln production and lumber moisture content on a monthly and 12-month rolling total basis, to be updated within ten (10) days of the end of each calendar month. The facility initially proposed conducting daily observations for visible emissions from the kiln stacks. However, upon further consideration, it was determined that this would not be feasible due to the high moisture content of the exhaust plumes, the variability of kiln operation, a lack of emission controls and the presence of fugitive emissions from the kiln doors. No testing or monitoring would be required for the abort stacks based on their limited use and expected emissions.

#### **Pneumatic Systems**

Testing would be required for the proposed planer mill baghouse and sawdust storage silos system cyclones for visible emissions and emissions of PM, PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub>. These units would also be subject to 40 CFR Part 64, Compliance Assurance Monitoring (CAM), as they would utilize control devices to meet the applicable standards and the pre-controlled emissions would be greater than 100 TPY. To ensure proper operation of the sawmill and planer mill, monitoring

would include daily visual observations for any emissions from the cyclones and baghouse. Annual physical inspections of the control devices would also be required.

### **Engines**

As previously noted, no testing would be required for the engines as they would be certified by the manufacturer to meet the applicable standards. The facility would visually observe emissions from the engines during non-emergency operation and readiness testing and take corrective measures if any emissions are noted.

## **Recordkeeping and Reporting**

### **Recordkeeping**

NSLC would be required to maintain records of its actions taken to comply with proper maintenance and operating practices. Records of all visual observations would also be required, as well as records of the average monthly and 12-month rolling lumber moisture content, lumber production, kiln abort stack usage, and the sawmill and engine hours of operation. These records would be maintained onsite in a permanent form readily available for inspection.

### **Reporting**

NSLC would be required to submit Semiannual Monitoring Reports for the proposed units, which would include a certification that all emission monitoring and proper maintenance and operating practices were accomplished as required during the reporting period.

## **Conclusions and Recommendations**

This analysis indicates that this facility would meet the requirements of all applicable federal and State rules and regulations. Therefore, I recommend that NSLC be issued the following Air Permits for the proposed sawmill project, pending any comments received during the 30-day public comment period:

X001: Green Lumber Sawing Processes

X002: Continuous Dry Kilns 1 and 2 (CDK-1, CDK-2), each w/40 MMBtu/hr Wood-Fired Burner and Abort Stack

Continuous Dry Kilns 3 and 4 (CDK-3, CDK-4) each w/45 MMBtu/hr Natural Gas-Fired Burner

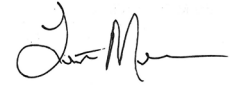
X003: Planer Mill Pneumatic System w/Planer Mill Cyclone and Baghouse (PLN1-DC1)

X004: Sawdust Pneumatic Systems and Two (2) silos and cyclones (SC01 and SC02)

X006: 305 BHP, Diesel-Fired Emergency Fire Pump Engine (NSPS, IIII)

X007: 69 BHP, Combustion Ignition, Natural Gas-Fired Reciprocating Internal Combustion Emergency Generator (NSPS, JJJJ)

Two (2) 54 BHP, Combustion Ignition, Natural Gas-Fired Reciprocating Internal  
Combustion Emergency Generators (NSPS, JJJJ)



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## Appendix A Potential Emissions

EUID No	Emission Unit Description	APCD ID No	Control Device Description	Filterable										Max Individual HAP <sup>3</sup>
				PM	Total PM <sub>10</sub>	Total PM <sub>2.5</sub>	NO <sub>x</sub>	CO	VOC	SO <sub>2</sub>	Lead	CO <sub>2e</sub> <sup>1</sup>	Total HAP <sup>2</sup>	
<i>Point Emissions Sources</i>														
CDK1	Continuous Kiln No. 1 <sup>4</sup>	N/A	None	2.637	3.862	3.676	10.26	16.14	175.77	3.52	6.76E-03	29,492	12.25	6.66
CDK2	Continuous Kiln No. 2 <sup>4</sup>	N/A	None	2.637	3.862	3.676	10.26	16.14	175.77	3.52	6.76E-03	29,492	12.25	6.66
CDK3	Continuous Kiln No. 3 <sup>4</sup>	N/A	None	0.520	0.960	0.946	7.73	12.99	190.90	0.09	7.73E-05	18,464	11.49	6.44
CDK4	Continuous Kiln No. 4 <sup>4</sup>	N/A	None	0.520	0.960	0.946	7.73	12.99	190.90	0.09	7.73E-05	18,464	11.49	6.44
PLN1	Planer Mill	DC-1	Dust System	0.558	0.558	0.558	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
ENG1	Emergency Fire Water Pump	N/A	None	5.02E-03	3.36E-02	3.36E-02	0.10	0.09	3.77E-02	1.66E-04	--	17.6	4.14E-04	--
GEN1	Emergency Generator Engine No. 1	N/A	None	1.46E-06	1.46E-06	1.46E-06	5.95E-02	2.30	0.32	1.11E-05	--	2.08	2.29E-07	2.55E-09
GEN2	Emergency Generator Engine No. 2	N/A	None	1.46E-06	1.46E-06	1.46E-06	5.95E-02	2.30	0.32	1.11E-05	--	2.08	2.29E-07	2.55E-09
GEN3	Emergency Generator Engine No. 3	N/A	None	1.86E-06	1.86E-06	1.86E-06	7.60E-02	2.94	0.41	1.42E-05	--	2.66	3.74E-07	4.17E-09
SC01	Fuel Silo Cyclone No. 1	N/A	Cyclone	4.38	0.60	0.061	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
SC02	Fuel Silo Cyclone No. 2	N/A	Cyclone	4.38	0.60	0.061	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
DST1	Diesel Storage Tank	N/A	None	--	--	--	--	--	1.67E-04	--	--	--	--	--
GST1	Gasoline Storage Tank	N/A	None	--	--	--	--	--	4.06E-02	--	--	--	--	--
<i>Fugitive Emissions Sources</i>														
CDK1	Continuous Kiln No. 1	N/A	None	0.66	0.96	0.92	2.55	4.01	43.94	0.88	1.68E-03	7,335	3.06	1.67
CDK2	Continuous Kiln No. 2	N/A	None	0.66	0.96	0.92	2.55	4.01	43.94	0.88	1.68E-03	7,335	3.06	1.67
CDK3	Continuous Kiln No. 3	N/A	None	0.13	0.24	0.24	1.93	3.25	47.73	2.32E-02	1.93E-05	4,616	2.87	1.61
CDK4	Continuous Kiln No. 4	N/A	None	0.13	0.24	0.24	1.93	3.25	47.73	2.32E-02	1.93E-05	4,616	2.87	1.61
FUG1	Log Debarking	N/A	None	6.03	3.01	1.51	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
FUG2	Mechanical Conveyance of Bark to Bark Hog	N/A	None	4.62E-03	2.19E-03	3.31E-04	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
FUG3	Bark Hogging	N/A	None	0.20	0.10	5.02E-02	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
FUG4	Mechanical Conveyance of Scraps to Chipper	N/A	None	1.25E-02	5.90E-03	8.94E-04	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
FUG5	Log Chipping	N/A	None	1.63	0.81	0.41	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
FUG6	Sawing	N/A	None	29.31	14.65	7.33	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
FT01	Road Travel	N/A	None	0.31	6.19E-02	1.52E-02	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
<b>Facility-Wide Emissions from Point Sources (tpy):</b>				<b>15.63</b>	<b>11.44</b>	<b>9.96</b>	<b>36.28</b>	<b>65.89</b>	<b>734.46</b>	<b>7.23</b>	<b>1.37E-02</b>	<b>119,839</b>	<b>47.5</b>	<b>26.2</b>
<b>Title V Major Source Threshold (tpy):</b>				<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Title V Major Source? (Yes/No):</b>				<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>PSD Major Source Threshold (tpy):</b>				<b>250</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>PSD Major Source? (Yes/No):</b>				<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>PSD Significant Emission Rate (tpy):</b>				<b>25</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>75,000</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>PSD Permitting Triggered? (Yes/No):</b>				<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>

1. CO<sub>2e</sub> emissions include fugitive emissions from kilns.
2. Total HAP from CDK1, CDK2, CDK3, and CDK4 are accounted for under each burner.
3. The maximum individual HAP is methanol.
4. Summary emissions account for downtime processes for continuous kilns.

**Appendix B**  
**Modeling Memo**

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March 19, 2026

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Lester Meredith *LM*  
Natural Resources Section  
Chemical Branch  
Air Division

FROM: Michael Leach *ML*  
Meteorological Section  
Planning Branch  
Air Division

SUBJECT: Air Quality Analysis for New South Lumber Company Prevention of Significant Deterioration Permit Application

ADEM has completed its review of an air quality analysis performed by Trinity Consultants on behalf of New South Lumber Company for their facility in Bucks, Alabama. The purpose of the analysis was to assess the impacts on air quality from emissions of VOC from the facility. Since the project is only significant for VOC, AERMOD air dispersion modeling was not required for this project. However, a Modeled Emission Rates for Precursors (MERPs) analysis for Ozone was required.

**MERPs ANALYSIS:**

Precursor emission impacts for Ozone were considered and a Modeled Emission Rates for Precursors (MERPs) analysis was performed. The Ozone precursors are the pollutants VOC and NO<sub>x</sub>. If the calculations from the MERPs analyses are less than 100%, it indicates that the air quality threshold will not be exceeded, and no further modeling is required. For Ozone, the following total emissions were considered: for VOC, 917.79 TPY; and for NO<sub>x</sub>, 45.25 TPY. New South Lumber Company evaluated the EPA hypothetical sources closest to its facility in Bucks, Alabama. These hypothetical sources were modeled by EPA and the results from the modeling can be used in a MERPs analysis. New South Lumber Company determined that the most representative source was the Autauga County, Alabama source. New South Lumber Company used the EPA MERPs equation to determine if the Ozone impact at the facility



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was less than the Ozone SIL of 1 ppb. The following is the calculation, based on the MERPs equation using 1,000 tpy of VOC and 500 tpy of NOx, with a stack height of 10 m:

Project Impact (ppb) = tpy NOx from source/tpy hypothetical source NOx Emission × Max Modeled Concentration (ppb) + tpy VOC from source/tpy hypothetical source VOC Emission × Max Modeled Concentration (ppb)

and calculated as follows: = (45.25 tpy/500 tpy × 2.01172 ppb) + (917.79 tpy/1000 tpy × 0.15333 ppb)  
=(0.182 + 0.141) ppb  
= 0.323 ppb

This shows that the MERPs value for Ozone is below the SIL of 1 ppb, and therefore no further analysis was required.

## **CONCLUSION**

In conclusion, emissions of VOC from the New South Lumber Company facility in Bucks, Alabama, are not expected to cause or contribute to any violation of a NAAQS or PSD Increment.

**Appendix C**  
**Draft Permits**

## AIR PERMIT

**PERMITTEE:** NEW SOUTH LUMBER COMPANY  
**FACILITY NAME:** BUCKS SAWMILL  
**LOCATION:** BUCKS, MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA

<b>PERMIT NUMBER</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF EQUIPMENT, ARTICLE OR DEVICE</b>
503-S002-X001	Green Lumber Sawing Processes which includes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Log Debarking</li><li>2. Sawmill, Sawmill Chipper, and Screens</li><li>3. Mechanical Conveyance to Truck Loadout</li></ol>

*In accordance with and subject to the provisions of the Alabama Air Pollution Control Act of 1971, Ala. Code §§ 22-28-1 to 22-28-23, as amended, the Alabama Environmental Management Act, Ala. Code §§ 22-22A-1 to 22-22A-17, as amended, and rules and regulations adopted there under, and subject further to the conditions set forth in this permit, the Permittee is hereby authorized to construct, install and use the equipment, device or other article described above.*

**ISSUANCE DATE:** DRAFT

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**NEW SOUTH LUMBER COMPANY  
BUCKS, ALABAMA  
PERMIT NO. 503-S002-X001  
PROVISOS**

1. This permit is issued on the basis of Rules and Regulations existing on the date of issuance. In the event additional Rules and Regulations are adopted, it shall be the permit holder's responsibility to comply with such rules.
2. This permit is not transferable. Upon sale or legal transfer, the new owner or operator must apply for a permit within 30 days.
3. A new permit application must be made for new sources, replacements, alterations or design changes which may result in the issuance of, or an increase in the issuance of, air contaminants, or the use of which may eliminate, reduce, or control the issuance of air contaminants.
4. The Permittee shall keep this permit under file or on display at all times at the site where the facility for which the permit is issued is located and shall make the permit readily available for inspection by any or all persons who may request to see it.
5. Each point of emission, which requires testing, will be provided with sampling ports, ladders, platforms, and other safety equipment to facilitate testing performed in accordance with procedures established by Part 60 of Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, as the same may be amended or revised.
6. All air pollution control equipment shall be operated at all times while this process is operational. In the event of scheduled maintenance, unscheduled maintenance, or a breakdown of the pollution control equipment, the process shall be shut down as expeditiously as possible (unless this act and subsequent re-start would clearly cause greater emissions than continuing operations of the process for a short period). The Department shall be notified of all such events **that exceed 1 hour** within 24 hours. The notification shall include all pertinent facts, including the duration of the process operating without the control device and the level of excess emissions which have occurred. Records of all such events, regardless of reporting requirements, shall be made and maintained for a period of five years. These records shall be available for inspection.
7. This process, including all air pollution control devices and capture systems for which this permit is issued, shall be maintained and operated at all times in a manner so as to minimize the emissions of air contaminants. Procedures for ensuring that the above equipment is properly operated and maintained so as to minimize the emission of air contaminants shall be established.
8. This permit expires and the application is cancelled if construction has not begun within 24 months of the date of issuance of the permit.
9. On completion of construction of the device(s) for which this permit is issued, written notification of the fact is to be submitted to the Chief of the Air Division. The notification shall indicate whether the device(s) was constructed as proposed in the application. The device(s) shall not be operated until authorization to operate is granted by the Chief of the

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Air Division. Failure to notify the Chief of the Air Division of completion of construction and/or operation without authorization could result in revocation of this permit.

10. Deviations from permit requirements shall be reported within 48 hours or 2 working days of such deviations, including those attributable to upset conditions as defined in the permit. The report shall include the probable cause of the said deviations, and any corrective actions or preventative measures that were taken.
11. Submittal of other reports regarding monitoring records, fuel analyses, operating rates, and equipment malfunctions may be required as authorized in the Department's air pollution control rules and regulations. The Department may require stack emission testing at any time.
12. Additions and revisions to the conditions of this Permit will be made, if necessary, to ensure that the Department's air pollution control rules and regulations are not violated.
13. Nothing in this permit or conditions thereto shall negate any authority granted to the Air Division pursuant to the Alabama Environmental Management Act or regulations issued thereunder.
14. Unless otherwise stated in this permit or an applicable regulation, the Air Division must be notified in writing at least 10 working days in advance of all emission tests to be conducted and submitted as proof of compliance with the Department's air pollution control rules and regulations.

To avoid problems concerning testing methods and procedures, the following shall be included with the notification letter:

- (a) The date the test crew is expected to arrive, the date and time anticipated of the start of the first run, how many and which sources are to be tested, and the names of the persons and/or testing company that will conduct the tests.
- (b) A complete description of each sampling train to be used, including type of media used in determining gas stream components, type of probe lining, type of filter media, and probe cleaning method and solvent to be used (if test procedure requires probe cleaning).
- (c) A description of the process(es) to be tested, including the feed rate, any operating parameter used to control or influence the operations, and the rated capacity.
- (d) A sketch or sketches showing sampling point locations and their relative positions to the nearest upstream and downstream gas flow disturbances.

A pretest meeting may be held at the request of the source owner or the Department. The necessity for such a meeting and the required attendees will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

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All test reports must be submitted to the Air Division within 30 days of the actual completion of the test, unless an extension of time is specifically approved by the Air Division.

15. Any performance tests required shall be conducted and data reduced in accordance with the test methods and procedures contained in each specific permit condition unless the Director (1) specifies or approves, in specific cases, the use of a reference method with minor changes in methodology, (2) approves the use of an equivalent method, or (3) approves the use of an alternative method, the results of which he has determined to be adequate for indicating whether a specific source is in compliance.
16. This permit is issued with the condition that, should obnoxious odors arising from the plant operations be verified by Air Division inspectors, measures to abate the odorous emissions shall be taken upon a determination by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management that these measures are technically and economically feasible.
17. Precautions shall be taken to prevent fugitive dust emanating from plant roads, grounds, stockpiles, screens, dryers, hoppers, ductwork, etc.

Plant or haul roads and grounds will be maintained in the following manner so that dust will not become airborne. A minimum of one, or a combination, of the following methods shall be utilized to minimize airborne dust from plant or haul roads and grounds:

- (a) by the application of water any time the surface of the road is sufficiently dry to allow the creation of dust emissions by the act of wind or vehicular traffic;
- (b) by reducing the speed of vehicular traffic to a point below that at which dust emissions are created;
- (c) by paving;
- (d) by the application of binders to the road surface at any time the road surface is found to allow the creation of dust emissions;

Should one, or a combination, of the above methods fail to adequately reduce airborne dust from plant or haul roads and grounds, alternative methods shall be employed, either exclusively or in combination with one or all of the above control techniques, so that dust will not become airborne. Alternative methods shall be approved by the Department prior to utilization.

18. Precautions shall be taken by the Permittee and its personnel to ensure that no person shall ignite, cause to be ignited, permit to be ignited, or maintain any open fire in such a manner as to cause the Department's rules and regulations applicable to open burning to be violated.
19. The Permittee shall not use as a defense in an enforcement action that maintaining compliance with conditions of this permit would have required halting or reducing the permitted activity.

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20. The issuance of this permit does not convey any property rights of any sort, or any exclusive privilege.
21. Reports to the Air Division of any required monitoring shall be submitted at least every 6 months. All instances of deviations from permit requirements must be clearly identified in said reports. All required reports must be certified by a responsible official consistent with ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-16-.04(9).
22. The Permittee shall submit an Annual Compliance Certification to the Air Division no later than 60 days following the anniversary of the issuance of this permit.
  - (a) The compliance certification shall include the following:
    - i) The identification of each term or condition of this permit that is the basis of the certification;
    - ii) The compliance status;
    - iii) The method(s) used for determining the compliance status of the source, currently and over the reporting period consistent with Rule 335-3-16-.05(c) (Monitoring and Recordkeeping Requirements);
    - iv) Whether compliance has been continuous or intermittent; and
    - v) Such other facts as the Department may require to determine the compliance status of the source.

- (b) The compliance certification shall be submitted to:

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Air Division  
P.O. Box 301463  
Montgomery, AL 36130-1463

The compliance certification shall contain certification by a responsible official of truth, accuracy and completeness. This certification shall state that, based on information and belief formed after reasonable inquiry, the statements and information in the document are true, accurate and complete.

**Green Lumber Sawing Processes  
Summary Page**

**Description:** Debarker, Bark Hog Conveyance, Bark Hog Sawmill, Scrap Conveyance, Chipper Mechanical Conveyance to Truck Loadouts

**Installation Date:** May 2026

**Operating Capacity:** 385 MMBF/yr

**Operating Schedule:** 16 hr/day, 7 days/week, 52 weeks/yr

**Pollutants Emitted:**

<b>Emission Point</b>	<b>Point Description</b>	<b>Pollutant</b>	<b>Emission Limit</b>	<b>Standard</b>
Fugitive	Green Lumber Sawing Processes	PM	<u>N/A</u>	N/A

**Green Lumber Sawing Processes Provisos**

	<b>Regulations</b>
<p><b>1) <u>Applicability</u></b>                      These sources are subject to the applicable requirements of Rule 335-3-16-.03, "Major Source Operating Permits".</p>	<p>ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-16-.03</p>
<p><b>2) <u>Emission Standards</u></b>                      The Permittee shall not cause or allow this unit to operate more than 6,000 hours during any consecutive 12-month period.</p>	<p>ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-14-.04</p>
<p><b>3) <u>Compliance and Performance Test Methods and Procedures</u></b>                      There are no compliance or performance test methods and procedures for these processes.</p>	
<p><b>4) <u>Emission Monitoring</u></b></p> <p>(a) At least once per week, the Permittee shall inspect the conveyor systems and transfer points for leaks. Any spillage noted around the work area shall be removed and all leaks repaired in a timely manner.</p> <p>(b) The Permittee shall operate the conveyor systems in a manner to ensure materials are confined.</p> <p>(c) The Permittee shall inspect the conveyor belts at least once each calendar quarter for serviceability and repair them as necessary.</p> <p>(d) Within 10 days of the end of each month, the Permittee shall calculate the operating hours of this unit for the previous month and previous 12-month period and determine compliance with the operational limit.</p>	<p>ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-16-.05(c)1</p> <p>ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-16-.05</p>
<p><b>5) <u>Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements</u></b></p> <p>(a) To demonstrate compliance with the operational limitation, the Permittee shall maintain records of the monthly and 12-month rolling total hours of operation for this unit.</p> <p>(b) Records of emission monitoring performed shall be maintained in a permanent form on-site and available for inspection for at least five (5) years from the date of generation of each record. These records shall include:</p> <p>(i) The date, time, and results of each conveyor system and transfer point inspection and the name of the individual making the inspection;</p> <p>(ii) If the results of the inspection indicated that maintenance was needed, the date(s) and nature of the maintenance performed.</p>	<p>ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-16-.05(c)</p> <p>ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-16-.05</p>

	Regulations
<p>(c) The Permittee shall retain all required records in a permanent form suitable and readily available for inspection for a period of five (5) years from the date of generation of each record.</p> <p>(d) A Semiannual Monitoring Report, as required by General Permit Proviso No. 21, shall be submitted no later than 60 days after the end of each semiannual reporting period (January 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup> and July 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>). The report shall include the following information for this emission unit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) A statement as to whether all emission monitoring was completed as required during the reporting period, and if not, the date(s) and reason(s) why the emission monitoring was not performed;</li> <li>(ii) The date(s), nature, and results of any maintenance that was needed;</li> <li>(iii) The monthly and 12-month rolling totals of the hours of operation of the unit during the reporting period.</li> </ul>	<p>ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-16-.05</p> <p>ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-16-.05(c)3</p>

## AIR PERMIT

**PERMITTEE:** NEW SOUTH LUMBER COMPANY  
**FACILITY NAME:** BUCKS SAWMILL  
**LOCATION:** BUCKS, MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA

<b>PERMIT NUMBER</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF EQUIPMENT, ARTICLE OR DEVICE</b>
503-S002-X002	Lumber Dry Kilns which includes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Continuous Dry Kilns #1 (CDK-1) and #2 CDK-2) Each w/40 MMBtu/hr Wood-Fired Burner and Abort Stack</li><li>2. Continuous Dry Kiln #3 (CDK-3) and #4 (CDK-4) Each w/ 45 MMBtu/hr Natural Gas-Fired Burner</li></ol>

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15. Any performance tests required shall be conducted and data reduced in accordance with the test methods and procedures contained in each specific permit condition unless the Director (1) specifies or approves, in specific cases, the use of a reference method with minor changes in methodology, (2) approves the use of an equivalent method, or (3) approves the use of an alternative method, the results of which he has determined to be adequate for indicating whether a specific source is in compliance.
16. This permit is issued with the condition that, should obnoxious odors arising from the plant operations be verified by Air Division inspectors, measures to abate the odorous emissions shall be taken upon a determination by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management that these measures are technically and economically feasible.
17. Precautions shall be taken to prevent fugitive dust emanating from plant roads, grounds, stockpiles, screens, dryers, hoppers, ductwork, etc.

Plant or haul roads and grounds will be maintained in the following manner so that dust will not become airborne. A minimum of one, or a combination, of the following methods shall be utilized to minimize airborne dust from plant or haul roads and grounds:

- (a) by the application of water any time the surface of the road is sufficiently dry to allow the creation of dust emissions by the act of wind or vehicular traffic;
- (b) by reducing the speed of vehicular traffic to a point below that at which dust emissions are created;
- (c) by paving;
- (d) by the application of binders to the road surface at any time the road surface is found to allow the creation of dust emissions;

Should one, or a combination, of the above methods fail to adequately reduce airborne dust from plant or haul roads and grounds, alternative methods shall be employed, either exclusively or in combination with one or all of the above control techniques, so that dust will not become airborne. Alternative methods shall be approved by the Department prior to utilization.

18. Precautions shall be taken by the Permittee and its personnel to ensure that no person shall ignite, cause to be ignited, permit to be ignited, or maintain any open fire in such a manner as to cause the Department's rules and regulations applicable to open burning to be violated.
19. The Permittee shall not use as a defense in an enforcement action that maintaining compliance with conditions of this permit would have required halting or reducing the permitted activity.

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20. The issuance of this permit does not convey any property rights of any sort, or any exclusive privilege.
21. Reports to the Air Division of any required monitoring shall be submitted at least every 6 months. All instances of deviations from permit requirements must be clearly identified in said reports. All required reports must be certified by a responsible official consistent with ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-16-.04(9).
22. The Permittee shall submit an Annual Compliance Certification to the Air Division no later than 60 days following the anniversary of the issuance of this permit.
  - (a) The compliance certification shall include the following:
    - i) The identification of each term or condition of this permit that is the basis of the certification;
    - ii) The compliance status;
    - iii) The method(s) used for determining the compliance status of the source, currently and over the reporting period consistent with Rule 335-3-16-.05(c) (Monitoring and Recordkeeping Requirements);
    - iv) Whether compliance has been continuous or intermittent; and
    - v) Such other facts as the Department may require to determine the compliance status of the source.
  - (b) The compliance certification shall be submitted to:

Alabama Department of Environmental Management  
Air Division  
P.O. Box 301463  
Montgomery, AL 36130-1463

The compliance certification shall contain certification by a responsible official of truth, accuracy and completeness. This certification shall state that, based on information and belief formed after reasonable inquiry, the statements and information in the document are true, accurate and complete.

### Lumber Dry Kilns Summary Page

**Description:** CDK-1 Continuous Dry Kiln w/40 MMBtu/hr Wood-Fired Burner and Abort Stack  
 CDK-2 Continuous Dry Kiln w/40 MMBtu/hr Wood-Fired Burner and Abort Stack  
 CDK-3 Continuous Dry Kiln w/45 MMBtu/hr Natural Gas-Fired Burner  
 CDK-4 Continuous Dry Kiln w/45 MMBtu/hr Natural Gas-Fired Burner

**Installation Date:** May 2026

**Operating Capacity:** 92.5 MMBF/yr, 92.5 MMBF/yr, 100 MMBF/yr, 100 MMBF/yr

**Operating Schedule:** 24 hrs/day, 7 days/week, 52 weeks/yr

**Pollutants Emitted:**

Emission Point	Point Description	Pollutant	Emission Limit	Standard
Dry Kilns and Abort Stacks	Continuous Dry Kilns 1 – 4 and Abort Stacks	Opacity	≤ 20% six-minute average, one six-minute period up to 40% in any one-hour period.	ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-4-.01
		PM	$E = 3.59(P)^{0.62}$ for P < 30 TPH	ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-4-.04
		PM	Facility-Wide 24.9 TPY (SMS)	ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-14-.04
		PM <sub>10</sub>	Facility-Wide 14.9 TPY (SMS)	ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-14-.04
		PM <sub>2.5</sub>	Facility-Wide 9.96 TPY (SMS)	ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-14-.04
CDK-1 and CDK-2	Continuous Dry Kilns 1-2	VOC (WPP1)	4.75 lb/MBF (BACT)	ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-14-.04
		CO <sub>2e</sub>	36,827 TPY (BACT)	ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-14-.04
CDK-3 and CDK-4	Continuous Dry Kilns 3-4	VOC (WPP1)	4.75 lb/MBF (BACT)	ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-14-.04
		CO <sub>2e</sub>	23,080 TPY (BACT)	ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-14-.04
Abort Stacks	CDK-1 and CDK-2 Abort Stacks	VOC	0.017 lb/MMBtu (BACT)	ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-14-.04

**Lumber Dry Kilns Provisos**

	<b>Regulations</b>
<p><b>1) <u>Applicability</u></b></p> <p>(a) These sources are subject to the applicable requirements of Rule 335-3-16-.03, "Major Source Operating Permits".</p> <p>(b) These sources are subject to the applicable requirements of the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Plywood and Composite Wood Products, 40 CFR Part 63, Subpart DDDD, and to the NESHAP General Provisions, 40 CFR Part 63, Subpart A as provided in 40 CFR §63.2290 and Table 10 of Subpart DDDD.</p> <p>(c) These sources are subject to Best Available Control Technology (BACT) limits for volatile organic compounds (VOC) and greenhouse gases (as CO<sub>2</sub>e) established pursuant to the applicable requirements of ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-14-.04, "Air Permits Authorizing Construction in Clean Air Areas [Prevention of Significant Deterioration Permitting (PSD)]".</p> <p>(d) These sources are subject to synthetic minor source limits to restrict the potential to emit below the significant emission rates for particulate matter (PM) established at ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-14-.04, "Air Permits Authorizing Construction in Clean Air Areas (Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD))".</p>	<p>ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-16-.03</p> <p>ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-11-.06(81) and ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-11-.06(1)</p> <p>ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-14-.04</p> <p>ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-14-.04</p>
<p><b>2) <u>Emission Standards</u></b></p> <p>(a) The Permittee shall not allow the emission of particulate matter (as TSP) in any one hour from any process to exceed the amount determined by the following equations:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><math>E=17.31P^{0.16}</math> (<math>P \geq 30</math> TPH)</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><math>E=3.59P^{0.62}</math> (<math>P &lt; 30</math> TPH)</b></p> <p>Where:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">E = Emissions (in pounds per hour)</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">P = Process weight (in tons per hour)</p> <p>(b) The Permittee shall not allow the plant wide total emissions of particulate matter from point sources at this facility to exceed 24.9 tons during any consecutive 12-month period.</p> <p>(c) The Permittee shall not allow the plant wide total emissions of particulate matter less than 10 microns from point sources at this facility to exceed 14.9 tons during any consecutive 12-month period.</p>	<p>ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-4-.04</p> <p>ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-14-.04</p> <p>ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-14-.04</p>

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(d) The Permittee shall not allow the plant wide total emissions of particulate matter less than 2.5 microns from point sources at the facility to exceed 9.96 tons during any consecutive 12-month period.	ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-14-.04
(e) The Permittee shall not cause or allow visible emissions with a six-minute average opacity greater than 20% to be emitted more than once during any 60-minute period. The Permittee shall not cause or allow visible emissions with a six-minute average opacity of greater than 40% to be emitted at any time.	ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-4-.01(1)
(f) The Permittee shall not allow emissions of volatile organic compounds (WPP1) from each kiln to exceed 4.75 lb/MBF.	ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-14-.04
(g) The Permittee shall not allow emissions of volatile organic compounds (as propane) from the abort stack for CDK-1 and CDK-2 to exceed 0.017 lb/MMBtu.	ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-14-.04
(h) The Permittee shall not allow CO <sub>2e</sub> emissions from CDK-1 or CDK-2 to exceed 36,827 TPY (each) during any consecutive 12-month period.	ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-14-.04
(i) The Permittee shall not allow CO <sub>2e</sub> emissions from CDK-3 or CDK-4 to exceed 23,080 TPY (each) during any consecutive 12-month period.	ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-14-.04
(j) The Permittee shall not allow the production of dried lumber from CDK-1 or CDK-2 to exceed 92.5 MMBF (each) during any consecutive 12-month period.	ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-14-.04
(k) The Permittee shall not allow the production of dried lumber from CDK-3 or CDK-4 to exceed 100 MMBF (each) during any consecutive 12-month period.	ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-14-.04
(l) The Permittee shall not allow production of dried lumber from the facility to exceed 385 MMBF during any consecutive 12-month period.	ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-14-.04
(m) The Permittee shall not allow the 12-month rolling average moisture content of dried lumber to be < 13%.	ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-14-.04
(n) The Permittee shall not allow utilization of the abort stack for CDK-1 or CDK-2 except during periods of startup of the associated kiln.	ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-14-.04
<b>3) <u>Compliance and Performance Test Methods and Procedures</u></b>	
(a) If testing is required, compliance with the total particulate emission rate shall be determined in accordance with 40 CFR Part 60, Appendix A, Method 5.	ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-1-.05

	Regulations
(b) If testing is required, compliance with the particulate matter less than 10 microns and 2.5 microns emission rates shall be determined in accordance with 40 CFR Part 51, Appendix M, Methods 201A and 202.	ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-1-.05
(c) If testing is required, compliance with the visible emissions standards for this unit shall be determined in accordance with 40 CFR Part 60, Appendix A, Method 9.	ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-1-.05
(d) If testing is required, compliance with the volatile organic compounds (VOC) emission rate shall be determined in accordance with 40 CFR Part 60, Appendix A, Method 25A.	ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-1-.05
<b>4) <u>Emission Monitoring</u></b>	
(a) Within ten (10) days of the end of each calendar month, the Permittee shall calculate and record the average lumber moisture content for the previous calendar month and update the rolling 12-month average.	ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-14-.04
(b) Within ten (10) days of the end of each calendar month, the Permittee shall calculate and record the total throughput for each kiln during the previous calendar month and update the rolling 12-month total production.	ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-14-.04
(c) Within ten (10) days of the end of each calendar month, the Permittee shall calculate and record the operating hours of the abort stacks for the previous calendar month and previous 12-month period. The records shall include the date, time, length of operation, and reason the abort stack was utilized.	ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-14-.04
(d) Within ten (10) days of the end of each month, the Permittee shall calculate and record the facility-wide (point source) emissions of PM, PM <sub>10</sub> , and PM <sub>2.5</sub> for the previous month and 12-month period, utilizing the emission factors for each unit as outlined in Appendix A of this permit. If the most recent compliance testing indicates emissions greater than an emission factor, the Permittee shall immediately begin to utilize the results of the testing to calculate the emissions from that unit. The Permittee shall submit a permit application within 180 days after testing, either requesting the higher emission factor or demonstrating that the emission factor derived is not representative of normal operations.	ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-16-.05
<b>5) <u>Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements</u></b>	
(a) The Permittee shall maintain records documenting its compliance with the kiln preventive maintenance and operation plan on-site.	ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-14-.04

	Regulations
(b) The Permittee shall maintain records of total production for each kiln and the combined total production of all kilns, including monthly production and 12-month rolling totals.	ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-14-.04
(c) The Permittee shall maintain records of the monthly and 12-month rolling total hours of operation for each abort stack. The records shall include the date, time, length of operation, and reason the abort stack was utilized	ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-16-.05(c)
(d) The Permittee shall maintain records of the facility-wide (point source) monthly and 12-month rolling total emissions of PM, PM <sub>10</sub> , and PM <sub>2.5</sub> .	ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-16-.05(c)
(e) The Permittee shall retain all required records in a permanent form suitable and readily available for inspection for a period of five (5) years from the date of generation of each record.	ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-16-.05
(f) A Semiannual Monitoring Report, as required by General Permit Proviso No. 21, shall be submitted no later than 60 days after the end of each semiannual reporting period (January 1 <sup>st</sup> to June 30 <sup>th</sup> and July 1 <sup>st</sup> to December 31 <sup>st</sup> ). This report shall include the following information for this unit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="266 1024 1127 1171">(i) A certification that all emission monitoring, proper maintenance, and operating practices were accomplished as required during the reporting period, and if not, describe the date and reason any required action was not accomplished;</li> <li data-bbox="266 1182 1127 1255">(ii) The monthly and 12-month rolling totals of dried lumber production calculated during the reporting period;</li> <li data-bbox="266 1266 1127 1339">(iii) The monthly and 12-month rolling facility-wide total emissions of PM, PM<sub>10</sub>, and PM<sub>2.5</sub> calculated during the reporting period;</li> <li data-bbox="266 1350 1127 1423">(iv) The monthly and 12-month rolling totals of abort stack operation calculated during the reporting period.</li> </ul>	ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-16-.05(c)3

## APPENDIX A

### PM Emission Factors for Compliance Tracking

EUID No	Emission Unit Description	Filterable PM Emission		Total PM <sub>10</sub> Emission		Total PM <sub>2.5</sub> Emission	
		Factor	Units	Factor	Units	Factor	Units
CDK1	Continuous Kiln No. 1	0.0568	lb/MBF	0.0832	lb/MBF	0.0792	lb/MBF
	Abort Stack Use	0.000213	ton/hr	0.000296	ton/hr	0.000276	ton/hr
CDK2	Continuous Kiln No. 2	0.0568	lb/MBF	0.0832	lb/MBF	0.0792	lb/MBF
	Abort Stack Use	0.000213	ton/hr	0.000296	ton/hr	0.000276	ton/hr
CDK3	Continuous Kiln No. 3	0.0104	lb/MBF	0.0192	lb/MBF	0.0189	lb/MBF
CDK4	Continuous Kiln No. 4	0.0104	lb/MBF	0.0192	lb/MBF	0.0189	lb/MBF
PLN1	Planer Mill	0.0029	lb/MBF	0.0029	lb/MBF	0.0029	lb/MBF
ENG1	Emer. Fire Water Pump	1.00E-01	lb/hr	6.71E-01	lb/hr	6.71E-01	lb/hr
GEN1	Emer. Gen. Engine No. 1	2.91E-05	lb/hr	2.91E-05	lb/hr	2.91E-05	lb/hr
GEN2	Emer. Gen. Engine No. 2	2.91E-05	lb/hr	2.91E-05	lb/hr	2.91E-05	lb/hr
GEN3	Emer. Gen. Engine No. 3	3.72E-05	lb/hr	3.72E-05	lb/hr	3.72E-05	lb/hr
SC01	Fuel Silo Cyclone No. 1	1.46	lb/hr	0.20	lb/hr	0.0204	lb/hr
SC02	Fuel Silo Cyclone No. 2	1.46	lb/hr	0.20	lb/hr	0.0204	lb/hr

An example of the proposed PM emission tracking is as follows:

*Total PM<sub>2.5</sub> (tpy)*

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 &= \frac{CDK1\ EF\ \left(\frac{lb}{MBF}\right) \times MBF/yr}{2,000\ lb/ton} + \frac{CDK2\ EF\ \left(\frac{lb}{MBF}\right) \times MBF/yr}{2,000\ lb/ton} \\
 &+ \frac{CDK3\ EF\ \left(\frac{lb}{MBF}\right) \times MBF/yr}{2,000\ lb/ton} + \frac{CDK4\ EF\ \left(\frac{lb}{MBF}\right) \times MBF/yr}{2,000\ lb/ton} \\
 &+ \left[ \frac{Abort\ Stack\ EF\ \left(\frac{ton}{yr}\right) \times Startup\ hours\ \left(\frac{hr}{yr}\right)}{2,000\ lb/ton} \right] + \frac{Fuel\ Silo\ Cyclone\ 1\ EF\ \left(\frac{lb}{hr}\right) \times hr/yr}{2,000\ lb/ton} \\
 &+ \frac{Fuel\ Silo\ Cyclone\ 2\ EF\ \left(\frac{lb}{hr}\right) \times hr/yr}{2,000\ lb/ton} + \frac{Planer\ EF\ \left(\frac{lb}{MBF}\right) \times MBF/yr}{2,000\ lb/ton} \\
 &+ \frac{ENG1\ EF\ \left(\frac{lb}{hr}\right) \times Non - Emerg.\ Hours\ \left(\frac{hr}{yr}\right)}{2,000\ lb/ton} + \frac{GEN1\ EF\ \left(\frac{lb}{hr}\right) \times Non - Emerg.\ Hours\ \left(\frac{hr}{yr}\right)}{2,000\ lb/ton} \\
 &+ \frac{GEN2\ EF\ \left(\frac{lb}{hr}\right) \times Non - Emerg.\ Hours\ \left(\frac{hr}{yr}\right)}{2,000\ lb/ton} + \frac{GEN3\ EF\ \left(\frac{lb}{hr}\right) \times Non - Emerg.\ Hours\ \left(\frac{hr}{yr}\right)}{2,000\ lb/ton}
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## AIR PERMIT

**PERMITTEE:** NEW SOUTH LUMBER COMPANY  
**FACILITY NAME:** BUCKS SAWMILL  
**LOCATION:** BUCKS, MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA

<b>PERMIT NUMBER</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF EQUIPMENT, ARTICLE OR DEVICE</b>
503-S002-X003	Planer Mill Pneumatic System w/Planer Mill Cyclone and Baghouse (PLN1-DC1)

*In accordance with and subject to the provisions of the Alabama Air Pollution Control Act of 1971, Ala. Code §§ 22-28-1 to 22-28-23, as amended, the Alabama Environmental Management Act, Ala. Code §§ 22-22A-1 to 22-22A-17, as amended, and rules and regulations adopted there under, and subject further to the conditions set forth in this permit, the Permittee is hereby authorized to construct, install and use the equipment, device or other article described above.*

**ISSUANCE DATE:** DRAFT

Alabama Department of Environmental Management

**NEW SOUTH LUMBER COMPANY  
BUCKS, ALABAMA  
PERMIT NO. 503-S002-X003  
PROVISOS**

1. This permit is issued on the basis of Rules and Regulations existing on the date of issuance. In the event additional Rules and Regulations are adopted, it shall be the permit holder's responsibility to comply with such rules.
2. This permit is not transferable. Upon sale or legal transfer, the new owner or operator must apply for a permit within 30 days.
3. A new permit application must be made for new sources, replacements, alterations or design changes which may result in the issuance of, or an increase in the issuance of, air contaminants, or the use of which may eliminate, reduce, or control the issuance of air contaminants.
4. The Permittee shall keep this permit under file or on display at all times at the site where the facility for which the permit is issued is located and shall make the permit readily available for inspection by any or all persons who may request to see it.
5. Each point of emission, which requires testing, will be provided with sampling ports, ladders, platforms, and other safety equipment to facilitate testing performed in accordance with procedures established by Part 60 of Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, as the same may be amended or revised.
6. All air pollution control equipment shall be operated at all times while this process is operational. In the event of scheduled maintenance, unscheduled maintenance, or a breakdown of the pollution control equipment, the process shall be shut down as expeditiously as possible (unless this act and subsequent re-start would clearly cause greater emissions than continuing operations of the process for a short period). The Department shall be notified of all such events **that exceed 1 hour** within 24 hours. The notification shall include all pertinent facts, including the duration of the process operating without the control device and the level of excess emissions which have occurred. Records of all such events, regardless of reporting requirements, shall be made and maintained for a period of five years. These records shall be available for inspection.
7. This process, including all air pollution control devices and capture systems for which this permit is issued, shall be maintained and operated at all times in a manner so as to minimize the emissions of air contaminants. Procedures for ensuring that the above equipment is properly operated and maintained so as to minimize the emission of air contaminants shall be established.
8. This permit expires and the application is cancelled if construction has not begun within 24 months of the date of issuance of the permit.
9. On completion of construction of the device(s) for which this permit is issued, written notification of the fact is to be submitted to the Chief of the Air Division. The notification shall indicate whether the device(s) was constructed as proposed in the application. The device(s) shall not be operated until authorization to operate is granted by the Chief of the

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Air Division. Failure to notify the Chief of the Air Division of completion of construction and/or operation without authorization could result in revocation of this permit.

- 10. Deviations from permit requirements shall be reported within 48 hours or 2 working days of such deviations, including those attributable to upset conditions as defined in the permit. The report shall include the probable cause of the said deviations, and any corrective actions or preventative measures that were taken.
- 11. Submittal of other reports regarding monitoring records, fuel analyses, operating rates, and equipment malfunctions may be required as authorized in the Department's air pollution control rules and regulations. The Department may require stack emission testing at any time.
- 12. Additions and revisions to the conditions of this Permit will be made, if necessary, to ensure that the Department's air pollution control rules and regulations are not violated.
- 13. Nothing in this permit or conditions thereto shall negate any authority granted to the Air Division pursuant to the Alabama Environmental Management Act or regulations issued thereunder.
- 14. Prior to a date to be specified by the Chief of the Air Division in the authorization to operate, emission tests are to be conducted by persons familiar with and using the EPA Sampling Train and Test Procedure as described in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 40, Part 60, for the following pollutants. Written tests results are to be reported to the Air Division within 30 days of completion of testing.

*Particulates.....	(x)	Carbon Monoxide .....	( )
Sulfur Dioxide.....	( )	Nitrogen Oxides .....	( )
Volatile Organic Compounds .....	( )	Visible Emissions.....	(x)

\*including testing for both PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub>

- 15. Emissions tests are to be conducted for the following pollutants at intervals not to exceed 60 months following the date of initial compliance testing. All test reports must be submitted to the Air Division within 30 days of completion of testing.

*Particulates.....	(x)	Carbon Monoxide .....	( )
Sulfur Dioxide.....	( )	Nitrogen Oxides .....	( )
Volatile Organic Compounds .....	( )	Visible Emissions	(x)

\* including testing for both PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub>

- 16. Unless otherwise stated in this permit or an applicable regulation, the Air Division must be notified in writing at least 10 working days in advance of all emission tests to be conducted and submitted as proof of compliance with the Department's air pollution control rules and regulations.

To avoid problems concerning testing methods and procedures, the following shall be included with the notification letter:

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- (a) The date the test crew is expected to arrive, the date and time anticipated of the start of the first run, how many and which sources are to be tested, and the names of the persons and/or testing company that will conduct the tests.
- (b) A complete description of each sampling train to be used, including type of media used in determining gas stream components, type of probe lining, type of filter media, and probe cleaning method and solvent to be used (if test procedure requires probe cleaning).
- (c) A description of the process(es) to be tested, including the feed rate, any operating parameter used to control or influence the operations, and the rated capacity.
- (d) A sketch or sketches showing sampling point locations and their relative positions to the nearest upstream and downstream gas flow disturbances.

A pretest meeting may be held at the request of the source owner or the Department. The necessity for such a meeting and the required attendees will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

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Alabama Department of Environmental Management  
Air Division  
P.O. Box 301463  
Montgomery, AL 36130-1463

**PERMIT NO. 503-S002-X003**

The compliance certification shall contain certification by a responsible official of truth, accuracy and completeness. This certification shall state that, based on information and belief formed after reasonable inquiry, the statements and information in the document are true, accurate and complete.

**Planer Mill Operations  
Summary Page**

**Description:** Planer Mill Pneumatic System w/Planer Mill Cyclone and Baghouse (PLN1-DC1)

**Installation Date:** May 2026

**Operating Capacity:** 80,000 lb/hr Planer Shavings

**Operating Schedule:** 24 hr/day, 7 days/week, 52 weeks/yr

**Pollutants Emitted:**

Emission Point	Point Description	Pollutant	Emission Limit	Standard
PLN1-DC1	Baghouse	Opacity	≤ 20% as determined by six-minute average, with one six-minute period up to 40% in any one-hour period.	ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-4-.01
		PM	$E = 3.59(P)^{0.62}$ for $P < 30$ TPH Or $E = 17.31(P)^{0.16}$ for $P \geq 30$ TPH	ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-4-.04
		PM	Facility-Wide 24.9 TPY (SMS)	ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-14-.04
		PM <sub>10</sub>	Facility-Wide 14.9 TPY (SMS)	ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-14-.04
		PM <sub>2.5</sub>	Facility-Wide 9.96 TPY (SMS)	ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-14-.04

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<p><b>1) <u>Applicability</u></b></p> <p>(a) This unit is subject to the applicable requirements of Rule 335-3-16-.03, "Major Source Operating Permits".</p> <p>(b) This unit is subject to synthetic minor source limits to restrict the potential to emit below the significant emission rates for particulate matter (PM) established at ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-14-.04, "Air Permits Authorizing Construction in Clean Air Areas (Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD))".</p> <p><b>2) <u>Emission Standards</u></b></p> <p>(a) The Permittee shall not cause or allow the emission of particulate matter (as TSP) in any one hour from any process in excess of the amount determined by the following equations:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><math>E=17.31P^{0.16}</math> (<math>P \geq 30</math> TPH)</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><math>E=3.59P^{0.62}</math> (<math>P &lt; 30</math> TPH)</b></p> <p>Where:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">E = Emissions (in pounds per hour)</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">P = Process weight (in tons per hour)</p> <p>(b) The Permittee shall not allow the plant wide total emissions of particulate matter from point sources at this facility to exceed 24.9 tons during any consecutive 12-month period.</p> <p>(c) The Permittee shall not allow the plant wide total emissions of particulate matter less than 10 microns from point sources at this facility to exceed 14.9 tons during any consecutive 12-month period.</p> <p>(d) The Permittee shall not allow the plant wide total emissions of particulate matter less than 2.5 microns from point sources at the facility to exceed 9.96 tons during any consecutive 12-month period.</p> <p>(e) The Permittee shall not cause or allow visible emissions with a six-minute average opacity greater than 20% to be emitted more than once during any 60-minute period. The Permittee shall not cause or allow visible emissions with a six-minute average opacity of greater than 40% to be emitted at any time.</p> <p>(f) The Permittee shall not allow production from this process to exceed 385 MMBF during any consecutive 12-month period.</p>	<p>ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-16-.03</p> <p>ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-14-.04</p> <p>ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-4-.04</p> <p>ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-14-.04</p> <p>ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-14-.04</p> <p>ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-14-.04</p> <p>ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-4-.01(1)</p> <p>ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-14-.04</p>

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<p><b>3) <u>Compliance and Performance Test Methods and Procedures</u></b></p>	
<p>(a) Compliance with the particulate emission rates of these units shall be determined in accordance with 40 CFR Part 60, Appendix A, Method 5.</p>	<p>ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-1-.05</p>
<p>(b) Compliance with the particulate matter less than 10 microns and 2.5 microns emission rates from this unit shall be determined in accordance with 40 CFR Part 60, Appendix A, Method 5 or 40 CFR Part 51, Appendix M, Method 201A.</p>	<p>ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-1-.05</p>
<p>(c) Compliance with the visible emission standards for this unit shall be determined in accordance with 40 CFR Part 60, Appendix A, Method 9.</p>	<p>ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-1-.05</p>
<p><b>4) <u>Emission Monitoring</u></b></p>	
<p>(a) While the unit is operating, the Permittee shall visually observe the emissions from the baghouse a minimum of once each day during daylight hours.</p>	<p>ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-16-.05(c)1</p>
<p>(b) Whenever any visible emissions are observed, the Permittee shall take corrective action as soon as practicable (but no longer than 24 hours from the time of the observation), followed by an additional observation of no less than 15 minutes in accordance with 40 CFR Part 60, Appendix A, Method 22, to confirm the cyclone and baghouse are operating properly.</p>	<p>ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-16-.05(c)1</p>
<p>(c) The Permittee shall inspect and clean the cyclone and baghouse at least annually and whenever visible emissions are noted for more than six (6) non-consecutive minutes during a Method 22 observation.</p>	<p>ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-16-.05(c)1</p>
<p>(d) Within ten (10) days of the end of each calendar month, the Permittee shall calculate and record the operating hours of this unit for the previous calendar month and previous 12-month period and determine compliance with the operational limit.</p>	<p>ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-16-.05</p>
<p>(e) Within ten (10) days of the end of each month, the Permittee shall calculate and record the facility-wide (point source) emissions of PM, PM<sub>10</sub>, and PM<sub>2.5</sub> for the previous month and 12-month period, utilizing the emission factors for each unit as outlined in Appendix A of this permit. If the most recent compliance testing indicates emissions greater than an emission factor, the Permittee shall immediately begin to utilize the results of the testing to calculate the emissions from that unit. The Permittee shall submit a permit application within 180 days after testing, either requesting the higher emission factor or demonstrating that the emission factor derived is not representative of normal operations.</p>	<p>ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-16-.05</p>

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<p><b>5) <u>Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements</u></b></p> <p>(a) To demonstrate compliance with the production limitation, the Permittee shall maintain records of the monthly and 12-month rolling total production for this unit.</p> <p>(b) The Permittee shall maintain records of the facility-wide (point source) monthly and 12-month rolling total emissions of PM, PM<sub>10</sub>, and PM<sub>2.5</sub>.</p> <p>(c) Records of emission monitoring performed shall be maintained on-site and include:</p> <p>(i) The date, time, and results of each daily observation for any emissions from the baghouse and the name of the individual making the observation;</p> <p>(ii) The date(s), nature, and results of any corrective action taken when any emissions were observed from the baghouse;</p> <p>(iii) The date(s) the cyclone and baghouse were inspected for proper operation and, if the results of the inspection indicated that cleaning or emissions-related maintenance was needed, the date(s) and nature of the cleaning/maintenance performed.</p> <p>(d) The Permittee shall retain all required records in a permanent form suitable and readily available for inspection for a period of five (5) years from the date of generation of each record.</p> <p>(e) A Semiannual Monitoring Report, as required by General Permit Proviso No. 23, shall be submitted no later than 60 days after the end of each semiannual reporting period (January 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup> and July 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>). The report shall include the following information for this emission unit:</p> <p>(i) A statement as to whether all observations for any emissions were completed as required during the reporting period, and if not, the date(s) and reason(s) why the monitoring was not performed;</p> <p>(ii) The monthly and 12-month rolling total production of the unit during the reporting period;</p> <p>(iii) The monthly and 12-month rolling totals of the facility-wide PM, PM<sub>10</sub>, and PM<sub>2.5</sub> emissions calculated during the reporting period;</p> <p>(iv) A statement as to whether the annual inspections of the cyclone and baghouse were accomplished during the reporting period, and if so, the date and results of the inspection(s);</p>	<p>ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-16-.05(c)</p> <p>ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-16-.05(c)</p> <p>ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-16-.05(c)2</p> <p>ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-16-.05</p> <p>ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-16-.05(c)3</p>

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<p>(v) The date(s), nature, and results of any corrective action taken when (1) any emissions were observed or (2) an inspection of the cyclone or baghouse indicated that cleaning or emission-related maintenance was needed.</p>	

## APPENDIX A

### PM Emission Factors for Compliance Tracking

EUID No	Emission Unit Description	Filterable PM Emission		Total PM <sub>10</sub> Emission		Total PM <sub>2.5</sub> Emission	
		Factor	Units	Factor	Units	Factor	Units
CDK1	Continuous Kiln No. 1	0.0568	lb/MBF	0.0832	lb/MBF	0.0792	lb/MBF
	Abort Stack Use	0.000213	ton/hr	0.000296	ton/hr	0.000276	ton/hr
CDK2	Continuous Kiln No. 2	0.0568	lb/MBF	0.0832	lb/MBF	0.0792	lb/MBF
	Abort Stack Use	0.000213	ton/hr	0.000296	ton/hr	0.000276	ton/hr
CDK3	Continuous Kiln No. 3	0.0104	lb/MBF	0.0192	lb/MBF	0.0189	lb/MBF
CDK4	Continuous Kiln No. 4	0.0104	lb/MBF	0.0192	lb/MBF	0.0189	lb/MBF
PLN1	Planer Mill	0.0029	lb/MBF	0.0029	lb/MBF	0.0029	lb/MBF
ENG1	Emer. Fire Water Pump	1.00E-01	lb/hr	6.71E-01	lb/hr	6.71E-01	lb/hr
GEN1	Emer. Gen. Engine No. 1	2.91E-05	lb/hr	2.91E-05	lb/hr	2.91E-05	lb/hr
GEN2	Emer. Gen. Engine No. 2	2.91E-05	lb/hr	2.91E-05	lb/hr	2.91E-05	lb/hr
GEN3	Emer. Gen. Engine No. 3	3.72E-05	lb/hr	3.72E-05	lb/hr	3.72E-05	lb/hr
SC01	Fuel Silo Cyclone No. 1	1.46	lb/hr	0.20	lb/hr	0.0204	lb/hr
SC02	Fuel Silo Cyclone No. 2	1.46	lb/hr	0.20	lb/hr	0.0204	lb/hr

An example of the proposed PM emission tracking is as follows:

*Total PM<sub>2.5</sub> (tpy)*

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 &= \frac{CDK1\ EF\ \left(\frac{lb}{MBF}\right) \times MBF/yr}{2,000\ lb/ton} + \frac{CDK2\ EF\ \left(\frac{lb}{MBF}\right) \times MBF/yr}{2,000\ lb/ton} \\
 &+ \frac{CDK3\ EF\ \left(\frac{lb}{MBF}\right) \times MBF/yr}{2,000\ lb/ton} + \frac{CDK4\ EF\ \left(\frac{lb}{MBF}\right) \times MBF/yr}{2,000\ lb/ton} \\
 &+ \left[ \text{Abort Stack}\ EF\ \left(\frac{ton}{yr}\right) \times \text{Startup hours}\ \left(\frac{hr}{yr}\right) \right] + \frac{\text{Fuel Silo Cyclone 1}\ EF\ \left(\frac{lb}{hr}\right) \times hr/yr}{2,000\ lb/ton} \\
 &+ \frac{\text{Fuel Silo Cyclone 2}\ EF\ \left(\frac{lb}{hr}\right) \times hr/yr}{2,000\ lb/ton} + \frac{\text{Planer}\ EF\ \left(\frac{lb}{MBF}\right) \times MBF/yr}{2,000\ lb/ton} \\
 &+ \frac{ENG1\ EF\ \left(\frac{lb}{hr}\right) \times \text{Non - Emerg. Hours}\ \left(\frac{hr}{yr}\right)}{2,000\ lb/ton} + \frac{GEN1\ EF\ \left(\frac{lb}{hr}\right) \times \text{Non - Emerg. Hours}\ \left(\frac{hr}{yr}\right)}{2,000\ lb/ton} \\
 &+ \frac{GEN2\ EF\ \left(\frac{lb}{hr}\right) \times \text{Non - Emerg. Hours}\ \left(\frac{hr}{yr}\right)}{2,000\ lb/ton} + \frac{GEN3\ EF\ \left(\frac{lb}{hr}\right) \times \text{Non - Emerg. Hours}\ \left(\frac{hr}{yr}\right)}{2,000\ lb/ton}
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## AIR PERMIT

**PERMITTEE:** NEW SOUTH LUMBER COMPANY  
**FACILITY NAME:** BUCKS SAWMILL  
**LOCATION:** BUCKS, MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA

<b>PERMIT NUMBER</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF EQUIPMENT, ARTICLE OR DEVICE</b>
503-S002-X004	Sawdust Pneumatic Systems and Silos: 1. Silo Cyclone 1 (SC01) 2. Silo Cyclone 2 (SC02)

*In accordance with and subject to the provisions of the Alabama Air Pollution Control Act of 1971, Ala. Code §§ 22-28-1 to 22-28-23, as amended, the Alabama Environmental Management Act, Ala. Code §§ 22-22A-1 to 22-22A-17, as amended, and rules and regulations adopted there under, and subject further to the conditions set forth in this permit, the Permittee is hereby authorized to construct, install and use the equipment, device or other article described above.*

**ISSUANCE DATE:** DRAFT

Alabama Department of Environmental Management

**NEW SOUTH LUMBER COMPANY  
BUCKS, ALABAMA  
PERMIT NO. 503-S002-X004  
PROVISOS**

1. This permit is issued on the basis of Rules and Regulations existing on the date of issuance. In the event additional Rules and Regulations are adopted, it shall be the permit holder's responsibility to comply with such rules.
2. This permit is not transferable. Upon sale or legal transfer, the new owner or operator must apply for a permit within 30 days.
3. A new permit application must be made for new sources, replacements, alterations or design changes which may result in the issuance of, or an increase in the issuance of, air contaminants, or the use of which may eliminate, reduce, or control the issuance of air contaminants.
4. The Permittee shall keep this permit under file or on display at all times at the site where the facility for which the permit is issued is located and shall make the permit readily available for inspection by any or all persons who may request to see it.
5. Each point of emission, which requires testing, will be provided with sampling ports, ladders, platforms, and other safety equipment to facilitate testing performed in accordance with procedures established by Part 60 of Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, as the same may be amended or revised.
6. All air pollution control equipment shall be operated at all times while this process is operational. In the event of scheduled maintenance, unscheduled maintenance, or a breakdown of the pollution control equipment, the process shall be shut down as expeditiously as possible (unless this act and subsequent re-start would clearly cause greater emissions than continuing operations of the process for a short period). The Department shall be notified of all such events **that exceed 1 hour** within 24 hours. The notification shall include all pertinent facts, including the duration of the process operating without the control device and the level of excess emissions which have occurred. Records of all such events, regardless of reporting requirements, shall be made and maintained for a period of five years. These records shall be available for inspection.
7. This process, including all air pollution control devices and capture systems for which this permit is issued, shall be maintained and operated at all times in a manner so as to minimize the emissions of air contaminants. Procedures for ensuring that the above equipment is properly operated and maintained so as to minimize the emission of air contaminants shall be established.
8. This permit expires and the application is cancelled if construction has not begun within 24 months of the date of issuance of the permit.
9. On completion of construction of the device(s) for which this permit is issued, written notification of the fact is to be submitted to the Chief of the Air Division. The notification shall indicate whether the device(s) was constructed as proposed in the application. The device(s) shall not be operated until authorization to operate is granted by the Chief of the

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Air Division. Failure to notify the Chief of the Air Division of completion of construction and/or operation without authorization could result in revocation of this permit.

- 10. Deviations from permit requirements shall be reported within 48 hours or 2 working days of such deviations, including those attributable to upset conditions as defined in the permit. The report shall include the probable cause of the said deviations, and any corrective actions or preventative measures that were taken.
- 11. Submittal of other reports regarding monitoring records, fuel analyses, operating rates, and equipment malfunctions may be required as authorized in the Department's air pollution control rules and regulations. The Department may require stack emission testing at any time.
- 12. Additions and revisions to the conditions of this Permit will be made, if necessary, to ensure that the Department's air pollution control rules and regulations are not violated.
- 13. Nothing in this permit or conditions thereto shall negate any authority granted to the Air Division pursuant to the Alabama Environmental Management Act or regulations issued thereunder.
- 14. Prior to a date to be specified by the Chief of the Air Division in the authorization to operate, emission tests are to be conducted by persons familiar with and using the EPA Sampling Train and Test Procedure as described in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 40, Part 60, for the following pollutants. Written tests results are to be reported to the Air Division within 30 days of completion of testing.

*Particulates.....	(x)	Carbon Monoxide .....	( )
Sulfur Dioxide.....	( )	Nitrogen Oxides .....	( )
Volatile Organic Compounds .....	( )	Visible Emissions.....	(x)

\*including testing for both PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub>

- 15. Emissions tests are to be conducted on at least one of the silo cyclones for the following pollutants at intervals not to exceed 60 months following the date of initial compliance testing. All test reports must be submitted to the Air Division within 30 days of completion of testing.

*Particulates.....	(x)	Carbon Monoxide .....	( )
Sulfur Dioxide.....	( )	Nitrogen Oxides .....	( )
Volatile Organic Compounds .....	( )	Visible Emissions .....	(x)

\*including testing for both PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub>

- 16. Unless otherwise stated in this permit or an applicable regulation, the Air Division must be notified in writing at least 10 working days in advance of all emission tests to be conducted and submitted as proof of compliance with the Department's air pollution control rules and regulations.

To avoid problems concerning testing methods and procedures, the following shall be included with the notification letter:

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- (a) The date the test crew is expected to arrive, the date and time anticipated of the start of the first run, how many and which sources are to be tested, and the names of the persons and/or testing company that will conduct the tests.
- (b) A complete description of each sampling train to be used, including type of media used in determining gas stream components, type of probe lining, type of filter media, and probe cleaning method and solvent to be used (if test procedure requires probe cleaning).
- (c) A description of the process(es) to be tested, including the feed rate, any operating parameter used to control or influence the operations, and the rated capacity.
- (d) A sketch or sketches showing sampling point locations and their relative positions to the nearest upstream and downstream gas flow disturbances.

A pretest meeting may be held at the request of the source owner or the Department. The necessity for such a meeting and the required attendees will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

All test reports must be submitted to the Air Division within 30 days of the actual completion of the test, unless an extension of time is specifically approved by the Air Division.

- 17. Any performance tests required shall be conducted and data reduced in accordance with the test methods and procedures contained in each specific permit condition unless the Director (1) specifies or approves, in specific cases, the use of a reference method with minor changes in methodology, (2) approves the use of an equivalent method, or (3) approves the use of an alternative method, the results of which he has determined to be adequate for indicating whether a specific source is in compliance.
- 18. This permit is issued with the condition that, should obnoxious odors arising from the plant operations be verified by Air Division inspectors, measures to abate the odorous emissions shall be taken upon a determination by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management that these measures are technically and economically feasible.
- 19. Precautions shall be taken to prevent fugitive dust emanating from plant roads, grounds, stockpiles, screens, dryers, hoppers, ductwork, etc.

Plant or haul roads and grounds will be maintained in the following manner so that dust will not become airborne. A minimum of one, or a combination, of the following methods shall be utilized to minimize airborne dust from plant or haul roads and grounds:

- (a) by the application of water any time the surface of the road is sufficiently dry to allow the creation of dust emissions by the act of wind or vehicular traffic;
- (b) by reducing the speed of vehicular traffic to a point below that at which dust emissions are created;
- (c) by paving;

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- (d) by the application of binders to the road surface at any time the road surface is found to allow the creation of dust emissions;

Should one, or a combination, of the above methods fail to adequately reduce airborne dust from plant or haul roads and grounds, alternative methods shall be employed, either exclusively or in combination with one or all of the above control techniques, so that dust will not become airborne. Alternative methods shall be approved by the Department prior to utilization.

20. Precautions shall be taken by the Permittee and its personnel to ensure that no person shall ignite, cause to be ignited, permit to be ignited, or maintain any open fire in such a manner as to cause the Department's rules and regulations applicable to open burning to be violated.
21. The Permittee shall not use as a defense in an enforcement action that maintaining compliance with conditions of this permit would have required halting or reducing the permitted activity.
22. The issuance of this permit does not convey any property rights of any sort, or any exclusive privilege.
23. Reports to the Air Division of any required monitoring shall be submitted at least every 6 months. All instances of deviations from permit requirements must be clearly identified in said reports. All required reports must be certified by a responsible official consistent with ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-16-.04(9).
24. The Permittee shall submit an Annual Compliance Certification to the Air Division no later than 60 days following the anniversary of the issuance of this permit.
  - (a) The compliance certification shall include the following:
    - i) The identification of each term or condition of this permit that is the basis of the certification;
    - ii) The compliance status;
    - iii) The method(s) used for determining the compliance status of the source, currently and over the reporting period consistent with Rule 335-3-16-.05(c) (Monitoring and Recordkeeping Requirements);
    - iv) Whether compliance has been continuous or intermittent; and
    - v) Such other facts as the Department may require to determine the compliance status of the source.
  - (b) The compliance certification shall be submitted to:

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Air Division  
P.O. Box 301463  
Montgomery, AL 36130-1463

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The compliance certification shall contain certification by a responsible official of truth, accuracy and completeness. This certification shall state that, based on information and belief formed after reasonable inquiry, the statements and information in the document are true, accurate and complete.

**Sawdust Pneumatic Systems and Silos  
Summary Page**

**Description:** Silo Cyclone 1 (SC01)

Silo Cyclone 2 (SC02)

**Installation Date:** May 2026

**Operating Capacity:** 44.2 TPH Sawdust

**Operating Schedule:** 16 hr/day, 7 days/week, 52 weeks/yr

**Pollutants Emitted:**

Emission Point	Point Description	Pollutant	Emission Limit	Standard
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<p><b>1) <u>Applicability</u></b></p> <p>(a) These sources are subject to the applicable requirements of Rule 335-3-16-.03, "Major Source Operating Permits".</p> <p>(b) These sources are subject to synthetic minor source limits to restrict the potential to emit below the significant emission rates for particulate matter (PM) established at ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-14-.04, "Air Permits Authorizing Construction in Clean Air Areas (Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD))".</p> <p><b>2) <u>Emission Standards</u></b></p> <p>(a) The permittee shall not cause or allow the emission of particulate matter (as TSP) in any one hour from any process in excess of the amount determined by the following equations:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><math>E=17.31P^{0.16}</math> (P<math>\geq</math>30 TPH)</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><math>E=3.59P^{0.62}</math> (P&lt;30 TPH)</b></p> <p>Where:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">E = Emissions (in pounds per hour)</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">P = Process weight (in tons per hour)</p> <p>(b) The Permittee shall not allow the plant wide total emissions of particulate matter from point sources at this facility to exceed 24.9 tons during any consecutive 12-month period.</p> <p>(c) The Permittee shall not allow the plant wide total emissions of particulate matter less than 10 microns from point sources at this facility to exceed 14.9 tons during any consecutive 12-month period.</p> <p>(d) The Permittee shall not allow the plant wide total emissions of particulate matter less than 2.5 microns from point sources at the facility to exceed 9.96 tons during any consecutive 12-month period.</p> <p>(e) The Permittee shall not cause or allow visible emissions with a six-minute average opacity greater than 20% to be emitted more than once during any 60-minute period. The Permittee shall not cause or allow visible emissions with a six-minute average opacity of greater than 40% to be emitted at any time.</p> <p>(f) The Permittee shall not cause or allow this unit to operate more than 6,000 hours during any consecutive 12-month period.</p>	<p>ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-16-.03</p> <p>ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-14-.04</p> <p>ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-4-.04</p> <p>ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-14-.04</p> <p>ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-14-.04</p> <p>ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-14-.04</p> <p>ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-4-.01(1)</p> <p>ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-14-.04</p>

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<p><b>4) <u>Emission Monitoring</u></b></p>	
<p>(a) While the unit is operating, the Permittee shall visually observe the emissions from the cyclones a minimum of once each day during daylight hours.</p>	<p>ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-16-.05(c)1</p>
<p>(b) Whenever any visible emissions are observed, the Permittee shall take corrective action as soon as practicable (but no longer than 24 hours from the time of the observation), followed by an additional observation of no less than 15 minutes in accordance with 40 CFR Part 60, Appendix A, Method 22, to confirm the cyclones are operating properly.</p>	<p>ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-16-.05(c)1</p>
<p>(c) The Permittee shall inspect and clean the cyclones at least annually and whenever visible emissions are noted for more than six (6) non-consecutive minutes during a Method 22 observation.</p>	<p>ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-16-.05(c)1</p>
<p>(d) Within ten (10) days of the end of each month, the Permittee shall calculate and record the operating hours of this unit for the previous month and previous 12-month period and determine compliance with the operational limit.</p>	<p>ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-16-.05</p>
<p>(e) Within ten (10) days of the end of each month, the Permittee shall calculate and record the facility-wide (point source) emissions of PM, PM<sub>10</sub>, and PM<sub>2.5</sub> for the previous month and 12-month period, utilizing the emission factors for each unit as outlined in Appendix A of this permit. If the most recent compliance testing indicates emissions greater than an emission factor, the Permittee shall immediately begin to utilize the results of the testing to calculate the emissions from that unit. The Permittee shall submit a permit application within 180 days after testing, either requesting the higher emission factor or demonstrating that the emission factor derived is not representative of normal operations.</p>	<p>ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-16-.05</p>

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<p><b>5) <u>Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements</u></b></p> <p>(a) To demonstrate compliance with the operational limitation, the Permittee shall maintain records of the monthly and 12-month rolling total hours of operation for this unit.</p> <p>(b) The Permittee shall maintain records of the facility-wide (point source) monthly and 12-month rolling total emissions of PM, PM<sub>10</sub>, and PM<sub>2.5</sub>.</p> <p>(c) Records of emission monitoring performed shall be maintained on-site and include:</p> <p>(i) The date, time, and results of each daily observation for any emissions from the cyclones and the name of the individual making the observation;</p> <p>(ii) The date(s), nature, and results of any corrective action taken when any emissions were observed from a cyclone;</p> <p>(iii) The date(s) the cyclones were inspected for proper operation and, if the results of the inspection indicated that cleaning or emissions-related maintenance was needed, the date(s) and nature of the cleaning/maintenance performed.</p> <p>(d) The Permittee shall retain all required records in a permanent form suitable and readily available for inspection for a period of five (5) years from the date of generation of each record.</p> <p>(e) A Semiannual Monitoring Report, as required by General Permit Proviso No. 23, shall be submitted no later than 60 days after the end of each semiannual reporting period (January 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup> and July 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>). The report shall include the following information for this emission unit:</p> <p>(i) A statement as to whether all observation for any emissions were completed as required during the reporting period, and if not, the date(s) and reason(s) why the monitoring was not performed;</p> <p>(ii) The monthly and 12-month rolling totals of the hours of operation of the unit during the reporting period;</p> <p>(iii) The monthly and 12-month rolling totals of the facility-wide PM, PM<sub>10</sub>, and PM<sub>2.5</sub> emissions calculated during the reporting period;</p> <p>(iv) A statement as to whether the annual inspections of the cyclones were accomplished during the reporting period, and if so, the date and results of the inspection(s);</p>	<p>ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-16-.05(c)</p> <p>ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-16-.05(c)</p> <p>ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-16-.05(c)2</p> <p>ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-16-.05</p> <p>ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-16-.05(c)3</p>

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<p>(v) The date(s), nature, and results of any corrective action taken when (1) any emissions were observed or (2) an inspection of the cyclones indicated that cleaning or emission-related maintenance was needed.</p>	

## APPENDIX A

### PM Emission Factors for Compliance Tracking

EUID No	Emission Unit Description	Filterable PM Emission		Total PM <sub>10</sub> Emission		Total PM <sub>2.5</sub> Emission	
		Factor	Units	Factor	Units	Factor	Units
CDK1	Continuous Kiln No. 1	0.0568	lb/MBF	0.0832	lb/MBF	0.0792	lb/MBF
	Abort Stack Use	0.000213	ton/hr	0.000296	ton/hr	0.000276	ton/hr
CDK2	Continuous Kiln No. 2	0.0568	lb/MBF	0.0832	lb/MBF	0.0792	lb/MBF
	Abort Stack Use	0.000213	ton/hr	0.000296	ton/hr	0.000276	ton/hr
CDK3	Continuous Kiln No. 3	0.0104	lb/MBF	0.0192	lb/MBF	0.0189	lb/MBF
CDK4	Continuous Kiln No. 4	0.0104	lb/MBF	0.0192	lb/MBF	0.0189	lb/MBF
PLN1	Planer Mill	0.0029	lb/MBF	0.0029	lb/MBF	0.0029	lb/MBF
ENG1	Emer. Fire Water Pump	1.00E-01	lb/hr	6.71E-01	lb/hr	6.71E-01	lb/hr
GEN1	Emer. Gen. Engine No. 1	2.91E-05	lb/hr	2.91E-05	lb/hr	2.91E-05	lb/hr
GEN2	Emer. Gen. Engine No. 2	2.91E-05	lb/hr	2.91E-05	lb/hr	2.91E-05	lb/hr
GEN3	Emer. Gen. Engine No. 3	3.72E-05	lb/hr	3.72E-05	lb/hr	3.72E-05	lb/hr
SC01	Fuel Silo Cyclone No. 1	1.46	lb/hr	0.20	lb/hr	0.0204	lb/hr
SC02	Fuel Silo Cyclone No. 2	1.46	lb/hr	0.20	lb/hr	0.0204	lb/hr

An example of the proposed PM emission tracking is as follows:

*Total PM<sub>2.5</sub> (tpy)*

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 &= \frac{CDK1\ EF\ \left(\frac{lb}{MBF}\right) \times MBF/yr}{2,000\ lb/ton} + \frac{CDK2\ EF\ \left(\frac{lb}{MBF}\right) \times MBF/yr}{2,000\ lb/ton} \\
 &+ \frac{CDK3\ EF\ \left(\frac{lb}{MBF}\right) \times MBF/yr}{2,000\ lb/ton} + \frac{CDK4\ EF\ \left(\frac{lb}{MBF}\right) \times MBF/yr}{2,000\ lb/ton} \\
 &+ \left[ \text{Abort Stack}\ EF\ \left(\frac{ton}{yr}\right) \times \text{Startup hours}\ \left(\frac{hr}{yr}\right) \right] + \frac{\text{Fuel Silo Cyclone 1}\ EF\ \left(\frac{lb}{hr}\right) \times hr/yr}{2,000\ lb/ton} \\
 &+ \frac{\text{Fuel Silo Cyclone 2}\ EF\ \left(\frac{lb}{hr}\right) \times hr/yr}{2,000\ lb/ton} + \frac{\text{Planer}\ EF\ \left(\frac{lb}{MBF}\right) \times MBF/yr}{2,000\ lb/ton} \\
 &+ \frac{ENG1\ EF\ \left(\frac{lb}{hr}\right) \times \text{Non - Emerg. Hours}\ \left(\frac{hr}{yr}\right)}{2,000\ lb/ton} + \frac{GEN1\ EF\ \left(\frac{lb}{hr}\right) \times \text{Non - Emerg. Hours}\ \left(\frac{hr}{yr}\right)}{2,000\ lb/ton} \\
 &+ \frac{GEN2\ EF\ \left(\frac{lb}{hr}\right) \times \text{Non - Emerg. Hours}\ \left(\frac{hr}{yr}\right)}{2,000\ lb/ton} + \frac{GEN3\ EF\ \left(\frac{lb}{hr}\right) \times \text{Non - Emerg. Hours}\ \left(\frac{hr}{yr}\right)}{2,000\ lb/ton}
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## AIR PERMIT

**PERMITTEE:** NEW SOUTH LUMBER COMPANY  
**FACILITY NAME:** BUCKS SAWMILL  
**LOCATION:** BUCKS, MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA

<b>PERMIT NUMBER</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF EQUIPMENT, ARTICLE OR DEVICE</b>
503-S002-X006	305 BHP, Diesel-Fired Emergency Fire Water Pump Engine (NSPS IIII)

*In accordance with and subject to the provisions of the Alabama Air Pollution Control Act of 1971, Ala. Code §§ 22-28-1 to 22-28-23, as amended, the Alabama Environmental Management Act, Ala. Code §§ 22-22A-1 to 22-22A-17, as amended, and rules and regulations adopted there under, and subject further to the conditions set forth in this permit, the Permittee is hereby authorized to construct, install and use the equipment, device or other article described above.*

**ISSUANCE DATE:** DRAFT

Alabama Department of Environmental Management

**NEW SOUTH LUMBER COMPANY  
BUCKS, ALABAMA  
PERMIT NO. 503-S002-X006  
PROVISOS**

1. This permit is issued on the basis of Rules and Regulations existing on the date of issuance. In the event additional Rules and Regulations are adopted, it shall be the permit holder's responsibility to comply with such rules.
2. This permit is not transferable. Upon sale or legal transfer, the new owner or operator must apply for a permit within 30 days.
3. A new permit application must be made for new sources, replacements, alterations or design changes which may result in the issuance of, or an increase in the issuance of, air contaminants, or the use of which may eliminate, reduce, or control the issuance of air contaminants.
4. The Permittee shall keep this permit under file or on display at all times at the site where the facility for which the permit is issued is located and shall make the permit readily available for inspection by any or all persons who may request to see it.
5. Each point of emission, which requires testing, will be provided with sampling ports, ladders, platforms, and other safety equipment to facilitate testing performed in accordance with procedures established by Part 60 of Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, as the same may be amended or revised.
6. All air pollution control equipment shall be operated at all times while this process is operational. In the event of scheduled maintenance, unscheduled maintenance, or a breakdown of the pollution control equipment, the process shall be shut down as expeditiously as possible (unless this act and subsequent re-start would clearly cause greater emissions than continuing operations of the process for a short period). The Department shall be notified of all such events **that exceed 1 hour** within 24 hours. The notification shall include all pertinent facts, including the duration of the process operating without the control device and the level of excess emissions which have occurred. Records of all such events, regardless of reporting requirements, shall be made and maintained for a period of five years. These records shall be available for inspection.
7. This process, including all air pollution control devices and capture systems for which this permit is issued, shall be maintained and operated at all times in a manner so as to minimize the emissions of air contaminants. Procedures for ensuring that the above equipment is properly operated and maintained so as to minimize the emission of air contaminants shall be established.
8. This permit expires and the application is cancelled if construction has not begun within 24 months of the date of issuance of the permit.
9. On completion of construction of the device(s) for which this permit is issued, written notification of the fact is to be submitted to the Chief of the Air Division. The notification shall indicate whether the device(s) was constructed as proposed in the application. The device(s) shall not be operated until authorization to operate is granted by the Chief of the

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Air Division. Failure to notify the Chief of the Air Division of completion of construction and/or operation without authorization could result in revocation of this permit.

10. Deviations from permit requirements shall be reported within 48 hours or 2 working days of such deviations, including those attributable to upset conditions as defined in the permit. The report shall include the probable cause of the said deviations, and any corrective actions or preventative measures that were taken.
11. Submittal of other reports regarding monitoring records, fuel analyses, operating rates, and equipment malfunctions may be required as authorized in the Department's air pollution control rules and regulations. The Department may require stack emission testing at any time.
12. Additions and revisions to the conditions of this Permit will be made, if necessary, to ensure that the Department's air pollution control rules and regulations are not violated.
13. Nothing in this permit or conditions thereto shall negate any authority granted to the Air Division pursuant to the Alabama Environmental Management Act or regulations issued thereunder.
14. Unless otherwise stated in this permit or an applicable regulation, the Air Division must be notified in writing at least 10 working days in advance of all emission tests to be conducted and submitted as proof of compliance with the Department's air pollution control rules and regulations.

To avoid problems concerning testing methods and procedures, the following shall be included with the notification letter:

- (a) The date the test crew is expected to arrive, the date and time anticipated of the start of the first run, how many and which sources are to be tested, and the names of the persons and/or testing company that will conduct the tests.
- (b) A complete description of each sampling train to be used, including type of media used in determining gas stream components, type of probe lining, type of filter media, and probe cleaning method and solvent to be used (if test procedure requires probe cleaning).
- (c) A description of the process(es) to be tested, including the feed rate, any operating parameter used to control or influence the operations, and the rated capacity.
- (d) A sketch or sketches showing sampling point locations and their relative positions to the nearest upstream and downstream gas flow disturbances.

A pretest meeting may be held at the request of the source owner or the Department. The necessity for such a meeting and the required attendees will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

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All test reports must be submitted to the Air Division within 30 days of the actual completion of the test, unless an extension of time is specifically approved by the Air Division.

15. Any performance tests required shall be conducted and data reduced in accordance with the test methods and procedures contained in each specific permit condition unless the Director (1) specifies or approves, in specific cases, the use of a reference method with minor changes in methodology, (2) approves the use of an equivalent method, or (3) approves the use of an alternative method, the results of which he has determined to be adequate for indicating whether a specific source is in compliance.
16. This permit is issued with the condition that, should obnoxious odors arising from the plant operations be verified by Air Division inspectors, measures to abate the odorous emissions shall be taken upon a determination by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management that these measures are technically and economically feasible.
17. Precautions shall be taken to prevent fugitive dust emanating from plant roads, grounds, stockpiles, screens, dryers, hoppers, ductwork, etc.

Plant or haul roads and grounds will be maintained in the following manner so that dust will not become airborne. A minimum of one, or a combination, of the following methods shall be utilized to minimize airborne dust from plant or haul roads and grounds:

- (a) by the application of water any time the surface of the road is sufficiently dry to allow the creation of dust emissions by the act of wind or vehicular traffic;
- (b) by reducing the speed of vehicular traffic to a point below that at which dust emissions are created;
- (c) by paving;
- (d) by the application of binders to the road surface at any time the road surface is found to allow the creation of dust emissions;

Should one, or a combination, of the above methods fail to adequately reduce airborne dust from plant or haul roads and grounds, alternative methods shall be employed, either exclusively or in combination with one or all of the above control techniques, so that dust will not become airborne. Alternative methods shall be approved by the Department prior to utilization.

18. Precautions shall be taken by the Permittee and its personnel to ensure that no person shall ignite, cause to be ignited, permit to be ignited, or maintain any open fire in such a manner as to cause the Department's rules and regulations applicable to open burning to be violated.
19. The Permittee shall not use as a defense in an enforcement action that maintaining compliance with conditions of this permit would have required halting or reducing the permitted activity.

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20. The issuance of this permit does not convey any property rights of any sort, or any exclusive privilege.
21. Reports to the Air Division of any required monitoring shall be submitted at least every 6 months. All instances of deviations from permit requirements must be clearly identified in said reports. All required reports must be certified by a responsible official consistent with ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-16-.04(9).
22. The Permittee shall submit an Annual Compliance Certification to the Air Division no later than 60 days following the anniversary of the issuance of this permit.
  - (a) The compliance certification shall include the following:
    - i) The identification of each term or condition of this permit that is the basis of the certification;
    - ii) The compliance status;
    - iii) The method(s) used for determining the compliance status of the source, currently and over the reporting period consistent with Rule 335-3-16-.05(c) (Monitoring and Recordkeeping Requirements);
    - iv) Whether compliance has been continuous or intermittent; and
    - v) Such other facts as the Department may require to determine the compliance status of the source.

- (b) The compliance certification shall be submitted to:

Alabama Department of Environmental Management  
Air Division  
P.O. Box 301463  
Montgomery, AL 36130-1463

The compliance certification shall contain certification by a responsible official of truth, accuracy and completeness. This certification shall state that, based on information and belief formed after reasonable inquiry, the statements and information in the document are true, accurate and complete.

**Emergency Fire Water Pump Engine  
Summary Page**

**Description:** 305 BHP, Diesel-Fired Emergency Fire Water Pump Engine (NSPS III)

**Operating Schedule:** 100 hr/yr

**Emission Limitations:**

Emission Point No.	Description	Pollutant	Emission limit	Regulation
ENG-1	305 Hp Emergency Fire Water Pump Engine	NMHC + NO <sub>x</sub>	4.0 g/kW-hr (3.0 g/HP-hr)	ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-10-.02(87) 40 CFR §60.4205(c)
		PM	0.20 g/kW-hr (0.15 g/HP-hr)	
		CO	3.5 g/kW-hr (2.6 g/HP-hr)	
		VOC	2.47-03 lb/HP-hr (BACT)	ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-14-.04
		CO <sub>2e</sub>	17.6 TPY (BACT)	ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-14-.04
		PM	Facility-Wide 24.9 TPY (SMS)	ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-14-.04
		PM <sub>10</sub>	Facility-Wide 14.9 TPY (SMS)	ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-14-.04
		PM <sub>2.5</sub>	Facility-Wide 9.96 TPY (SMS)	ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-14-.04

**Emergency Fire Water Pump Engine**

	Regulations
<p><b>1) <u>Applicability</u></b></p> <p>(a) This unit is subject to the applicable requirements of ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-16-.03, “Major Source Operating Permits”.</p> <p>(b) This unit is subject to Best Available Control Technology (BACT) limits for volatile organic compounds (VOC) and greenhouse gases (as CO<sub>2</sub>e) established pursuant to the applicable requirements of ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-14-.04, “Air Permits Authorizing Construction in Clean Air Areas [Prevention of Significant Deterioration Permitting (PSD)]”.</p> <p>(c) This unit is subject to the applicable requirements of the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Stationary Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines, 40 CFR Part 63, Subpart ZZZZ, and the General Provisions of Subpart A (as applicable) as outlined in Table 8 to 40 CFR Part 63, Subpart ZZZZ.</p> <p>(d) This unit is subject to the applicable requirements of the Standards of Performance for Stationary Compression Ignition Internal Combustions Engines, 40 CFR 60, Subpart III.</p> <p>(e) This unit is subject to the General Provisions 40 CFR §60.1 through §60.19 (as applicable) as outlined in Table 8 to 40 CFR Part 60, Subpart III.</p> <p>(f) This unit is subject to synthetic minor source limits to restrict the potential to emit below the significant emission rates for particulate matter (PM) established at ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-14-.04, “Air Permits Authorizing Construction in Clean Air Areas (Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD))”.</p>	<p>ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-16-.03</p> <p>ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-14-.04</p> <p>ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-11-.06(103)</p> <p>ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-10-.02(87)</p> <p>40 CFR §60.4218</p> <p>ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-14-.04</p>
<p><b>2) <u>Emission Standards</u></b></p> <p>(a) The Permittee shall not cause or allow the emissions from this unit to exceed the applicable emission standards in Table 4 to Subpart III, specifically:</p> <p>(i) The sum of the emissions of non-methane hydrocarbons (NMHC) and nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) shall not exceed 4.0 g/kW-hr (3.0 g/HP-hr);</p> <p>(ii) Particulate matter (PM) emissions shall not exceed 0.20 g/kW-hr (0.15 g/HP-hr).</p> <p>(iii) Carbon monoxide (CO) emissions shall not exceed 3.5 g/kW-hr (2.6 g/HP-hr)</p>	<p>40 CFR §60.4205(c) and §60.4202(d)</p>

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(b) The Permittee shall not cause or allow visible emissions with a six-minute average opacity greater than 20% to be emitted more than once during any 60-minute period. The Permittee shall not cause or allow visible emissions with a six-minute average opacity of greater than 40% to be emitted at any time.	ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-4-.01
(c) The Permittee shall not cause or allow this unit to operate more than 100 hours for non-emergencies during any consecutive 12-month period.	ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-14-.04
(d) The Permittee shall not cause or allow volatile organic compounds (VOC) to be emitted from this unit in excess of 2.47E-03 lb/HP-hr.	ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-14-.04
(e) The Permittee shall not cause or allow CO <sub>2e</sub> to be emitted from this unit in excess of 17.6 TPY.	ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-14-.04
(f) The Permittee shall not allow the plant wide total emissions of particulate matter from point sources at this facility to exceed 24.9 tons during any consecutive 12-month period.	ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-14-.04
(g) The Permittee shall not allow the plant wide total emissions of particulate matter less than 10 microns from point sources at this facility to exceed 14.9 tons during any consecutive 12-month period.	ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-14-.04
(h) The Permittee shall not allow the plant wide total emissions of particulate matter less than 2.5 microns from point sources at the facility to exceed 9.96 tons during any consecutive 12-month period.	ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-14-.04
(i) The Permittee shall not burn any diesel fuel in this unit that does not meet the following per-gallon standards of 40 CFR §1090.305: (i) Sulfur content shall not exceed 15 parts per million (ppm); and (ii) Cetane index shall be a minimum of 40 <u>or</u> the aromatic content shall not exceed 35 volume percent.	40 CFR §60.4207
(j) The Permittee shall only operate this unit as specified below: (i) Emergency situations; (ii) Maintenance checks and readiness testing not to exceed 100 hours per year; and (iii) 50 hours per year during non-emergency situations provided the non-emergency utilization hours are counted towards the 100 hours per year provided for maintenance checks and readiness testing.	40 CFR §60.4211(f)

	Regulations
<p><b>3) <u>Compliance and Performance Test Methods and Procedures</u></b></p> <p>(a) If the Permittee does not install, configure, operate, and maintain this unit according to the manufacturer's emission-related written instructions, or changes emission-related settings in a way that is not permitted by the manufacturer, the Permittee must demonstrate compliance by the following:</p> <p>(i) Keeping a maintenance plan and records of conducted maintenance and, to the extent practicable, maintain and operate the engine in a manner consistent with good air pollution control practice for minimizing emissions; and</p> <p>(ii) Conducting an initial performance test to demonstrate compliance with the applicable emission standards within 1 year of startup, or within 1 year after the unit is no longer installed, configured, operated, and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's emission-related written instructions, or within 1 year after emission-related settings are changed in a way that is not permitted by the manufacturer.</p>	<p>40 CFR §60.4211(g)</p>
<p><b>4) <u>Emission Monitoring</u></b></p> <p>(a) The Permittee shall install and operate a non-resettable hour meter on this unit.</p> <p>(b) The Permittee shall operate and maintain this unit according to the manufacturer's written instructions over the life of the engine or in accordance with 40 CFR §60.4211(g).</p> <p>(c) The Permittee shall observe the visible emissions from these engines during daylight hours whenever an engine is operated during non-emergencies and readiness testing.</p> <p>(d) Whenever visible emissions are observed from an engine, the observer shall note the occurrence and notify the appropriate operations supervisor. The supervisor shall immediately investigate the cause of the visible emissions. If it is determined that the visible emissions are caused by operator error, operational procedures shall be modified to prevent a recurrence of the error. If the visible emissions are determined to be the result of mechanical failure, the engine shall be immediately repaired to return it to normal operation and ensure no visible emissions are noted from the engine.</p> <p>(e) Within 10 days of the end of each month, the Permittee shall calculate the operating hours of each engine for the previous month and previous 12-month period and determine compliance with the operational limits.</p>	<p>40 CFR §60.4209</p> <p>40 CFR §60.4211(a) and 40 CFR §60.4211(g)</p> <p>ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-16-.05(c)</p> <p>ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-16-.05(c)</p> <p>ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-16-.05</p>

	Regulations
<p>(f) Within ten (10) days of the end of each month, the Permittee shall calculate and record the facility-wide (point source) emissions of PM, PM<sub>10</sub>, and PM<sub>2.5</sub> for the previous month and 12-month period, utilizing the emission factors for each unit as outlined in Appendix A of this permit. If the most recent compliance testing indicates emissions greater than an emission factor, the Permittee shall immediately begin to utilize the results of the testing to calculate the emissions from that unit. The Permittee shall submit a permit application within 180 days after testing, either requesting the higher emission factor or demonstrating that the emission factor derived is not representative of normal operations.</p>	<p>ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-16-.05</p>
<p><b>5) <u>Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements</u></b></p>	
<p>(a) To demonstrate compliance with the operational limitations, the Permittee shall maintain records of the date, time, duration, and purpose of operation each time this unit is operated as well as monthly and 12-month rolling total hours of operation. These records shall be maintained in a permanent form suitable for inspection and shall be readily available for inspection upon request. These records shall be retained for a period of 5 years from the date of generation of each record.</p>	<p>ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-16-.05(c) and 40 CFR §60.4214(b)</p>
<p>(b) The Permittee shall maintain records of the facility-wide (point source) monthly and 12-month rolling total emissions of PM, PM<sub>10</sub>, and PM<sub>2.5</sub>.</p>	<p>ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-16-.05(c)</p>
<p>(c) To demonstrate compliance with the fuel limitations, the Permittee shall maintain records of the sulfur content <u>and</u> fuel delivery receipts of the diesel fuel that is burned in this unit. These records shall be maintained in a permanent form and submitted upon request. Records demonstrating that the fuel limitation requirements are being met shall be maintained on-site and readily available for inspection upon request. All records shall be retained for a period of 5 years from the date of generation of each record.</p>	<p>ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-16-.05(c)</p>
<p>(d) The permittee shall submit a Semiannual Monitoring Report to the Air Division no later than 60 days after the end of each semiannual reporting period (January 1<sup>st</sup> – June 30<sup>th</sup> and July 1<sup>st</sup> – December 31<sup>st</sup>). This report shall include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Whether the unit was operated during the reporting period;</li> <li>(ii) The date, time, duration, and purpose of operation each time this unit was operated during the reporting period;</li> <li>(iii) Written documentation that the fuel used during the reporting period met the requirements of 40 CFR §1090.305 for non-road diesel.</li> </ul>	<p>ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-16-.05(c)</p>

	<b>Regulations</b>
<p>(iv) A certification that all emission monitoring, proper maintenance, and operating practices were accomplished as required during the reporting period, and if not, describe the date and reason any required action was not accomplished;</p> <p>(v) The monthly and 12-month rolling totals of the hours of operation of the engine during the reporting period;</p> <p>(vi) The monthly and 12-month rolling totals of the facility-wide PM, PM<sub>10</sub>, and PM<sub>2.5</sub> emissions calculated during the reporting period.</p>	

## APPENDIX A

### PM Emission Factors for Compliance Tracking

EUID No	Emission Unit Description	Filterable PM Emission		Total PM <sub>10</sub> Emission		Total PM <sub>2.5</sub> Emission	
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CDK2	Continuous Kiln No. 2	0.0568	lb/MBF	0.0832	lb/MBF	0.0792	lb/MBF
	Abort Stack Use	0.000213	ton/hr	0.000296	ton/hr	0.000276	ton/hr
CDK3	Continuous Kiln No. 3	0.0104	lb/MBF	0.0192	lb/MBF	0.0189	lb/MBF
CDK4	Continuous Kiln No. 4	0.0104	lb/MBF	0.0192	lb/MBF	0.0189	lb/MBF
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## AIR PERMIT

**PERMITTEE:** NEW SOUTH LUMBER COMPANY  
**FACILITY NAME:** BUCKS SAWMILL  
**LOCATION:** BUCKS, MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA

<b>PERMIT NUMBER</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF EQUIPMENT, ARTICLE OR DEVICE</b>
503-S002-X007	69 BHP, Combustion Ignition, Natural Gas-Fired Reciprocating Internal Combustion Emergency Generator (NSPS, JJJJ)  Two (2) 54 BHP, Combustion Ignition, Natural Gas-Fired Reciprocating Internal Combustion Emergency Generators (NSPS, JJJJ)

*In accordance with and subject to the provisions of the Alabama Air Pollution Control Act of 1971, Ala. Code §§ 22-28-1 to 22-28-23, as amended, the Alabama Environmental Management Act, Ala. Code §§ 22-22A-1 to 22-22A-17, as amended, and rules and regulations adopted there under, and subject further to the conditions set forth in this permit, the Permittee is hereby authorized to construct, install and use the equipment, device or other article described above.*

**ISSUANCE DATE:** DRAFT

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Alabama Department of Environmental Management

**NEW SOUTH LUMBER COMPANY  
BUCKS, ALABAMA  
PERMIT NO. 503-S002-X007  
PROVISOS**

1. This permit is issued on the basis of Rules and Regulations existing on the date of issuance. In the event additional Rules and Regulations are adopted, it shall be the permit holder's responsibility to comply with such rules.
2. This permit is not transferable. Upon sale or legal transfer, the new owner or operator must apply for a permit within 30 days.
3. A new permit application must be made for new sources, replacements, alterations or design changes which may result in the issuance of, or an increase in the issuance of, air contaminants, or the use of which may eliminate, reduce, or control the issuance of air contaminants.
4. The Permittee shall keep this permit under file or on display at all times at the site where the facility for which the permit is issued is located and shall make the permit readily available for inspection by any or all persons who may request to see it.
5. Each point of emission, which requires testing, will be provided with sampling ports, ladders, platforms, and other safety equipment to facilitate testing performed in accordance with procedures established by Part 60 of Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, as the same may be amended or revised.
6. All air pollution control equipment shall be operated at all times while this process is operational. In the event of scheduled maintenance, unscheduled maintenance, or a breakdown of the pollution control equipment, the process shall be shut down as expeditiously as possible (unless this act and subsequent re-start would clearly cause greater emissions than continuing operations of the process for a short period). The Department shall be notified of all such events **that exceed 1 hour** within 24 hours. The notification shall include all pertinent facts, including the duration of the process operating without the control device and the level of excess emissions which have occurred. Records of all such events, regardless of reporting requirements, shall be made and maintained for a period of five years. These records shall be available for inspection.
7. This process, including all air pollution control devices and capture systems for which this permit is issued, shall be maintained and operated at all times in a manner so as to minimize the emissions of air contaminants. Procedures for ensuring that the above equipment is properly operated and maintained so as to minimize the emission of air contaminants shall be established.
8. This permit expires and the application is cancelled if construction has not begun within 24 months of the date of issuance of the permit.
9. On completion of construction of the device(s) for which this permit is issued, written notification of the fact is to be submitted to the Chief of the Air Division. The notification shall indicate whether the device(s) was constructed as proposed in the application. The device(s) shall not be operated until authorization to operate is granted by the Chief of the

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Air Division. Failure to notify the Chief of the Air Division of completion of construction and/or operation without authorization could result in revocation of this permit.

10. Deviations from permit requirements shall be reported within 48 hours or 2 working days of such deviations, including those attributable to upset conditions as defined in the permit. The report shall include the probable cause of the said deviations, and any corrective actions or preventative measures that were taken.
11. Submittal of other reports regarding monitoring records, fuel analyses, operating rates, and equipment malfunctions may be required as authorized in the Department's air pollution control rules and regulations. The Department may require stack emission testing at any time.
12. Additions and revisions to the conditions of this Permit will be made, if necessary, to ensure that the Department's air pollution control rules and regulations are not violated.
13. Nothing in this permit or conditions thereto shall negate any authority granted to the Air Division pursuant to the Alabama Environmental Management Act or regulations issued thereunder.
14. Unless otherwise stated in this permit or an applicable regulation, the Air Division must be notified in writing at least 10 working days in advance of all emission tests to be conducted and submitted as proof of compliance with the Department's air pollution control rules and regulations.

To avoid problems concerning testing methods and procedures, the following shall be included with the notification letter:

- (a) The date the test crew is expected to arrive, the date and time anticipated of the start of the first run, how many and which sources are to be tested, and the names of the persons and/or testing company that will conduct the tests.
- (b) A complete description of each sampling train to be used, including type of media used in determining gas stream components, type of probe lining, type of filter media, and probe cleaning method and solvent to be used (if test procedure requires probe cleaning).
- (c) A description of the process(es) to be tested, including the feed rate, any operating parameter used to control or influence the operations, and the rated capacity.
- (d) A sketch or sketches showing sampling point locations and their relative positions to the nearest upstream and downstream gas flow disturbances.

A pretest meeting may be held at the request of the source owner or the Department. The necessity for such a meeting and the required attendees will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

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All test reports must be submitted to the Air Division within 30 days of the actual completion of the test, unless an extension of time is specifically approved by the Air Division.

15. Any performance tests required shall be conducted and data reduced in accordance with the test methods and procedures contained in each specific permit condition unless the Director (1) specifies or approves, in specific cases, the use of a reference method with minor changes in methodology, (2) approves the use of an equivalent method, or (3) approves the use of an alternative method, the results of which he has determined to be adequate for indicating whether a specific source is in compliance.
16. This permit is issued with the condition that, should obnoxious odors arising from the plant operations be verified by Air Division inspectors, measures to abate the odorous emissions shall be taken upon a determination by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management that these measures are technically and economically feasible.
17. Precautions shall be taken to prevent fugitive dust emanating from plant roads, grounds, stockpiles, screens, dryers, hoppers, ductwork, etc.

Plant or haul roads and grounds will be maintained in the following manner so that dust will not become airborne. A minimum of one, or a combination, of the following methods shall be utilized to minimize airborne dust from plant or haul roads and grounds:

- (a) by the application of water any time the surface of the road is sufficiently dry to allow the creation of dust emissions by the act of wind or vehicular traffic;
- (b) by reducing the speed of vehicular traffic to a point below that at which dust emissions are created;
- (c) by paving;
- (d) by the application of binders to the road surface at any time the road surface is found to allow the creation of dust emissions;

Should one, or a combination, of the above methods fail to adequately reduce airborne dust from plant or haul roads and grounds, alternative methods shall be employed, either exclusively or in combination with one or all of the above control techniques, so that dust will not become airborne. Alternative methods shall be approved by the Department prior to utilization.

18. Precautions shall be taken by the Permittee and its personnel to ensure that no person shall ignite, cause to be ignited, permit to be ignited, or maintain any open fire in such a manner as to cause the Department's rules and regulations applicable to open burning to be violated.
19. The Permittee shall not use as a defense in an enforcement action that maintaining compliance with conditions of this permit would have required halting or reducing the permitted activity.

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20. The issuance of this permit does not convey any property rights of any sort, or any exclusive privilege.
21. Reports to the Air Division of any required monitoring shall be submitted at least every 6 months. All instances of deviations from permit requirements must be clearly identified in said reports. All required reports must be certified by a responsible official consistent with ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-16-.04(9).
22. The Permittee shall submit an Annual Compliance Certification to the Air Division no later than 60 days following the anniversary of the issuance of this permit.
  - (a) The compliance certification shall include the following:
    - i) The identification of each term or condition of this permit that is the basis of the certification;
    - ii) The compliance status;
    - iii) The method(s) used for determining the compliance status of the source, currently and over the reporting period consistent with Rule 335-3-16-.05(c) (Monitoring and Recordkeeping Requirements);
    - iv) Whether compliance has been continuous or intermittent; and
    - v) Such other facts as the Department may require to determine the compliance status of the source.
  - (b) The compliance certification shall be submitted to:

Alabama Department of Environmental Management  
Air Division  
P.O. Box 301463  
Montgomery, AL 36130-1463

The compliance certification shall contain certification by a responsible official of truth, accuracy and completeness. This certification shall state that, based on information and belief formed after reasonable inquiry, the statements and information in the document are true, accurate and complete.

### Emergency Generators Summary Page

**Description:** GEN-1 and GEN-2: Two (2) 54 BHP, Combustion Ignition, Natural Gas-Fired Reciprocating Internal Combustion Emergency Generators (NSPS, JJJJ)

GEN-3: 69 BHP, Combustion Ignition, Natural Gas-Fired Reciprocating Internal Combustion Emergency Generator (NSPS, JJJJ)

**Operating Schedule:** 100 hr/yr

**Emission Limitations:**

Emission Point No.	Description	Pollutant	Emission limit	Regulation
GEN-1 GEN-2 GEN-3	Emergency Generators	NO <sub>x</sub>	10 g/HP-hr	ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-10-.02(88) 40 CFR Part 60, Subpart JJJJ
		CO	387 g/HP-hr	ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-10-.02(88) 40 CFR Part 60, Subpart JJJJ
		VOC	0.12 lb/HP-hr (BACT)	ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-14-.04
		CO <sub>2e</sub>	2.08 TPY (BACT GEN-1 and GEN-2) 2.66 TPY (BACT GEN-3)	ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-14-.04
		PM	Facility-Wide 24.9 TPY (SMS)	ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-14-.04
		PM <sub>10</sub>	Facility-Wide 14.9 TPY (SMS)	ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-14-.04
		PM <sub>2.5</sub>	Facility-Wide 9.96 TPY (SMS)	ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-14-.04

**Emergency Generators**

	<b>Regulations</b>
<p><b>1) <u>Applicability</u></b></p> <p>(a) These engines are subject to the applicable requirements of Rule 335-3-16-.03, "Major Source Operating Permits".</p> <p>(b) These engines are subject to Best Available Control Technology (BACT) limits for volatile organic compounds (VOC) and greenhouse gases (as CO<sub>2</sub>e) established pursuant to the applicable requirements of ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-14-.04, "Air Permits Authorizing Construction in Clean Air Areas [Prevention of Significant Deterioration Permitting (PSD)]".</p> <p>(c) These engines are affected sources under 40 CFR Part 63, Subpart ZZZZ, National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Stationary Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines.</p> <p>(d) These engines are subject to the applicable provisions of 40 CFR Part 60, Subpart JJJJ, Standards of Performance for Stationary Spark Ignition Internal Combustion Engines, and 40 CFR Part 60, Subpart A as specified in Table 3 to Subpart JJJJ.</p> <p>(e) This unit is subject to synthetic minor source limits to restrict the potential to emit below the significant emission rates for particulate matter (PM) established at ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-14-.04, "Air Permits Authorizing Construction in Clean Air Areas (Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD))".</p>	<p>ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-16-.03</p> <p>ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-14-.04</p> <p>40 CFR Part 63, Subpart ZZZZ</p> <p>ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-10-.03(88) and 40 CFR Part 60, Subpart JJJJ</p> <p>ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-14-.04</p>
<p><b>2) <u>Emission Standards</u></b></p> <p>(a) The Permittee shall not cause or allow the sum of emissions of nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) from any of these engines to exceed 10 g/HP-hr.</p> <p>(b) The Permittee shall not cause or allow the emissions of carbon monoxides (CO) from any of these engines to exceed 387 g/HP-hr.</p> <p>(c) The Permittee shall not cause or allow visible emissions with a six-minute average opacity greater than 20% to be emitted more than once during any 60-minute period. The Permittee shall not cause or allow visible emissions with a six-minute average opacity of greater than 40% to be emitted at any time.</p> <p>(d) The Permittee shall not cause or allow any of these engines to operate more than 100 hours for non-emergencies during any consecutive 12-month period.</p>	<p>40 CFR §60.4233(d)</p> <p>40 CFR §60.4233(d)</p> <p>ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-4-.01</p> <p>ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-14-.04</p>

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(e) The Permittee shall not cause or allow volatile organic compounds (VOC) to be emitted from these engines in excess of 0.12 lb/HP-hr lb/HP-hr.	ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-14-.04
(f) The Permittee shall not cause or allow CO <sub>2e</sub> to be emitted from GEN-1 and GEN-2 in excess of 2.08 TPY (each).	ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-14-.04
(g) The Permittee shall not cause or allow CO <sub>2e</sub> to be emitted from GEN-3 in excess of 2.66 TPY.	ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-14-.04
(h) The Permittee shall not allow the plant wide total emissions of particulate matter from point sources at this facility to exceed 24.9 tons during any consecutive 12-month period.	ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-14-.04
(i) The Permittee shall not allow the plant wide total emissions of particulate matter less than 10 microns from point sources at this facility to exceed 14.9 tons during any consecutive 12-month period.	ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-14-.04
(j) The Permittee shall not allow the plant wide total emissions of particulate matter less than 2.5 microns from point sources at the facility to exceed 9.96 tons during any consecutive 12-month period.	ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-14-.04
<b>3) <u>Compliance and Performance Test Methods and Procedures</u></b>	
(a) The Permittee shall purchase stationary natural gas-fired, internal combustion engines that are certified by the manufacturer to comply with the emission standards in 40 CFR Part 60, Subpart JJJJ, Table 1.	40 CFR §60.4243(b)(1)
(b) The Permittee shall operate and maintain these engines in accordance with the manufacturer's emission-related written instructions or in accordance with 40 CFR §60.4243(a)(2)(i) over the life of the engines.	40 CFR §60.4243(a)
(c) The Permittee shall comply with the General Provisions outlined in Table 3 to Subpart JJJJ.	40 CFR §60.4246
<b>4) <u>Emission Monitoring</u></b>	
(a) The Permittee shall install and operate a non-resettable hour meter on each engine.	40 CFR §60.4237(c)
(b) The Permittee shall not operate these engines except as provided in 40 CFR §60.4243, which includes but may not be limited to:	40 CFR §60.4243
(i) Emergency situations;	
(ii) A total of 100 hours per year or less for the purposes of maintenance checks and readiness testing, emergency demand response; and	

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<p>(iii) A total of 50 hours per year or less for the non-emergency situations allowed by 40 CFR §60.4243(d)(3); however, those 50 hours are counted towards the 100 hours per year allowed for maintenance checks and readiness testing, and emergency demand response.</p> <p>(c) The Permittee shall observe the visible emissions from these engines during daylight hours whenever an engine is operated during non-emergencies and readiness testing.</p> <p>(d) Whenever visible emissions are observed from an engine, the observer shall note the occurrence and notify the appropriate operations supervisor. The supervisor shall immediately investigate the cause of the visible emissions. If it is determined that the visible emissions are caused by operator error, operational procedures shall be modified to prevent a recurrence of the error. If the visible emissions are determined to be the result of mechanical failure, the engine shall be immediately repaired to return it to normal operation and ensure no visible emissions are noted from the engine.</p> <p>(e) Within 10 days of the end of each month, the Permittee shall calculate the operating hours of each engine for the previous month and previous 12-month period and determine compliance with the operational limits.</p> <p>(f) Within ten (10) days of the end of each month, the Permittee shall calculate and record the facility-wide (point source) emissions of PM, PM<sub>10</sub>, and PM<sub>2.5</sub> for the previous month and 12-month period, utilizing the emission factors for each unit as outlined in Appendix A of this permit. If the most recent compliance testing indicates emissions greater than an emission factor, the Permittee shall immediately begin to utilize the results of the testing to calculate the emissions from that unit. The Permittee shall submit a permit application within 180 days after testing, either requesting the higher emission factor or demonstrating that the emission factor derived is not representative of normal operations.</p>	<p>ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-16-.05(c)</p> <p>ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-16-.05(c)</p> <p>ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-16-.05</p> <p>ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-16-.05</p>
<p><b>5) <u>Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements</u></b></p> <p>(a) The Permittee shall keep the following records for these engines in accordance with 40 CFR §60.4245. At a minimum, these records shall include:</p> <p>(i) Documentation from the manufacturer that the engines are certified to meet the emission standards;</p> <p>(ii) The date, time, duration, and purpose of operation each time an emergency engine is operated; and</p>	<p>40 CFR §60.4245</p>

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<p>(iii) Records of all maintenance performed.</p> <p>(b) Records of emission monitoring performed shall be maintained in a permanent form on-site and include:</p> <p>(i) The date, time, and results of each observation for visible emissions and the name of the individual making the observation;</p> <p>(ii) The date(s), nature, and results of any corrective action taken when visible emissions were observed;</p> <p>(c) The Permittee shall maintain records of the monthly and 12-month rolling total hours of operation for each engine and shall retain the information in a form suitable for inspection.</p> <p>(d) The Permittee shall maintain records of the facility-wide (point source) monthly and 12-month rolling total emissions of PM, PM<sub>10</sub>, and PM<sub>2.5</sub>.</p> <p>(e) The Permittee shall keep each required record for 5 years following the date of each occurrence, measurement, maintenance, corrective action, report, or record. The Permittee shall keep each record readily accessible in hard copy or electronic form on site for at least 2 years after the date of each occurrence, measurement, maintenance, corrective action, report, or record. The Permittee may keep the records off site for the remaining 3 years.</p> <p>(f) A Semiannual Monitoring Report, as required by General Permit Proviso No. 21, shall be submitted no later than 60 days after the end of each semiannual reporting period (January 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup> and July 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>). This report shall include the following information for each engine:</p> <p>(i) Whether the unit was operated during the reporting period;</p> <p>(ii) The date, time, duration, and purpose of operation each time an engine was operated during the reporting period;</p> <p>(iii) A certification that all emission monitoring, proper maintenance, and operating practices were accomplished as required during the reporting period, and if not, describe the date and reason any required action was not accomplished;</p> <p>(iv) The monthly and 12-month rolling totals of the hours of operation of each engine during the reporting period.</p>	<p>ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-16-.05(c)2</p> <p>ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-16-.05</p> <p>ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-16-.05(c)</p> <p>ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-16-.05(c)</p> <p>ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-16-.05(c)3</p>

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 &+ \frac{\text{Fuel Silo Cyclone 2}\ EF\ \left(\frac{lb}{hr}\right) \times hr/yr}{2,000\ lb/ton} + \frac{\text{Planer}\ EF\ \left(\frac{lb}{MBF}\right) \times MBF/yr}{2,000\ lb/ton} \\
 &+ \frac{ENG1\ EF\ \left(\frac{lb}{hr}\right) \times \text{Non - Emerg. Hours}\ \left(\frac{hr}{yr}\right)}{2,000\ lb/ton} + \frac{GEN1\ EF\ \left(\frac{lb}{hr}\right) \times \text{Non - Emerg. Hours}\ \left(\frac{hr}{yr}\right)}{2,000\ lb/ton} \\
 &+ \frac{GEN2\ EF\ \left(\frac{lb}{hr}\right) \times \text{Non - Emerg. Hours}\ \left(\frac{hr}{yr}\right)}{2,000\ lb/ton} + \frac{GEN3\ EF\ \left(\frac{lb}{hr}\right) \times \text{Non - Emerg. Hours}\ \left(\frac{hr}{yr}\right)}{2,000\ lb/ton}
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