

Air Quality SPECIAL MEETING – Permit Examination

GP Gypsum Permit

March 2, 2021

5:00pm-6:00pm Via Zoom

NOTES

I. Welcome and Introductions

- II. Purpose of Meeting:** The CCI-Air Working Group held a special Permit Examination meeting on Tuesday, March 5th at 5-6pm via Zoom. Georgia Pacific Gypsum has a pending permit application with NJDEP that may impact its emissions. Joann Held, Retired - NJDEP Air Quality Program, assisted residents and interested parties with understanding the application, at their request.

The public comment period for GP Gypsum’s permit goes through March 8, and the documentation can be found on DEP website:

<https://www.state.nj.us/dep/aqpp/publicnotices.htm> (posted 1/06/21).

Direct links:

- [Public Notice](#)
- [Draft Permit](#)
- [Statement of Basis](#)

III. Discussion

- DEP mailing list provides notice of permits
 - DEP notification on the GP Gypsum permit was issued in November 2020
- GP Gypsum permit under review is for changes at facility. Includes increasing allowable emissions to some equipment but closing others for an apparent overall decrease.
- “Statement of Basis” – narrative that summarizes changes they want to make; announces that permit is up for review and the 60-day comment period (ends May 8th)
- A public hearing could have been requested in the first 30 days
- GP Gypsum operating permit also up for renewal; hearing can be requested
- Permit is “major modification”
- 3 ways to describe particulate matter:
 - TSP – all particulates including the big stuff
 - PM 10 – inhalable
 - PM 2.5 – even smaller particles
- Questions to consider:
 - Were the pieces of equipment being removed from permit in use or inactive?

- When replacing equipment with same model, has the “state-of’the art” equipment been evaluated?
 - Is there a dust management plan?
 - Are there safeguards on how all the new material will be processed?
 - Is it possible to be processing more material with less emissions?
- Does CCI know someone that is a particulate control technology contact that could assist with permit review?

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