Public Notice

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Mississippi Lime Company, dba Falco Lime, located at 1543 Haining Road, in Vicksburg, MS, (601) 636-0932, has applied to the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) for the following permitting action(s): Synthetic Minor Operating Permit Renewal, Air Ref. No. 2780-00014. The applicant's operations fall within SIC Code 3274. A Statement of Basis has been prepared that contains a discussion of the decision-making that went into the development of the permit and provides the permitting authority, the public, and other government bodies a record of the technical issues surrounding issuance of the permit. The Statement of Basis also addresses any changes to emissions and/or discharges resulting from any modification of the facility.

Mississippi Lime Company’s (Mississippi Lime) dba Falco Lime Vicksburg Facility is a dry bulk lime processing facility located in Vicksburg, MS. The facility’s primary function is the receiving, processing, storage and distribution of lime. Mississippi Lime has the potential to exceed the Title V threshold of 100 tons per year (tpy) for PM10. In order to be classified as a Synthetic Minor Source, Mississippi Lime has elected to take a throughput limit on material processing to limit the facility’s potential to emit below Title V thresholds. While the facility has the capability to receive lime via barge, rail, or truck, the vast majority of intake is done via the facility’s Barge Receiving Hopper with Baghouse (Emission Point AA-001), Barge Belt Conveyor Transfer with Baghouse (Emission Point AA-002), and Barge Hopper Loadout (Emission Point AA-021). Because of this, Mississippi Lime is requesting that their previous throughput limit of 1,000,000 tons per year (tpy) of lime received by Emission Point AA-021 be changed to 500,000 tpy and that the limit be placed on Emission Points AA-001, AA-002, AA-004, AA-005, and AA-021. Because these emission points are the receiving points for the facility, placing the limit here will ensure that all subsequent equipment will be forced to operate within the limits that Mississippi Lime has suggested. To comply with these new limitation, Mississippi Lime will monitor and keep records of lime received at these points. The facility will also maintain their previous throughput limits on their other, potential receiving points.

The staff of the Permit Board has developed this draft permit based on information submitted to the Permit Board by the applicant, appropriate State and Federal agencies and other interested parties. The staff of the Permit Board is soliciting all relative information pertaining to the proposed activity, including public comment, to ensure that the final staff recommendation on the draft permit complies with all State and Federal regulations. Public review and comment on the draft permit and supporting documentation is an important element in the staff evaluation and resulting recommendation to the Permit Board. The draft permit conditions have been developed to ensure compliance with all State and Federal regulations but are subject to change based on information received as a result of public participation.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations are invited to submit comments in writing to Clinton Gentry at [http://www.mdeq.ms.gov/gentry-clinton/](http://www.mdeq.ms.gov/gentry-clinton/%20) or to the Permit Board address shown above, no later than the end of the thirty (30) day public notice. All comments received by this date will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the application(s). A public hearing will be held if the Permit Board finds a significant degree of public interest in the proposed permit(s). Persons wishing to request a public hearing may do so by submitting that request in writing to Clinton Gentry at <http://www.mdeq.ms.gov/gentry-clinton>/ or to the Permit Board address shown above. The Permit Board is limited in the scope of its analysis to environmental impact. Any comments relative to zoning or economic and social impacts are within the jurisdiction of local zoning and planning authorities and should be addressed to them.

Additional details about the application, including a copy of the draft permit, are available by writing or calling the Public Records Request Officer at the above Permit Board address and telephone number or by completing the form at the following website: https://www.mdeq.ms.gov/about-mdeq/public-records-request/public-records-request-form/. Additionally, a copy of the draft permit and statement of basis may be found on the MDEQ’s website at: http://opc.deq.state.ms.us/publicnotice.aspx . This information is also available for review at the office of the MDEQ at the Permit Board address shown above during normal business hours. Please bring the foregoing to the attention of persons whom you know will be interested.