

February 08, 2012

Re: Air Quality Significant Deterioration (PSD) and Maximum Achievable Control Technology (MACT) Permit No. 0160-0023-CA
PyraMax Ceramics, LLC

Dear Concerned Citizen,

Thank you for your interest and/or comments regarding the request by PyraMax Ceramics, LLC (PyraMax) for an air construction permit to construct and operate a new ceramic proppant bead manufacturing facility located at 2636 Augusta Highway in Allendale, South Carolina. Please be advised that DHEC has made a decision regarding the permit after consideration and complete review of the following: the permit application, applicable state and federal air quality regulations, comments made at the public hearing held on January 19, 2012, all comments received within the required time frame, the public hearing transcripts, and all other pertinent information. All written comments received were reviewed for technical merit and have been included in DHEC's permanent record for this facility. DHEC has concluded that the issues raised and comments made by concerned citizens do not legally prevent issuance of the permit. Additionally, because PyraMax has demonstrated that it can comply with state and federal air quality regulations, DHEC is required by law to issue the requested permit. Therefore, DHEC's decision is to approve Air Permit Number 0160-0023-CA for issuance on, Wednesday, February 08, 2012.

The Department has dedicated a web page for interested parties to view the Department Decision. The web address is <http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/baq/PermittingDecisions>. The Department Decision includes the final determination, permit, the statement of basis, and the response to comments. You may also view the transcript and written comments on this webpage. If you cannot access the information on the website, you may schedule an appointment to review all materials used by DHEC in making this decision, during normal business hours, by contacting the Freedom of Information Office, at (803) 898-3882. Copies may also be requested for \$.25 per page charge.

Any affected parties who wish to appeal this decision may file a request for final review. Procedures for DHEC Board review of permit decisions are also available on the same web page as above. Additional information regarding appeal procedures is available from DHEC's Clerk of the Board at the below DHEC address or by calling (803) 898-3309.

The Bureau of Air Quality would like to thank everyone who expressed an interest in this facility by either submitting comments or attending the public hearing. Should you have any questions concerning the permit, or if you would like to share your input on how DHEC may improve public participation in our permitting activities, please contact Karen Lee at (803) 898-4055 or by E-mail at leeka@dhec.sc.gov.

Sincerely,

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