

FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING ON
A PROPOSED INITIAL PART 70 AIR OPERATING
PERMIT & THE ASSOCIATED ENVIRONMENTAL
ASSESSMENT
STATEMENT

FOR

JELD-WEN, INC.
Wood Fiber Division - Louisiana
Winnfield, Winn Parish, Louisiana

Agency Interest No. 145506
Permit No. 3420-00028-V0
Activity No. PER20060001

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Tuesday, January 16, 2007

APPEARANCES

- Mr. Jay Russell. Jeld-Wen, Inc.
- Mr. Michael Carbon. Environ
- Mr. Chris Mayeux. . Department of Environmental Quality
- Mr. Brian Smith. . .Department of Environmental Quality

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OPENING REMARKS

[BY MR. MAYEUX:]

The opening Remarks for the public hearing for A Proposed Initial Part 70 Air Operating Permit and Associated Environmental Assessment Statement for Jeld-Wen, Incorporated, Wood Fiber Division, Louisiana, Winnfield, Winn Parish, Louisiana; Agency Interest Number 145506; Permit Number 3420-00028-V0; Activity Number PER20060001. Today is Tuesday, January 16, 2007.

Good evening. Let the record reflect the time is six p.m. My name is Chris Mayeux and I'm employed with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality. I will be serving as the hearing officer for this evening, Tuesday, January 16th, 2007.

This hearing is scheduled to accept public comments concerning the proposed Initial Part 70 Air Operating Permit and the Associated Environmental Assessment Statement for Jeld-Wen, Incorporated, Wood Fiber Division, Louisiana, Winnfield, Winn Parish, Louisiana, Agency Interest Number 145506, Permit Number 34200028V0 and Activity Tracking Number PER20060001. This facility is located on Highway 167, seven miles

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north of Winnfield, Winn Parish.

Jeld-Wen, Incorporated proposes to construct and operate a doorskin manufacturing facility.

This permit was processed as an expedited permit in accordance with LAC 33:1, Chapter 1 -- I mean LAC 33:1, Chapter 18.

The Environmental Assessment Statement submitted by the applicant addresses avoidance of potential and real environmental effects, balancing of social and economic benefits against the environmental impact costs and alternative site projects and mitigating measures.

This hearing is not being conducted in a question and answer format. Please remember that the purpose of this public hearing for DEQ -- is for DEQ to receive your comments concerning the proposed initial Part 70 Air Operating Permit and the associated Environmental Assessment Statement.

This hearing is to provide all individuals a chance to be heard regardless of their position on the proposed Initial Part 70 Air Operating Permit and the associated Environmental Assessment Statement.

Courteous behavior is expected of everyone at all times. You may speak in support of the permit,

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in opposition of the permit or simply to provide additional information. All interested parties will be given a reasonable opportunity to comment unless testimony is not related to the purpose of the hearing. Your comments will be evaluated and addressed in the Department's written response.

A public notice advertising this hearing and requesting public comment on the proposed Initial Part 70 Air Operating Permit and associated Environmental Assessment Statement was published in **The Advocate of Baton Rouge** and the **Winn Parish Enterprise of Winnfield** on December 6, 2006.

A copy of the permit application proposed Initial Part 70 Air Operating Permit statement of basis and Environmental Assessment Statement are available for inspection and review at the LDEQ Public Records Center, Room 127, 602 North Fifth Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Viewing hours are eight a.m., to four thirty p.m., Monday through Friday except holidays. The available information can also be assessed electronically on the Electronic Document Management System (EDMS) on the LDEQ public website at www.deq.louisiana.gov.

An additional copy is also available for review at the Winn Parish Public Library -- Winn

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Parish Library Headquarters, 205 West Main Street, Winnfield, Louisiana, 71483. In addition, copies of the public notice were mailed to individuals who have requested to be placed on the mailing list maintained by the Office of Environmental Services on December 4th, 2006.

In accordance with Louisiana Administrative Code, Title 33, Part III, Section 531.A.3.c., comments received by twelve p.m., Thursday, January 18, 2007, will be considered prior to a final decision. All comments received by twelve thirty p.m., Thursday, January 18, 2007, shall be retained by the Department and considered in determining whether to issue or deny the Initial Part 70 Air Operating Permit.

Written comments on this Initial Part 70 Air Operating Permit and the associated Environmental Assessment Statement may be submitted to Ms. Soumaya Ghosn, LDEQ-OES, Environmental Assistance Division, P. O. Box 4313, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70821-4313.

Under Louisiana Revised Statute 30:2017 as revised by the legislature in the 2004 session, the Department is required to follow the following order with the provision that the presiding officer

1 may give preference to a public official to speak
2 at any time during the hearing. However, at any
3 time limit set for citizen's testimony shall apply
4 to the public officials.

5 The Louisiana -- the Department must provide
6 up to thirty minutes to the permit applicant for an
7 introductory presentation. Thereafter, preference
8 for speaking up to one hour is given to -- given as
9 follows:

10 **For the first hour**, to those citizens who
11 live within a two mile radius of the location
12 of the facility.

13 **For the second hour**, to those citizens
14 who work within a two mile radius of the
15 location of the facility, and

16 **For the third hour**, to those citizens who
17 live within the parish of the location of the
18 facility.

19 Thereafter each hour of the hearing shall
20 alternate between those who are in support of the
21 proposed Initial Part 70 Air Operating Permit and
22 those who are opposed to the proposed Initial Part
23 70 Air Operating Permit. The order of tonight's
24 hearing will be based on the information provided
25 by the speaker on the registration form. Anyone

1 who registered to speak but did not provide the
2 necessary information will be given the opportunity
3 to speak; however, they will be called last in the
4 order of the registration.

5 This hearing is being transcribed, therefore,
6 I will ask that each speaker begin by stating for
7 the record, their name, address and any
8 organization that he or she may represent.

9 At this time I would like to ask the permit
10 applicant's representative to come forward and make
11 their introductory presentation.

12 **[BY MR. RUSSELL:]**

13 Thank you. My name is Jay Russell. I work in
14 the Environmental Engineering Department for Jeld-
15 Wen. My address is 2506 Southwest 33rd Court in
16 Redmond, Oregon, and I represent Jeld-Wen. I'd
17 like to go through a brief presentation of our
18 facility that we're proposing and some of the
19 highlights.

20 **Who is Jeld-Wen?** Jeld-Wen began as a small
21 millwork manufacturing plant in Oregon in 1960.
22 Today we have over twenty thousand employees and a
23 hundred and fifty divisions. Jeld-Wen's business
24 philosophy emphasizes cooperation among its
25 employees, facilities, suppliers and customers.

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Jeld-Wen is actively involved in the communities where it operates with strong support, especially for educational and environmental programs, and we fund a lot of this through the Jeld-Wen Foundation.

Why Winnfield, Louisiana? There were several factors involved. The site selection factors involved a critical amount of environmental factors with the availability the quantity of desired wood fiber, in this case, we're going to use Sweet Gum; the local availability of logging, chipping and delivery contractors; the proximity to key infrastructure, roads, utilities and water supply, and ability for water discharge.

The critical environmental factors that we took into place were avoidance of environmental sensitive areas -- that'll be refuges, parks, management areas; avoidance of recreational areas, scenic streams and obvious wetland areas.

We evaluated several sites that were alternatives. We initially started in four states evaluating with Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Missouri. We streamed down to Central Louisiana and then we actually looked at five potential sites in Central Louisiana in three different parishes. This is the area where the site will be located

1 that we've selected. The blue represents a forty
 2 acre parcel.

3 Here's kind of a process flow of the proposed
 4 plant. As you can see, we bring in wood chips and
 5 wax and resin. They go through the doorskin
 6 manufacturing process with steam provided for the
 7 press by the boiler, which is a wood fired boiler,
 8 and also has natural -- actually it's just a wood
 9 fired boiler, and the emissions are treated through
 10 a biofilter, and additionally, there is back houses
 11 on certain particular sources.

12 The doorskins then go through a surface
 13 coating process where they're primed with water
 14 based primer that will be manufactured on site and
 15 the paint manufacturing process starts with latex,
 16 water and pigments and different additives, and
 17 some of the paint that we manufacture will be
 18 shipped off site for other facilities, and once the
 19 doorskins are primed, then they'll go into trucks
 20 for shipping also.

21 **Overview of the Regulatory Requirements and Approvals**
 22 **that we had to seek and receive.**

23 The air quality standards and regulations that
 24 apply to this facility are several. The plant will
 25 be heavily regulated by the Federal Emission

1 Standards under the NESHAP-MACT Standards. There
2 are four of them, the New Source Performance
3 Standards, there is one of them, and then several
4 of the state regulatory standards.

5 We're not a nature source for prevention of
6 significant deterioration under the federal
7 program, New Source Review, and there was extensive
8 air toxic and particulate modeling performed as
9 part of the Title V application and the results
10 revealed that there were no adverse impacts on off
11 site air quality.

12 The Title V permit will require annual and
13 semi-annual compliance certification and, of
14 course, will be subject to regular LDEQ
15 inspections.

16 **The Storm Water and Waste Water Regulations.**

17 There will be a construction storm water
18 permit required and that permit is to insure that
19 the storm water, being the site, will not have off
20 site impact, and additionally, this site will
21 develop a storm water pollution prevention plan to
22 monitor the storm water leaving the site during
23 storm events to insure that there are no off site
24 impacts, and then the operation portion will
25 require a Louisiana pollutant discharge elimination

1 system permit. We anticipate we'll have one
2 outfall with Brushy creek for treating waste water,
3 sanitary and storm water and the majority of the
4 waste water used at the facility is recycled rather
5 than discharged.

6 The facility will also be required to submit
7 discharge monitoring reports, DMRs, to the state to
8 insure the water quality of the discharge.

9 **The Solid Hazardous Waste Regulation.**

10 There'll be no treatment, storage or disposal
11 of waste on site. This facility will be
12 conditionally exempt small quantity generator of
13 hazardous waste and then there'll be some
14 industrial solid waste generation, primarily boiler
15 ash and nonhazardous trash wood and debris.

16 **The Other Environmental Regulatory Approvals and**
17 **Benefits.**

18 There is no threat to endangered to species
19 that will be affected, no Louisiana National
20 Heritage programs species of concern, no critical
21 habitat, scenic streams, wildlife refuges
22 management areas of state/federal parks will be
23 affected, no cultural resources either historical
24 or archeological will be affected.

25 We're outside of the hundred year flood plane,

1 so there'll be no off site increase in flood
2 potential, and there's very minimal wetlands on
3 site. There's been identified wetlands of .08
4 acres, and avoidance of that area is likely.

5 Utilities crossing Brushy Creek permitting
6 will be via nationwide permit and there'll be
7 little or no long term disturbance to result.

8 There's been no objection from LD&R for future
9 waterwell in the Sparta Aquifer, meaning there's no
10 -- not in the area of ground water concern, and the
11 receiving stream is not listed as an impaired
12 stream.

13 **Environmental Controls and Waste Minimization Efforts,**
14 **Air Quality Controls.**

15 The plant will utilize many air emission
16 control devices. For particulate material, it
17 will be an electrostatic precipitator, back houses
18 and filters. For volatile organic compounds and
19 also hazardous air pollutants, it will be a
20 biofilter treating that stream and low BOC half
21 water based coatings will be used. For the
22 nitrogen oxide emissions from the boiler, it will
23 be urea injection to reduce those emissions.

24 The water quality controls will mainly be the
25 recycling of the waste water to minimize the usage

1 in the waste water generation.

2 **The Waste Minimization Efforts.**

3 There's a lot of recycling materials to
4 minimize the raw material consumption and the
5 generation of waste, and the Ecological Protection
6 Values, the siting and the layout of the plant to
7 avoid wetland sensitive habitat, flood planes and
8 the minimization of the infrastructure footprint.

9 **The Economic Impact I'll conclude with.**

10 The benefits on the local community. The
11 construction of this facility is anticipated to be
12 a ninety million dollar construction project and we
13 expect that a hundred and fifty to two hundred
14 construction workers will be used over sixteen
15 months.

16 The operations is anticipated to have eighty
17 permanent jobs, mostly Louisiana residents, and we
18 expect that the average salaries will be in the
19 thirty to forty thousand range, which is greater
20 than the household median for Winn Parish, and our
21 company offers full worker benefits. They're
22 family wage type jobs.

23 The local lasting economic impacts on the
24 community, what we call the ripple effect. We
25 anticipate there'll be about eighty-five million

1 dollars annual revenue that will be resulting in
 2 significant local and state taxes.

3 The raw materials we buy locally and will fuel
 4 the local economy. The wood suppliers, cutters,
 5 chippers, haulers will be local contractors and
 6 then other goods and services bought local will
 7 create additional jobs.

8 **Other Benefits of the Community.**

9 We anticipate no short or long term effects on
 10 the land, property's cleared timberland where the
 11 facility is located and no adverse effect on
 12 property values; should actually drive growth.

13 There'll be no local costs for infrastructure.
 14 Highway 167 is already being improved through a
 15 project, and then it's not anticipated that any
 16 appreciable increase in the public cost of fire,
 17 police, medical and schools and it will not
 18 preclude economic development by other ventures.
 19 It may actually stimulate additional businesses.

20 **Closing Comments.**

21 Jeld-Wen is a high quality and financially
 22 stable company. The facility will have little to
 23 no environmental impact on the site and the
 24 surrounding community and the facility will be
 25 highly regulated in a very controlled process.

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CERTIFICATE

STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF AVOYELLES

I, DIANNE RYLAND, Certified Court Reporter, do hereby certify, as the officer before whom the above testimony was taken, that the foregoing transcript was recorded by me, prepared and transcribed by me or under my personal direction and supervision, and is a valid transcript only when accompanied by my signature and original seal on this page.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that the foregoing constitutes a true and correct transcription of the recording of the Public Hearing on A Proposed Initial Part 70 Air Operating Permit and The Associated Environmental Assessment Statement for Jeld-Wen, Inc., January 16, 2007, as shown in the foregoing transcript.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that I am not related to any of the parties in this suit, am not of counsel for any of them, and have no financial interest in the outcome hereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my signature at Effie, Louisiana, this 22 day of January, 2007.

