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Air Enforcement: Tennessee Air Pollution Control Board Proposed Order/Assessment of Civil Penalty Addressing Lawrenceburg Industrial Wood Furniture Manufacturing Facility



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The Tennessee Air Pollution Control Board (“Board”) issued a November 17th Technical Secretary’s Order and Assessment of Civil Penalty (“Order”) to Prime Hospitality Group, LLC (“Prime”) alleging a violation of the Tennessee Air Regulations. See Case No. APC25-0191.

The Order provides that Prime operates an industrial wood furniture manufacturing process facility in Lawrenceburg, Tennessee.

The Tennessee Division of Air Pollution Control (“Division”) is stated to have received an Air Permit application for Prime on November 29, 2016, for a stain spray booth with exhaust filter control with an expiration date of June 1, 2025. Further, on March 17th the Division received Prime’s Permit application for an industrial wood furniture manufacturing process.

The application is stated to have included information about an existing sanding process and mill room woodworking equipment not previously permitted under the Air Permit. In addition, the renewal application stated that construction and operation of these new sources began in 2016. As a result, Prime is stated to have constructed these sources and been operating them without a permit since 2016.

Division personnel are stated to have conducted a site visit to the facility on August 8th and confirmed that the previously unreported sources had been constructed and were in operation. Specifically, the Division is stated to have determined that the sanding operation was an insignificant emission source; however, the mill room woodworking equipment and associated dust collection devices are stated to have been required to have a permit.

The Division issued a Notice of Violation on September 22nd.

The Order proposes a civil penalty of \$3,000.00. Further, the Order provides certain appeal rights.

A copy of the Order can be downloaded [here](#).