Air Enforcement: Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and Crowley Rice Milling Facility Enter into Proposed Settlement Agreement

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The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality ("LDEQ") and Supreme Rice, LLC ("SR") entered into a February 23rd Settlement Agreement ("SA") addressing an alleged violation of an Air Permit. See SA-AE-25-0016.

The SA provides that SR operates a rice milling facility in Crowley, Louisiana.

The facility operates pursuant to a Minor Source Air Permit.

A representative of LDEQ is stated to have inspected the facility and conducted a file review to determine the degree of compliance of regulations promulgated in the Louisiana Administrative Code. LDEQ is stated to have determined that the facility failed to submit a permit renewal application at least six months prior to the Permit expiration. Failure to submit such renewal application by the referenced time period is a violation of LAC 33:III.503.C.3.

The SA also provides that the facility operated without an Air Permit and failed to provide timely notification of a name change.

SR denies it committed any violations or that it is liable for any fines, forfeitures, and/or penalties.

The SA proposes a civil penalty of $814.67.

A copy of the SA can be found here.