Air Enforcement: Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment - Division of Environmental Quality and Warren Gasification Facility Enter into Consent Administrative Order

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The Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment - Division of Environmental Quality ("ADEQ") and Price Services, Inc. ("PSI") entered into an August 14th Consent Administrative Order ("CAO") addressing an alleged violation of an Air Permit. See Case #: CAO-25-0005.

The CAO provides that PSI owns and operates a facility that gasifies wood to produce biochar and synthetic gas in Warren, Arkansas.

The facility is stated to operate pursuant to a Minor Source Air Permit and at the time the Permit issued, the facility was operating pursuant to Interim Authority.

ADEQ personnel are stated to have visited the site in January of 2024 and observed the calciner at the site in operation. The CAO further states that in January 2025 a review of ADEQ's database indicated that PSI had not yet submitted a Compliance Stack Test Form to ADEQ or submitted any emissions test results for testing conducted at an emission point.

The facility submitted a permit modification application to ADEQ to remove the alternative operating scenario from the existing Indirect Calciner #1. Further, on February 23rd, ADEQ is stated to have issued Permit 2475-AR-2. SN-01B was removed and SN-01A was changed to Indirect Calciner #1.

The CAO alleges a failure to stack test.

The CAO requires that within 30 calendar days of the effective date that PSI submit a stack test protocol for testing at SN-01. Further, within 45 calendar days of the effective date of the CAO, the facility is required to conduct emissions testing at SN-01. Within 105 calendar days of the effective date of the CAO, the facility is required to submit the emissions test results for SN-01 to ADEQ.

A civil penalty of $8,400 is assessed, which could have been reduced by one-half if the CAO was signed and returned to ADEQ within 20 calendar days of its receipt.

A copy of the CAO can be found here.