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EPD to Host Q&A Session and Public Hearing in Wrens on PyraMax Ceramics, LLC's Application for an Air Quality Permit

(ATLANTA – January 6, 2012) – The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) will host a forum Tuesday, Jan. 17 in Wrens to answer questions and also receive formal comments regarding an environmental permit application submitted by PyraMax Ceramics, LLC to construct and operate a ceramic manufacturing plant at County Road 291 in Wrens, Georgia 30833.

The meetings, which will begin at 6:30 p.m. and conclude no later than 8:30 p.m., will be held at the City of Wrens Council Chamber. The council chamber is located at 401 Broad Street in Wrens.

The purpose of this meeting is to present information and to answer questions about the air quality permitting review process. During the meeting, EPD will make a brief presentation before holding a Q&A session with those attending. EPD will follow the Q&A session with a public hearing to receive formal comments regarding the proposed application for a permit.

“Residents living in the communities in which facilities seeking permits are located need to know the permitting process and to be heard,” said Eric Cornwell, manager of the Stationary Source Permitting Program of EPD’s Air Protection Branch. “We will consider all air quality related comments prior to making a decision whether to recommend issuance.”

PyraMax Ceramics is seeking a PSD Air Quality Permit to construct and operate a ceramic proppant manufacturing facility of which the products will be used in the oil and gas industry. The proposed facility will have two parallel process/kiln lines which can be operated independently.

Please send written and email comments to the following addresses by January 23, 2012:

Written comments to:

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Email comments to: epdcomments@dnr.state.ga.us
Please include "PyraMax Ceramics" in the subject line.

For information on the permit application or review process, please contact Eric Cornwell, 404-363-7020, or Hamid Yavari, 404-363-7130. For information about the Q&A session and public hearing, please contact Thomas Smith, 404-362-2790.

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