ROXUL Air Permit Timeline

7/06/2017 Governor Jim Justice announced that ROXUL will build a $150 million manufacturing plant in the City of Ranson, Jefferson County. Upon completion, the plant is expected to create up to 150 jobs with positions ranging from management level to the production line. ROXUL, Inc. is part of the ROCKWOOL Group, North America’s largest producer of stone wool insulation. See: https://blog.jcda.net/blog/roxul and https://www.wvgazettemail.com/business/roxul-to-build-jefferson-county-plant-expected-to-create-jobs/article_a4b73da8-9f71-5fb5-b2bf-16aa16d66877.html

10/17/17 Jon McClung (Senior Air Modeler) and Joe Kessler (Permit Engineer), both Registered Professional Engineers, conducted a site inspection of the ROXUL’s Mar4 facility located in Byhalia, MS to familiarize themselves with the facility type proposed for construction in Ranson, WV. They also conducted in-depth pre-application meetings discussing all aspects of the permitting process including modeling.


11/21/17 Permit Application submitted. Modeling results not included at this time.

11/22/17 ROXUL’s Legal Advertisement ran in the Spirit of Jefferson stating submission of permit application.

12/21/17 Permit Application deemed complete.

1/18/18 The U.S. Forest Service (USFS) and the National Park Service (NPS) both e-mailed notification that they were not anticipating adverse impacts from the proposed ROXUL facility and would not request an Air Quality Related Values (AQRV) analysis.

2/05/18 The revised/updated permit application was submitted.

2/14-15/18 Joe Kessler traveled to Martinsburg and conducted a site inspection of the proposed location of ROXUL.

3/27/18 WVDEP Public Information Office sent out an email informing those who signed up to receive email notifications from this agency of the “intent to approve” the air permit. It asked for comments to be sent to Joe Kessler.

3/28/18 The DAQ Legal Advertisement ran in the Spirit of Jefferson stating intent to approve the permit and availability of draft permit/fact sheet for review. Start of 30-day public comment period. The draft permit, modeling study and engineering evaluation were also posted on the DAQ website.

4/27/18 The DAQ response to EPA Comments was sent to the EPA (no follow-up comments from EPA).

4/30/18 Permit Issued. Final Determination and signed permit made available on DAQ Website in the “PSD Permit Applications” section (Jefferson County) R14-0037: https://dep.wv.gov/daq/Pages/NSRPermitsforReview.aspx