



The State of New Hampshire
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



Thomas S. Burack, Commissioner

January 14, 2010

Mr. Louis T. Bravakis
Vice President
Laidlaw Berlin BioPower, LLC
45 State Street
Montpelier, VT 05602

**Re: Air Permit Application Completeness Determination
70 Megawatt (MW) Biomass Electric Generating Facility
Berlin BioPower, 57 Hutchins Street, Berlin, NH
Facility ID # 3300790137; Application # 09-0285**

Dear Mr. Bravakis:

The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, Air Resources Division (DES) received an application on December 16, 2009, for a Temporary Permit for the subject facility. DES has deemed the application complete and is providing you this notification in accordance with the New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules Env-A 607.05, *Acknowledgement and Completeness of Application*. Although the application has been deemed complete, DES may request additional information in accordance with Env-A 607.06(b), *Application Deficiencies*. Please note that a copy of the application will be transmitted to the city of Berlin in accordance with Env-A 621.07, *Public Access to Information*.

DES will prepare a draft permit provided the evaluation of the application indicates that the devices are eligible to obtain an air permit. DES will also submit this information to the United States Environmental Protection Agency for review and comment. In accordance with Env-A 621.02, *Public Notice*, a public notice describing the permit will be prepared by DES and published by either DES or the source in the *Union Leader* and in a newspaper of general circulation in the area of the facility. The public notice will invite comments regarding the proposed decision.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me at the Air Resources Division, Permitting and Environmental Health Bureau by phone at (603) 271-2630 or by e-mail at gary.milbury@des.nh.gov.

Sincerely,

Gary D. Milbury
Air Permit Programs Manager
Permitting & Environmental Health Bureau

Cc: Thomas Burack, NHSEC Chairman
Dammon Frecker, ESS Group, Inc.
City of Berlin