

DEQ okays permits for new SNF plant

The state Department of Environmental Quality has granted Flopam Inc. (SNF) air emissions permits for the \$350 million plant the company is building south of Plaquemine.

DEQ, which put Flopam's environmental permits on a "fast track" for approval, held a public hearing at the Courthouse on May 27. Residents and parish officials focused more on the 512 permanent, well-paying full-time

jobs the company ultimately will create here and other benefits to the economy and the tax base than on the environmental aspects of Flopam's permit application.

The plant will emit some 13 tons a year of NOX and 127 tons of VOCs, and the company was required to obtain 171.5 tons of NOX offsets and 165.5 tons of VOC offsets.