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GPC GREEN ENERGY LLC & BASF TO HOLD GROUNDBREAKING FOR NEW CO-GENERATION FACILITY IN SUFFOLK

GPC Green Energy LLC and BASF will host a groundbreaking ceremony today for a new landfill gas-processing, electricity and steam-production facility. This project is expected to create nine new jobs and will be located on the BASF campus at 2301 Wilroy Road.

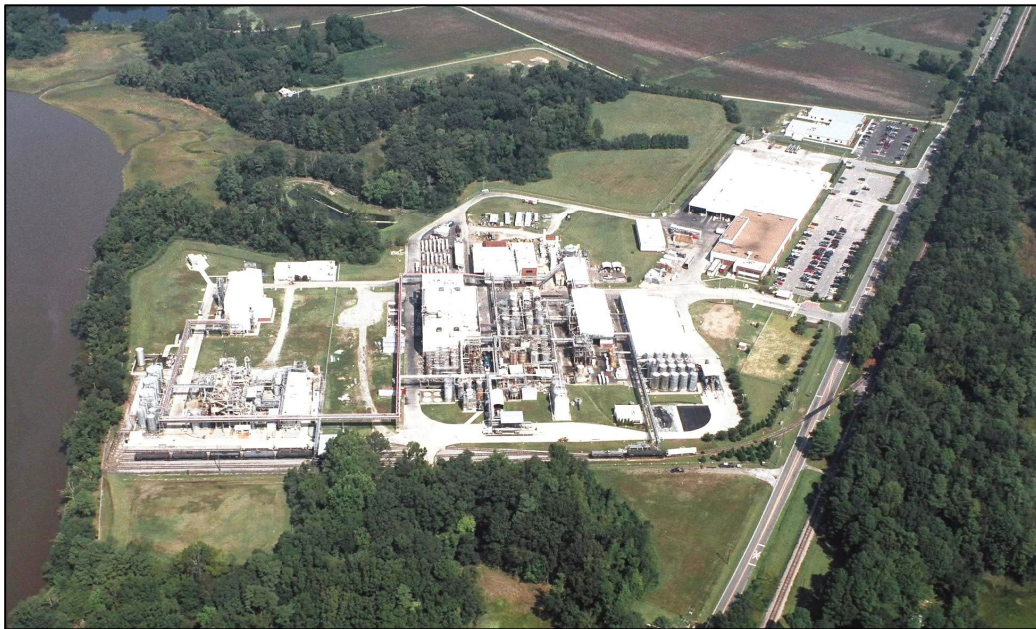
GPC Green Energy LLC, a Virginia-based company, will head the project which plans on converting methane gas from the Southeastern Public Service Authority (SPSA) regional landfill in Suffolk into electricity. The electricity generated from the gas will completely power the operations at the BASF site, as well as about 4,000 homes in the Suffolk area. The facility will consist of combustion turbines that will produce electricity and collect the waste heat to produce steam. This process will consume all collected gas produced by the landfill and convert the once-thought unpleasant gas into a useful and beneficial product. This process will also prevent 200,000 tons of carbon dioxide from escaping into the air.

“This project has been a long time coming and without the help of BASF, the City of Suffolk and Senator Quayle, this project would never have come to

pass,” said Skip Smith, Managing member of GPC Green Energy LLC. “This is a true benefit to BASF, the environment and most of all the surrounding community. This is truly a WIN WIN for all parties involved.”

“With the implementation of this project, more than 98% of the energy used at the BASF Suffolk site will be generated from renewable sources, supporting one of the key strategic pillars of BASF of ensuring a sustainable development,” stated Dr. Patrick Hochstrasser, Suffolk Site Manager. “The improved efficiency of this co-generation unit will not only turn Suffolk into a ‘green facility,’ but will also provide a competitive advantage, reducing the costs of the electricity and steam consumed at the site.”

“The co-generation project will help Virginia to lead the way towards greener sources of energy and this project will position Suffolk as a major player in the renewable energy industry,” said Mayor Linda T. Johnson.



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