

**PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT
U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
PREVENTION OF SIGNIFICANT DETERIORATION
OF AIR QUALITY (PSD) FINAL PERMIT
(Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 52)**

Date: April 11, 2017

Applicant Name: Energy Answers Arecibo, LLC
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Facility Name/Address: Arecibo Puerto Rico Renewable Energy Project
Barrio Cambalache, Arecibo, Puerto Rico

ACTION: Notice of final agency action.

SUMMARY:

On April 10, 2014, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 2 Office (EPA) issued Energy Answers Arecibo Puerto Rico, LLC (Energy Answers) a final Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) permit to construct the Arecibo Puerto Rico Renewable Energy Project in Arecibo, Puerto Rico. Based on the PSD permit regulation, a permit will become invalid if construction is not commenced within 18 months of permit issuance. The PSD permit regulation allows EPA the discretion to provide extensions of PSD permits. At the request of the company, and a showing that an extension of the construction deadline was justified, the expiration date of this permit was extended on October 1, 2015 to April 10, 2017. On March 21, 2017, Energy Answers requested an additional limited 5-month extension. EPA has reviewed the information provided by Energy Answers and determined that an abbreviated 5-month extension is justified in this case, consistent with the EPA's regulation and guidance. Therefore, EPA extends Energy Answers' commencement of construction deadline to September 10, 2017. This action does not alter the permit requirements. Copies of the EPA's decision letter to extend the Energy Answer PSD permit and the April 10, 2014 PSD permit are available on the EPA's website at <https://www.epa.gov/caa-permitting/caa-permits-issued-epa-region-2>. Because this action only extends the deadline to commence construction under the permit and does not revise or reconsider the substantive conditions of the permit, this action is not subject to public comment and review. Region 2 will provide notice in the Federal Register of this final agency action.