

**Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
Department of Environmental Protection  
Southwest Regional Office**

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SUBJECT: Comment and Response Document  
Operating Permit Renewal Application  
Nature's Blend Wood Product, Inc. / Ford City Plant  
Ford City Borough, Armstrong County  
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Nature's Blend Wood Product, Inc. / Ford City Plant submitted a renewal Title V Operating Permit Application on December 17, 2004 for the facility located in Ford City Borough, Armstrong County. Nature's Blend requested to become a Natural Minor Facility due to the company decreasing VOC and HAP emissions from the combination of using water-base paints and the decrease in production. On September 13, 2010, Nature's Blend revised their application by submitting a State Only Operating Permit application. Nature's Blend operates a wood furniture component manufacturing company. More specifically, the plant processes hardwoods into lineal shaped cabinet parts, cabinet doors, and drawer fronts for the mobile and modular home manufacturing industry. These manufacturers use the finished lineal wood components to build their cabinetry. Finish coatings in the form of stains, seal coats, and varnish top coats are applied to all wood products.

A draft State Only Operating Permit was submitted on November 10, 2010 to Nature's Blend for review. In accordance with PA Code Title 25 §127.424, notice of intent to issue the operating permit was published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* on November 27, 2010. The comment period ended December 27, 2010. No comments were received.

The Department has included a condition in the operating permit to stating that Nature's Blend will continue to be treated as a major facility per 25 PA Code §127.206(k).

I recommend that the Department issue the State Only Operating Permit for Nature's Blend Wood Product, Inc. / Ford City Plant #03-00197.