

# NEW INDY

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## CONTAINERBOARD

*Statement by Tony Hobson, Mill Manager, New-Indy Catawba LLC*

New-Indy is continuing to take steps to determine the source and resolve the issues relating to the odor emanating from our plant.

Our company strives to be a good member of the community. We are committed to the safety of our 420 local employees and the surrounding area; protecting the environment; promoting economic vitality; and charitable giving to support great local causes.

Yesterday, New-Indy received notice of an order from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regarding the odor problems reported over the past several months. The EPA order is similar to the order issued last week by the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC). We are reviewing both orders and intend to comply with both in good faith as soon as we are reasonably and safely able.

Since March, New-Indy has been working to determine the source of the reported odors. We conducted a comprehensive review and retooling of our waste water treatment systems, including restarting the stripper and restoring the aeration stabilization basin, and installed air quality monitors on our property that continuously test air quality levels and collect meteorological information such as wind speed and direction. Preliminary data from those devices indicate that our activities are having a positive effect.

The EPA order references information that differs from our findings to date. This underscores the critical importance of sharing data and working together to an expeditious solution, to which we are fully committed. We have kept EPA and DHEC fully informed of our efforts and have offered to share our findings.

New-Indy has and will continue to work cooperatively with local, state and federal authorities to resolve the issues swiftly. New-Indy is committed to being a responsible corporate citizen and an asset to the region, as evidenced by the multi-hundred million dollar investment we made during COVID that saved 400+ manufacturing jobs and created 1,000 construction jobs. Our employees live and work here, and we are eager and determined to get this right.

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