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Maverick Tube Corporation to be Granted Revised Construction Permits for Air Pollution Control Equipment

Louisville, KY (March 25, 2005) – Following an extensive review, the Louisville Metro Air Pollution Control District today will issue construction permits for the Maverick Tube Corporation. The permits will include a number of revisions that will require Maverick to increase air monitoring and emission controls. Maverick will be an electrical metallic tube and rigid tube manufacturing company located at, 7107 Logistics Drive, Louisville, Ky 40258.

Maverick Tube Corporation will be issued the construction permits on Friday, March 25, 2005. A total of 22 individual air permits, one for each pollution prevention process, will be issued for the construction of processes and equipment that have air pollution emissions and related air pollution control devices at the new plant planned for Riverport. The federal Clean Air Act (1990) requires construction permits be reviewed and issued by the District prior to the company beginning construction.

District officials and engineers have been reviewing the proposed project and have found it to be in compliance with all applicable air pollution requirements, even exceeding some. The District's review included public testimony delivered at a hearing earlier in March 2005, and technical written comments received during the 30 day formal comment period.

Based on review of public input and technical considerations, five additional requirements are included in the revised permits.

- Increases frequency of monitoring the control devices from once every 24 hours to once every 8 hours.
- Includes specific capture and control levels of volatile organic compounds (VOC's) emissions from the painting operations and ovens
- Enhances testing and monitoring of the two thermal oxidizers to achieve air pollution reduction level of 99% efficiency or higher
- Establishes in the permit a specific time (.5 seconds of residence time) for the destruction of pollutants in the thermal oxidizer units
- Grants the company additional monthly flexibility to accommodate different levels of production

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Additional information is available online at the District's website: <http://www.apcd.org>