



Public Briefing Paper for
FSC® Chain of Custody/Controlled Wood Evaluation of
Curran Renewable Energy, LLC in Massena and Chateaugay,
New York, USA

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Introduction - NEPCon is conducting a chain of custody certification reassessment (including controlled sourcing) of Curran Renewable Energy, LLC located in New York, USA. The evaluation will be implemented on November 12, 2018.

Scope of the Certification Evaluation – The chain of custody certification evaluation will assess the sourcing practices of Curran Renewable Energy, LLC, using the “Requirements for Sourcing FSC Controlled Wood, FSC-STD-40-005 V3”. To obtain a copy of the applicable standards and guidelines, please contact NEPCon by telephone, FAX, email or website listed below. You may also access the FSC standards at www.fsc.org. NEPCon is accredited by the Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC)¹ and this evaluation process must follow procedures which have been approved by the FSC.

Evaluation Team Composition – The evaluation team will be led by Janice O'Brien, NEPCon Manager and Lead Auditor.

Evaluation Steps and Schedule – Following is a short description of the certification process and a tentative agenda:

- ◆ Evaluation commencement – The NEPCon team will assemble in Massena, New York.
- ◆ Field assessments – The team will visit sites managed by Curran Renewable Energy, LLC on November 12, 2018 at the following locations:
 - ◆ Massena, New York
 - ◆ Chateaugay, New York
- ◆ Stakeholder consultation – Throughout the fieldwork, the team will contact local stakeholders regarding Curran Renewable Energy, LLC's controlled sourcing in specified geographic areas of the organization's Due Diligence Summary, available on the info.fsc.org website. This may include private interviews and discussions, and public stakeholder meetings.
- ◆ Public stakeholder meetings – A public stakeholder meeting will be held in Massena or Chateaugay, New York a centrally located public meeting place for Curran Renewable Energy, LLC. Date, time, and location will be announced soon.
- ◆ Final evaluation briefing – Prior to departure the team will meet with Curran Renewable Energy, LLC managers and other parties to finalize their data collection and present preliminary findings.
- ◆ Draft report production – The evaluation team will produce a confidential draft report that will be circulated for comment to Curran Renewable Energy, LLC. This should occur no more than 21 days after completion of the evaluation.

¹ FSC® A000535

- ◆ Certification decision – Upon receipt of comments on the draft report from Curran Renewable Energy, LLC, certification managers and other general stakeholder comments, NEPCon will reach a certification decision. Barring unforeseen obstacles, this should occur by December 21st, 2018.

Your Input Sought – As a part of the chain of custody certification evaluation process we invite stakeholders to offer comment and feedback on Curran Renewable Energy, LLC's sourcing practices in relation to conformance with the requirements of the relevant FSC Controlled Wood standards referenced above. We welcome input, either public or confidential, in whatever form is easiest and most secure for you. Your input will be valuable at any stage of the evaluation process, but we would prefer to receive your comments either prior to the evaluation, during the evaluation, or prior to November 12, 2018 so that we can take them into consideration in reaching a certification decision by December 21st, 2018. Your options for communicating your observations to us are as follows.

1. Meet with a NEPCon evaluation team member during or shortly after the fieldwork.
2. Call and give comments to Klaus Geiger, the NEPCon staff person responsible for coordinating this certification evaluation from NEPCon's US-based office. If Klaus Geiger is not in the office, please give your comments to either Gweneth Langdon.
3. Submit written comments by mail, FAX or email to Klaus Geiger. Unless you request otherwise, these comments will be kept confidential and are solely for the purposes of assessing the controlled sourcing practices of Curran Renewable Energy, LLC.

The source of any information provided will be kept confidential available to only the FSC and NEPCon staff.

Stakeholders who may wish to dispute any aspect of the forest certification process or decision can access NEPCon's Complaints, Appeals and Dispute resolution procedures at <https://www.nepcon.org/dispute-resolution-policy>.

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