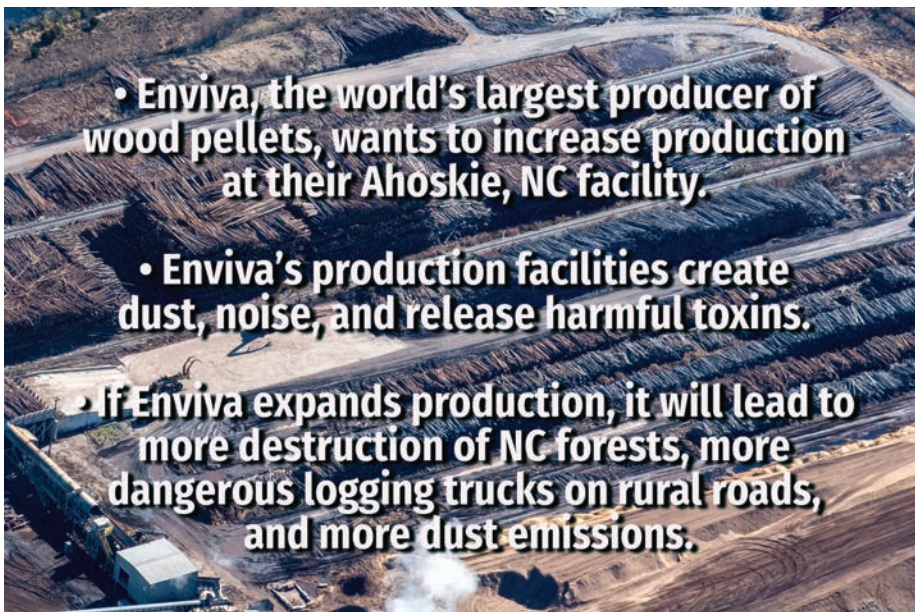


# **The Impacted Communities Against Wood Pellets Coalition Requests your Support On August 16 to Protect our Forests and Communities from the Extractive and Polluting Wood Pellet Industry**



## **What:**

Enviva Pellets, LLC  
Ahoskie Plant Public Hearing

## **When:**

Tuesday, Aug. 16, 2022, at 6 p.m.

## **Where:**

Roanoke-Chowan Community  
College gymnasium,  
New Student Services  
Center, Room 101, 109  
Community College Road,  
Ahoskie, NC 27910.

## **Prepare a Public Comment**

Public Comments can be given orally at the public hearing. Public Comments should be limited to 3 minutes or less (450 words or less).

Comments can also be submitted by email to [DAQ.publiccomments@ncdenr.gov](mailto:DAQ.publiccomments@ncdenr.gov) with the subject line "Enviva Ahoskie.20B" or by leaving a voicemail at (919) 707-8430.

Comments are due by 5 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 19, 2022.

*The Impacted Communities Against Wood Pellets is a coalition of Dogwood Alliance and residents from counties impacted by the wood pellet industry. These counties include Richmond County, Sampson County, Northampton County, Hertford County, and Robeson County.*

*Flyer courtesy of Impacted Communities Against Wood Pellets.*

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## Overview of Enviva in NC:

- Enviva has 4 wood pellet plants in NC. Enviva logs forests, turns them into wood pellets, and exports them to other countries where they are burned to create energy.
- Enviva proposes to increase production that will expand forest destruction. Enviva's Ahoskie facility would destroy almost 16,000 acres of forests per year. This means more flooding, more dangerous truck traffic on rural roads, and more toxic dust pollution impacting family and community health.



## IMPACT ON FORESTS AND THE ENVIRONMENT:

- NC politicians from both political parties are allowing our forests in the NC Coastal Plains to be destroyed to make and export wood pellets at a higher rate than any other state in the nation.
- Enviva's Ahoskie facility logs forests up to 75 miles from Ahoskie. This reaches cities including Elizabeth City, Greenville, Rocky Mount, and Franklin VA in up to 18 counties.
- Enviva operates 3 additional pellet plants within 50 miles of each other in NC and VA.
- Forests protect us from worsening weather, hurricanes, flooding, erosion, droughts, and rising temperatures. Forests absorb water through their roots, and decrease flooding after a hurricane or storm. Forests and wetlands remove and store carbon, helping to stabilize our weather and climate.
- Burning wood pellets is just as bad for the environment as burning fossil fuels. Burning wood pellets puts more carbon dioxide into the atmosphere than burning coal.

## ENVIRONMENTAL INJUSTICES: POLLUTION & HEALTH:

- For the past 10 years, Enviva has been polluting Ahoskie residents with harmful toxins that can cause heart disease, respiratory diseases like asthma, and cancer.
- Enviva has finally agreed to install air pollution controls. Some types of harmful pollution will decrease. However, the proposed expansion will increase polluting wood dust emissions.
- Enviva's expanded production will create more dust that blows into the surrounding community. The dust covers cars and porches, and is bad for human health. Wood dust is especially harmful for human health. It enters the lungs and bloodstream.
- Pollution controls are expensive. Enviva has saved \$30 - \$60 million by not installing these controls. This profit comes at the expense of the health of Ahoskie residents.
- Enviva's operations are an environmental injustice. All 4 of Enviva's facilities are located in communities with higher than average populations of Black and Indigenous people.
- Enviva's pollution contributes to the cumulative impact of pollution in the community and throughout Hertford County. There are many other polluting industries that operate in Hertford County.