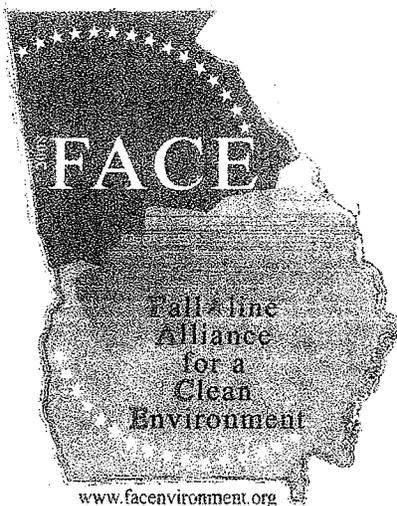


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January 6, 2009

Dear Dr. Couch,

As you know, the Georgia Environmental Protection Division is currently considering a request by Power4Georgians to operate a coal fired power plant in Sandersville. It is our understanding that a draft air quality permit is expected to be released for public comment in the near future. The proposed plant is complex and I would like to request that a 60 day public comment period be allowed with at least one public meeting held in Washington County. To inform the public sufficiently notices should be run in both papers published in the county, and broadcast on all three local radio stations (two FM, one AM).

As a result of this proposed project, citizens in Washington County and surrounding communities have organized to learn more about the proposed plant and how it could impact Middle Georgia and our state. The Fall-line Alliance for a Clean Environment (FACE) is educating organization members and others in the area about the significant impact the plant could have on our air quality, water resources, recreation, and tourist attraction.

Washington County is a community with rich historic significance to our state and country. Areas of our county are on the National Register for Historic Places, and Washington County is fortunate to have significant examples of centuries old architecture, both commercial and residential. The community of Warthen, which is just a

few miles from the proposed plant site, includes a jail where Aaron Burr was held after his capture.

The impact on air quality on the area will be substantial. According to information presented by EPD staff members James Johnson and Jim Kelly to the Washington County Commissioners in April 2008, the area is already in a state of non-attainment, although it has not been reclassified yet. Plant Washington will introduce high levels of particulate matter. The application states that 654 tons of PM10 and 374 tons of PM2.5 will be released into the air. Emissions will include 120 lbs of mercury, 3,272 lbs of sulfuric acid, and 1,818 lbs of nitrogen oxide.

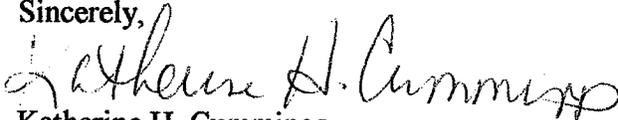
The Ogeechee River will be significantly impacted if the plant is built with the proposed emission levels. Many people depend on the fish caught there as a reliable source of food. Currently people are urged to consume catfish no more than once a week, larger fish once a month.

Power4Georgians has stated that wildlife in the area will leave when construction begins. This area is known for a variety of birds, including many which migrate here during the winter. Our local economy depends on hunting and fishing as a means of income for local residents who rent their land to hunters or whose businesses serve out of town sportsmen. What will the long term impact be on local businesses and property owners depending on revenue generated by hunting and fishing?

The emissions from the proposed plant have also been demonstrated to damage crops and forests. Washington County and surrounding areas include timber farming as important contributors to their local economies. The negative impact on forestry will be significant and long-lasting due to the considerable time required to plant, grow, and harvest timber.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding my request concerning the public comment period. You may reach me by email at khc83@alumni.guilford.edu, by phone at 478.53.9151, or by mail at P.O. Box 591, Sandersville, GA 31082.

Sincerely,



Katherine H. Cummings

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