

NOTICE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING AND  
NOTICE OF THE OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION  
AIR PROTECTION BRANCH

STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF BURKE

NOTICE OF PSD PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION AND DRAFT PART 70 OPERATING  
PERMIT MODIFICATION  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND HEARING

To All Interested Parties:

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) announces its intent to modify Part 70 Air Quality Operating Permit No. 4911-033-0030-V-02-0 issued to Vogtle Electric Generating Plant by the issuance of Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) Permit Amendment No. 4911-033-0030-V-02-3. The facility is located at 7821 River Road, Waynesboro, Georgia. The facility operates an electric generating plant.

The primary purpose of this permit amendment is to allow the construction and operation of equipment to support the operation of new nuclear Units 3 and 4. The modifications include 4 new cooling towers, 13 new diesel engines, and new diesel fuel storage tanks. The Georgia Environmental Protection Division is preparing Title V Operating Permits in accordance with Title V of the Clean Air Act. This permit amendment will be enforceable by the Georgia EPD, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and other persons as otherwise authorized by law.

The draft permit, PSD Preliminary Determination, and all information used to develop the draft permit are available for review. This includes the application and all other relevant materials available to the permitting authority. This information is available for review at the office of the Air Protection Branch, 4244 International Parkway, Atlanta Tradeport - Suite 120, Atlanta, Georgia 30354. A copy of the application may also be available for review at the Burke County Public Library, 130 Highway 24 South, Waynesboro, Georgia (Telephone: 706-554-3277), along with a copy of the draft permit and PSD Preliminary Determination. Electronic files of the application, draft Title V permit, PSD Preliminary Determination will be available through our internet site <http://www.georgiaair.org/airpermit/html/permits/psd/main.html>. (Please note that the Internet is generally accessible from most public libraries in Georgia and at the Air Protection Branch office listed above.)

If copies are desired, a copying machine for public use is provided by EPD at the Atlanta Air Protection Branch office. There will be a copying charge of \$0.25 per page. Copies will be made on a first-come, first-served basis. Files are available for review and copying 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday - Friday, excluding holidays.

You are hereby notified of the opportunity to submit written public comments concerning the draft Part 70 Operating Permit Modification and the Preliminary Determination concerning the modification. The Preliminary Determination is a summary of the technical review of the application and contains a copy of the Company's application along with supporting documents and the draft Permit Amendment. The draft permit serves as both a draft PSD permit and a draft Part 70 permit amendment. Persons wishing to comment on the draft Part 70 Operating Permit Modification and Preliminary Determination are invited to submit their comments, in writing, to EPD at the Atlanta address above, postmarked no later than April 6, 2010. All comments postmarked on or prior to that date will be considered by the Division in making its final decision on the permit.

The Division has concluded that Vogtle Electric Generating Plant's application should be approved and that a permit should be granted. This conclusion is based upon evidence that the proposed project will comply with the Division's Rules and Regulations for Air Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-1; that the emissions from the source will not cause or add to a violation of any applicable National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) or Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) increment; and will comply with the Federal PSD regulations, 40 CFR 52.21, including the use of Best Available Control Technology (BACT) for regulated pollutants.

Net emission increases of sulfur dioxide, sulfuric acid mist, fluorides, total reduced sulfur, and lead from the proposed project do not exceed the significant emission levels established by the PSD regulation. The net emission increases of nitrogen oxides, particulate matter, carbon monoxide, and volatile organic compounds from the proposed project exceed the significant emission levels established by the PSD regulation. The Division has determined that these emissions will not cause an adverse impact on ambient air quality, and the air quality levels should pose no significant health risk around the plant.

The PSD regulations allow specific maximum incremental increases in ambient concentrations of particulate matter (PM<sub>10</sub>) and nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>2</sub>). The EPD has determined that the maximum predicted impacts of these pollutants due to the proposed modification will consume 18 percent of the annual NO<sub>2</sub> PSD increment and 79.7 percent of the 24-hour PM<sub>10</sub> PSD increment. Thus, EPD has concluded that the facility will not adversely affect the air quality (i.e., exceed the allowable incremental increases in ambient concentration of PM<sub>10</sub> or NO<sub>2</sub>).

With regard to the Class I Areas (Cape Romain Wilderness Area and Wolf Island Wilderness Area), the EPD has determined that the allowable PM<sub>10</sub> and NO<sub>2</sub> emissions from the facility will result in insignificant increases in the concentrations at these areas.

Following the public comment period, as required by PSD and Part 70 regulations, a proposed amendment, incorporating any changes that result from comments received during the public comment period, will be made available to U.S. EPA and affected states. In accordance with Part 70 regulations, EPA Region 4 has a 45-day period in which to review this proposed permit amendment. Information pertaining to U.S. EPA's review period can be found on their website at [www.epa.gov/region4/air/permits](http://www.epa.gov/region4/air/permits).

You are also hereby notified that a public meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on April 6, 2010, located at the following address:

Augusta Technical College  
Waynesboro Campus - Auditorium  
216 Highway 24 South  
Waynesboro Georgia 30830

During the public meeting, representatives from EPD will be available to discuss the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant application. The public hearing will be held to receive formal comments on the application. At the public hearing, anyone may present data, make a statement, comment or offer a viewpoint or argument either orally or in writing.

After the comment period has expired, the EPD will consider all comments, make any necessary changes, and issue the Part 70 Operating Permit and a Final Determination. Copies of the final Title V Operating Permit, Final Determination, comments received, EPD's responses to comments, and any other relevant information will then be made available for public review during normal business hours at the office of the Air Protection Branch, as well as at the Internet addresses given above.

For additional information, contact Eric Cornwell, Program Manager, Stationary Source Permitting Program, at the Atlanta address, or by phone at 404/363-7000. Please refer to this notice when requesting information.