

# **Georgia Department of Natural Resources**

**Environmental Protection Division • Air Protection Branch**

**4244 International Parkway • Suite 120 • Atlanta • Georgia 30354**

404/363-7000 • Fax: 404/363-7100

Mark Williams, Commissioner

F. Allen Barnes, Director

## **For Immediate Release**

**Contact: Thomas Smith – 404-362-2790**

### **EPD to Host Public Hearing at the Oconee Fall Line Technological College in Sandersville on a Proposed Air Quality Permit Amendment for Plant Washington**

(ATLANTA – August 2, 2011) – The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) will host a public hearing to receive formal comments on Thursday, August 18 regarding draft Air Quality Operating Permit Amendment No. 4911-303-0051-P-01-1. This permit will amend the Maximum Available Control Technology (MACT) determination for organic and non-mercury metal hazardous air pollutants for Power4Georgians, LLC's proposed Plant Washington coal-fired power plant.

EPD will hold the public hearing from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at the Oconee Fall Line Technical College located at 1189 Deepstep Road, Sandersville, GA 31082.

"We are committed to giving all local residents an opportunity to offer feedback on the Plant Washington project draft permit amendment," said James "Jac" Capp, Chief of EPD's Air Protection Branch.

EPD issued the initial Air Quality Permit No. 4911-303-0051-P-01-0 to construct and operate Plant Washington in April 2010. EPD is now proposing to issue Permit Amendment No. 4911-303-0051-P-01-1, to address the December 2010 Office of State Administrative Hearings' court decision. EPD prevailed on most issues in the case; however, the court remanded the permit back to EPD for the sole and limited purpose of reevaluating the MACT determination for organic and non-mercury metal hazardous air pollutants. The court determined that no other provisions of the Permit needed to be addressed. Therefore, this draft permit amendment is limited to the MACT determination for organic and non-mercury metal hazardous air pollutants, as specified by the court decision.

EPD will receive public comments on the draft permit amendment through August 29, 2011. EPD will consider all air quality-related comments relevant to the proposed amendment, prior to making a final decision about whether to recommend final approval of the amendment.

Please send written and email comments to the following addresses:

#### **Written comments to:**

Plant Washington  
Georgia Air Branch  
Attn: Eric Cornwell  
4244 International Parkway  
Suite 120  
Atlanta, Ga. 30354

-more-

**Email comments to: [epdcomments@dnr.state.ga.us](mailto:epdcomments@dnr.state.ga.us)**  
**Please include "plant washington" in the subject line.**

For information on the permit application review process and amendment, please contact Eric Cornwell, 404-363-7020. For information about the public hearing, please contact Thomas Smith, 404-362-2790.

###