

NOTICE OF THE OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION LAND PROTECTION BRANCH

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF FLOYD
NOTICE OF DRAFT CCR PERMIT

To All Interested Parties:

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division announces its intent to issue a CCR Permit to Georgia Power Plant Hammond Existing CCR Surface Impoundment AP-1. The facility is located at 5963 Alabama Highway SW, Rome, Georgia. The primary purpose of this permit is to identify and consolidate existing State and Federal coal combustion residual disposal requirements applicable to Georgia Power Plant Hammond Existing Surface Impoundment AP-1 and to provide practical methods for determining compliance with these requirements. The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) is preparing CCR Permits in accordance with the Rules for Solid Waste Management 391-3-4 and by reference 40 CFR part 257. This permit will be enforceable by the Georgia EPD and other persons as otherwise authorized by law.

The permit will allow Georgia Power to perform final closure of this facility via closure through removal of CCR.

The draft permit 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 Land Protection Branch, 4244 International Parkway, Atlanta Tradeport - Suite 104, Atlanta, Georgia 30354. Copies of the draft permit and permit application are also available through the Land Protection's Branch public announcement site <https://epd.georgia.gov/land-protection-branch-public-announcements> or <https://epd.georgia.gov/ccr-draft-permits>.

If copies of files are desired, a copying machine for public use is provided by EPD at the Atlanta Land Protection Branch office. There will be a copying charge of \$0.10 per page. Copies will be made on a first-come, first-served basis. Files are currently available for review and copying from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., on Mondays only, excluding holidays, in accordance with EPD's safety precautions regarding the COVID-19 virus and in keeping with the Governor's Declaration of a Public Health State of Emergency.

You are hereby notified of the opportunity to submit written public comments concerning the draft CCR Permit. Persons wishing to comment on the draft CCR Permit are required to submit their comments, in writing, to EPD at the above Atlanta Land Protection Branch address, or via email to epdcomments@dnr.ga.gov (email comments must include the facility name and "CCR Permit" in subject line). Due to the more limited file review opportunities as a result of EPD's safety

precautions described above, EPD is extending the comment period to 60 days. Comments must be received by EPD no later than 60 days after the date on which this notice is first published online. (Should the comment period end on a weekend or holiday, comments will be accepted up until the next working day.) The Division, in making its final decision to issue the CCR Permit, will review all comments received on or prior to that date.

After the comment period has expired, EPD will review all comments, make any necessary changes, and make a final recommendation on the CCR Permit to the Director. EPD will create a written response to comments giving a summary of comments and responses, and also describe any changes made to the final permit. Copies of the final CCR Permit, comments received, EPD's response to comments, and any other relevant information will then be made available for public review from 8:30am to 4:00pm on Mondays at the office of the Land Protection Branch. A copy of the response to comments and the final CCR Permit will be added to the Coal Ash Information webpage at <https://epd.georgia.gov/coal-ash-information>.

For additional information, contact the manager of the Solid Waste Management Program by phone at 404-362-2537 or at the Atlanta address. Please refer to this notice when requesting information.