

## NOTICE OF THE OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

### GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION LAND PROTECTION BRANCH

STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF COBB  
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 for closure of Plant McDonough-Atkinson Ash Pond 1 by closing in place. The facility is located at 5551 South Cobb Drive SE, Smyrna, 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 McDonough-Atkinson Ash Pond 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 close this CCR unit by closing in place in accordance with Georgia Rule 391-3-4-.10.

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 by appointment at the office of the Land Protection Branch, 4244 International Parkway, Atlanta Tradeport - Suite 104, Atlanta, Georgia 30354. To make an appointment, email [Tradeport.FileReview@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:Tradeport.FileReview@dnr.ga.gov) or call 404-362-2537. 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 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday excluding holidays, by appointment.

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 [epd.comments@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:epd.comments@dnr.ga.gov) (email comments must include the facility name and "CCR Permit" in subject line). 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.

EPD will host a virtual public meeting to provide an opportunity for attendees to make verbal statements and comments on the draft permit. A short presentation on the draft permit will precede the public meeting. Participants are asked to limit their comments to no more than 3 minutes.

The virtual public meeting will be held on May 5, 2026 at 6:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada), and will be conducted using Zoom, a free web-based video conferencing tool that also allows participation by phone (dial-in). Please be aware that the Zoom meeting format has a maximum attendance of 1000 participants and there is a possibility that the meeting will reach capacity. If the meeting is at capacity, you may make a comment by following the instructions for written comments provided above. Additionally, EPD will make recordings of the meeting available on our website at <https://epd.georgia.gov/ccr-draft-permits>.

- Join Zoom Meeting (cut and paste into browser)  
<https://gaepd.zoom.us/j/92356827215>
- Those joining via computer can use their computer audio, or may also dial-in.

Meeting ID: : 923 5682 7215

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To ensure that you are ready to participate when the meeting begins, we recommend that you download Zoom in advance. More information on Zoom can be found here: <https://zoom.us>. Please note that if you choose to participate by phone, your number may be visible to other meeting attendees.

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 by appointment from 8:00am to 4:00pm on Monday through Friday at the Atlanta-Tradeport 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.