

NOTICE OF THE OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION AIR PROTECTION BRANCH

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF MURRAY
NOTICE OF DRAFT TITLE V OPERATING PERMIT

To All Interested Parties:

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division announces its intent to issue a Title V Air Quality Operating Permit to Thomas A. Smith Energy Facility. The facility is located at 925 Loopers Bridge Road, Dalton, Georgia. The primary purpose of this permit is to identify and consolidate existing State and Federal air requirements applicable to Thomas A. Smith Energy Facility and to provide practical methods for determining compliance with these requirements. The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) is preparing Title V Operating Permits in accordance with Title V of the Clean Air Act. This permit will be enforceable by the Georgia EPD, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and other persons as otherwise authorized by law.

The operation of two natural gas fired combined-cycle blocks that produce a nominal 1,302 megawatts (MW) of electric power.

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 Air Protection Branch, 4244 International Parkway, Atlanta Tradeport - Suite 120, Atlanta, Georgia 30354. All visits to EPD's offices are by appointment only. To set an appointment, email askepd@dnr.ga.gov with your name, email and phone number and an associate will reach out to you. Copies of the draft permit, explanatory narrative, and associated permit application may also be requested by contacting Steve Allison, steve.allison2@dnr.ga.gov.

Copies of the draft permit, narrative, and permit application will be available through our internet site <https://epd.georgia.gov/draft-title-v-permitsamendments>. (Please note that the Internet is generally accessible from most public libraries in Georgia.)

You are hereby notified of the opportunity to submit written public comments concerning the draft Title V Air Quality Operating Permit. Persons wishing to comment on the draft Title V Operating Permit are required to submit their comments, in writing, to EPD at the above Atlanta Air Protection Branch address, or via email [preferred] to air-permits.comments@dnr.ga.gov (email comments must include the facility name and "Air Permit" in subject line). Comments must be received by the EPD no later than 30 days after the date on which this notice is published in the newspaper before close of business at 4:30 p.m. (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 Title V permit, will consider all comments received on or prior to that date.

Any requests for a public hearing must be made within the 30-day public comment period. A request for a hearing should be in writing and should specify, in as much detail as possible, the air quality related issues that constitute the basis for the request. Where possible, the individual making the request should also identify the portion(s) of the Georgia Rules for Air Quality Control and/or the Federal Rules that the individual making the request is concerned may not have been adequately incorporated into the draft permit. If a public hearing on the draft Title V Operating Permit is to be held, the date, time, and location of the hearing will be provided in a subsequent, separate public notice. At that hearing, anyone may present data, make a statement or comment, or offer a viewpoint or argument either orally or in writing concerning the draft Title V permit. During the Division's decision-making procedures to issue the Title V permit, any information received during a public hearing will be considered together with information received during the comment period. The Division conducts public hearings in "virtual" format using Zoom meeting applications.

Following this 30 day public comment period, the draft permit will undergo a 45 day review by U.S. EPA in accordance with 40 CFR 70.8. Information pertaining to U.S. EPA's review period can be found on their website at <http://www.epa.gov/caa-permitting/georgia-proposed-title-v-permits>.

After the comment period has expired, the EPD will consider all comments, make any necessary changes, and issue the Title V Operating Permit. Copies of the final Title V Operating Permit, comments received, EPD's responses to comments, and any other relevant information will then be made available for public review at the office of the Air Protection Branch by appointment only. A summary of comments and any changes made to the final permit will be found in an addendum to the narrative. A copy of this narrative and the final Title V permit will be added to the information already available at the internet address given above.

For additional information, contact the manager of the Stationary Source Permitting Program, at the Atlanta address, or by phone at 404/363-7000. Please refer to this notice when requesting information. You can sign up to receive weekly emails regarding Air Public Notices at <https://epd.georgia.gov/subscribe-air-protection-branch-updates>.