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Subject: Heard County - Georgia Power Company Plant Wansley Ash Pond 1

Existing CCR Surface Impoundment APL 0743 – Closure Extension Request

**GEOS Submittal ID: 829628** 

Dear Mr. Boyles:

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) received a request for closure extension on March 22, 2024, for the Plant Wansley Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) Ash Pond 1 (AP-1). In this request, Georgia Power seeks a closure extension for AP-1 of two years in accordance with 40 CFR 257.102(f)(2)(i)(D) and 40 CFR 257.102(f)(2)(ii)(B).

The original Notice of Intent to Initiate Closure, received by EPD and dated April 17, 2019, was based upon consolidation and closure in place of AP-1 within a smaller footprint. An Updated Notice of Intent to Initiate Closure, received by EPD and dated February 5, 2024, reflects a change in closure strategy from closure in place to closure by removal of CCR in accordance with 40 CFR 257.102(c). The revised AP-1 CCR unit permit application and supporting documents submitted to EPD on April 17, 2023, are currently being reviewed by EPD. Additional time is required to complete closure activities and coordinate with and obtain the necessary approvals and CCR permit from EPD.

After considering the submitted information, the request for an extension for the completion of closure of Georgia Power Plant Wansley AP-1 is hereby approved. This letter extends Georgia Power's closure deadline for Wansley AP-1 by two (2) years from April 17, 2024, to April 17, 2026.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Keith Stevens, Solid Waste Permitting Unit Manager, Solid Waste Management Program at (470) 251-2515 or via email at keith.stevens@dnr.ga.gov.

Sincerely.

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