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EPD to Host Q & A Session on Longleaf Energy's Proposed Coal-Fired Power Plant

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) will host a Question-and-Answer Session in Blakely (Early County) to provide information on the permitting process and answer questions specific to applications for permits submitted by LS Power Company on behalf of Longleaf Energy.

EPD will hold the meeting on Monday, January 23, 2006, from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., in the Early County High School's Mangham Auditorium. Early County High School is located at 12020 Columbia Highway in Blakely.

Longleaf Energy is a proposed coal-fired electric generation facility. The company proposes to generate electricity via the use of two 600-megawatt coal-fired generating units to produce as much as 1,200 megawatts of electric power.

EPD has received permit applications for air emissions, solid waste handling, surface water withdrawal and wastewater treatment in order for the proposed facility both to be constructed and operated in Georgia. All air releases from the facility would be monitored in accordance with the federal Clean Air Act and Georgia Air Quality Control Act.

A draft National Pollutant Discharge and Elimination System (NPDES) permit for planned discharge of wastewater from the power generating process also will be prepared. EPD would require the company to operate an onsite wastewater treatment facility. The plant proposes to discharge an average treated wastewater flow of approximately 5.54 million gallons per day (MGD) to the Chattahoochee River.

A solid waste handling permit is required to properly handle and dispose of ash and other approved generated wastes from the energy production process.

The proposed plant also would require a surface water withdrawal permit. The plant is seeking to use approximately 27 million gallons per day (MGD), but not directly from the Chattahoochee River. The plant would divert existing Great Southern Paper Company (GSPC) wastewater as its primary source of water. The requested water is proposed to be made up of approximately half GSPC process wastewater and half GSPC waste cooling water.

For information on the permit applications review process, please contact Jim Ussery, 404-656-4713. For information about the Q&A Session, please contact Thomas Smith, 404-362-2790.

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