



FACE Call to Action!

EPD Hearing on Plant Washington Air Permits

Georgia's Environmental Protection Division (EPD) has scheduled a public hearing on the revised draft permit amendment for air emissions from the proposed coal-fired

The EPD will be accepting public comments at this meeting to be held at the **Oconee Fall-line Technical College on Thursday, August 18 from 6:30-8:30 PM.**

The draft permit can be viewed on the EPD website at www.georgiaair.org

This permit addresses Power4Georgians' proposal to release what the EPD characterizes as "organic and non-mercury metal hazardous air pollutants" into our air. EPD's Air Protection Branch Chief James "Jac" Capp has stated that the EPD is "committed to giving all local residents an opportunity to offer feedback on the Plant Washington project draft permit amendment."



The permit amendment is a result of a December 2010 Administrative Law Court decision to remand the Plant Washington air permit due to the emission levels for these hazardous air permits. This hearing is **YOUR chance to speak up and tell EPD that we do not want these hazardous pollutants in the air we breath.**

At previous hearings on the water and air permits, EPD heard from many citizens of our community as well as people from throughout the state about why these toxic substances should not be allowed in our air.

We must speak up now. EPD has stated that they will consider all air

quality-related comments prior to making a final decision about whether to recommend final approval. If we miss this opportunity, we may well be faced with having to explain to our grandchildren why we didn't speak up and try to keep healthy, clean air available for them. The EPD will be accepting written comments until August 29, 2011. Written comments should be sent to:

**Plant Washington
Georgia Air Branch
Attn: Eric Cornwell
4244 International Parkway
Suite 120
Atlanta, GA 30354**

Email comments can be sent to :

epdcomments@dnr.state.ga.us

Include "Plant Washington" in the subject line

Sign the FACE petition here: <http://www.change.org/petitions/plant-washington-will-spew-mercury-lead-arsenic-and-co2-into-the-air>

So what's so "hazardous" about these air emissions?

Georgia already has several coal-fired power plants that emit the same substances that Plant Washington emits. Some people may tell you that we are doing "OK" with those emissions. What they don't tell you is what the Clean Air Task Force (Fall, 2010) report reveals.

The Task Force estimates that last year in Georgia fine particle pollution resulted in 536 deaths and 728 heart attacks. While we usually associate air pollution with respiratory diseases, these particles are so small that they are absorbed into the body and also cause cardio-vascular disease.

The Task Force further estimates that last year Plant Branch (on Lake Sinclair) emitted fine particle pollutants that contributed to:

- 140 deaths
- 200 heart attacks
- 2,500 asthma attacks



Why would we want to add to these statistics by adding more of these hazardous pollutants from yet another coal-fired power plant ???



To read the full report from the Clean Air Task Force and use an interactive map to see statistics for individual states and counties, go to:

www.catf.us/coal/problems/power_plants/existing/

Excerpt from Letter to the Editor of *The Sandersville Progress*

FACE submitted a letter to the editor of *The Sandersville Progress* which appears in the August 7, 2011 edition. The letter includes, "The time to speak up is now! If we don't do it now, then later we'll listen to our elderly friends and family choosing between paying a high electric bill or buying food and medicine (read the independent report at www.faceenvironment.org/plant). Our seniors and children will be going to the doctor with more respiratory illnesses.

And who will listen when the Plant Washington toxic coal ash waste dump leaks into our groundwater and streams?"

Let your voice be heard on the 18th. Say NO to the issuing of the permits for Plant Washington and we will all breathe easier.

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