

**NOTICE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING AND
NOTICE OF THE OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

**GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
AIR PROTECTION BRANCH**

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF EARLY
NOTICE OF DRAFT PERMIT AMENDMENT
NOTICE OF HEARING

To All Interested Parties:

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division announces its intent to issue an Air Quality Operating Permit Amendment to Longleaf Energy Associates, LLC. The facility would be located at State Highway 370 on approximately 1985 acres of land located in Early County, three miles south of Hilton, Georgia. The facility already has a permit for the construction and operation of a coal-fired power plant facility. This amendment's purpose is to add new practically enforceable permit limits to keep the facility a minor source for Hazardous Air Pollutants, to reduce allowable mercury emissions, and to extend the commencement of construction deadline date and the completion of construction deadline date. This permit amendment will be enforceable by the Georgia EPD, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and other persons as otherwise authorized by law.

Longleaf Energy Associates, LLC plans to construct and operate a nominal 1,200-megawatt (MW) coal fired generation station. The facility would consist of two pulverized coal (PC) fired boilers, a 175 MMBtu/hr auxiliary boiler, two steam turbines, one 1500 kW emergency generator, one 450 Hp diesel fueled fire pump, one distillate fuel oil storage tank, and cooling towers. Emissions of criteria pollutants and hazardous air pollutants (HAPs) will result from the combustion of these fuels in the boiler.

The draft Air Quality Permit amendment 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. A copy of these documents may also be available for review at the Early County Courthouse, Blakely Georgia. Electronic copies of the draft permit, narrative, and permit application will be available at our internet site <http://www.georgiaair.org/airpermit/html/permits/psd/dockets/longleaf/112docs.htm>.

If copies are desired, a copying machine for public use is provided by EPD at the Atlanta Air Protection Branch office. There will be a copying charge of \$0.25 per page. Copies will be made on a first-come, first-served basis. Files are available for review and copying 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday - Friday, excluding holidays.

You are hereby notified of the opportunity to submit written public comments concerning the draft Air Quality Permit amendment. Persons wishing to comment on the draft Permit are required to submit their comments, in writing, to EPD at the above Atlanta Air Protection Branch address. Comments must be received by the EPD no later than **July 6, 2010**. The Division, in making its final decision to issue the Air Quality Permit Amendment, will consider all comments received on or prior to that date.

You are also hereby notified that a public hearing will be held at 6:30 p.m. on July 1, 2010, located at the following address:

Early County High School
12020 Columbia Highway
Blakely, Georgia

A hearing will be held to receive formal comments on the draft permit amendment. At the public hearing, anyone may present data, make a statement, comment or offer a viewpoint or argument either orally or in writing.

The deadline for written comments is July 6, 2010. After the comment period has expired, the EPD will consider all comments, make any necessary changes resulting from comments received, and make a decision on the Permit Amendment. Copies of the Permit Amendment, comments received, EPD's responses to comments, and any other relevant information will then be made available for public review during normal business hours at the office of the Air Protection Branch, as well as 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.