

# **Georgia Department of Natural Resources**

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## **For Immediate Release**

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### **EPD to Host Public Hearing at the Atlanta Tradeport Office Complex on Longleaf Energy Associates, LLC's Proposed Air Quality Permit Amendment**

(ATLANTA – June 7, 2011) – The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) will host a public hearing to receive formal comments on Thursday, June 23 regarding EPD's intent to issue an Air Quality Operating Permit Amendment No. 4911-099-0033-P-01-3 to Longleaf Energy Associates, LLC related to its proposed power plant intended for location at State Highway 370 in Early County.

EPD will hold the public hearing from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. in the Atlanta Tradeport Office Complex Training Room located at 4244 International Parkway, Suite 116, Atlanta, Georgia 30354.

"We are committed to giving all residents an opportunity to give us feedback on the Longleaf Energy project permit amendment," said James "Jac" Capp, chief of EPD's Air Protection Branch.

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

EPD issued the initial Air Quality Permit No. 4911-099-0033-P-01-0 to construct and operate in May 2007 and issued Permit Amendment No. 4911-099-0033-P-01-2 in November 2010. The permit amendment's purpose was to add practically enforceable permit conditions making the facility a minor source for Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs), reduce the allowable mercury emissions, and extend the commencement of construction deadline and completion of construction deadline dates.

EPD is now proposing to issue Permit Amendment No. 4911-099-0033-P-01-3 to Longleaf Energy. This proposed permit amendment will add additional test methods for organic hazardous air pollutants (HAPs) and will add HAP recordkeeping requirements for the emergency generator, firewater pump, coal and ash handling systems, storage tanks and cooling towers. Please follow this link for all documents regarding this permitting matter:

<http://www.georgiaair.org/airpermit/html/permits/psd/dockets/longleaf/specialdocs.htm>

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EPD will receive public comments on Longleaf Energy's Permit Amendment No. 4911-099-0033-P-01-3 through Friday, June 24, 2011. EPD will consider all air quality related comments relevant to the proposed amendment prior to making a final decision whether to recommend final approval of the amendment.

Please send written and email comments to the following addresses:

**Written comments to:**

Longleaf Comments  
Georgia Air Branch  
Attn: Eric Cornwell  
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**Email comments to: [epdcomments@dnr.state.ga.us](mailto:epdcomments@dnr.state.ga.us)**

**Please include "longleaf" in the subject line.**

For information on the permit application review process and amendment, please contact Eric Cornwell, 404-363-7020. For information about the public hearing, please contact Thomas Smith, 404-362-2790.

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