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EPD to Host Q&A Session and Public Hearing at Augusta Tech's Waynesboro Campus on Southern Nuclear's Permit Modification Application for Plant Vogtle

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) will host a forum to answer questions and also receive formal comments on Tuesday, April 6, 2010 regarding Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc.'s Air Quality Permit modification application for the Alvin W. Vogtle Electric Generating Plant in Waynesboro.

EPD will hold the meeting from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. in the Auditorium of Augusta Technical College's Waynesboro Campus. The campus is located at 216 Highway 24 South, Waynesboro, Ga. 30830.

"We are committed to giving Burke, Jefferson and Richmond County residents an opportunity to give us feedback," said Eric Cornwell, manager of the Stationary Source Permitting Program of EPD's Air Protection Branch. "We will consider all air quality related comments prior to making a decision whether to recommend issuance."

Plant Vogtle is located at 7821 River Road, Waynesboro, Ga. EPD is hosting the meeting in response to a request for a public hearing.

The purpose of this meeting is to present information and to answer questions about the application to modify an existing permit and the air quality permitting review process. During the meeting, EPD and Southern Nuclear representatives will make brief presentations before holding a question-and-answer (Q&A) session. Immediately following the Q&A session, EPD will hold a public hearing to receive formal comments regarding the permit application and draft permit.

If approved for the environmental permit modification, Plant Vogtle would be allowed to install new emission units to support the operation of new nuclear Units 3 and 4. Vogtle's current units (Units 1 and 2) are capable of producing approximately 1,215 MW of electricity when online, for a combined capacity of 2,430 MW. According to its application, Vogtle's new units (Units 3 and 4) will have a net electrical output of 1,117 MW each, for a total output of 2,234 MW.

EPD will accept formal comments at the public hearing and in writing until April 6. EPD has made the draft permit and supporting documents available for public review at our web site: <http://www.georgiaair.org/airpermit/html/permits/psd/main.html>, then scroll down to Southern Nuclear – Plant Vogtle, Waynesboro.

For information on this permit application or EPD's review process, please contact Eric Cornwell at 404-363-7020. For information about the Q&A or public hearing, please contact Thomas Smith at 404-362-2790.

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