

Georgia Department of Natural Resources

Environmental Protection Division • Air Protection Branch

4244 International Parkway • Suite 120 • Atlanta • Georgia 30354

404/363-7000 • Fax: 404/363-7100

Chris Clark, Commissioner
F. Allen Barnes, Director

For Immediate Release

Date: October 29, 2010

Contact: Thomas Smith – 404-362-2790

EPD to Host Q & A Session and Public Hearing in Warrenton on Proposed Biomass-Fired Power Plant Application Submitted by Warren County Biomass Energy Facility

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) will host a forum to present information and to answer questions on the Air Quality permit application and the draft permit for Warren County Biomass Energy Facility to construct and operate a proposed 100-megawatt (MW) biomass-fired power plant. The facility would be located at 612 East Warrenton Road, Warrenton, Georgia.

EPD will hold a question-and-answer (Q&A) session (forum) and a public hearing on Thursday, November 18, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Warren County Community Service Building. The service building is located at 48 Warren Street in Warrenton.

“The protection of Georgia’s air quality is our ultimate concern,” said Eric Cornwell, manager of EPD Air Protection Branch’s Stationary Source Permitting Program. “And, the purpose of this meeting is to present information and to answer questions about the permitting review process for the Air Quality Operating permit application required to operate this type of power generating facility. We also will host a public hearing after the Q&A session to receive official comments from those in attendance. We invite all who are interested to come to the meeting and to learn about this process.”

The Warren County Biomass Energy Facility submitted an application to construct and operate a 100-megawatt (MW) biomass fired power plant. The proposed project will include a fluidized bed boiler with a maximum heat input capacity of 1,399 MMBtu/hr, two emergency fire water pumps, a raw material handling and storage area, a sorbent storage silo, a boiler bed sand storage silo, a sand day storage hopper, a fly ash storage silo, a bottom ash storage silo, storage tanks, and a cooling tower.

EPD will accept formal comments at the public hearing and in writing until November 19, 2010. EPD has made the application, draft permit and PSD Preliminary Determination available for public review at our web site: <http://www.georgiaair.org/airpermit/html/permits/psd/main.html>.

For information on the permit application review process, please contact Eric Cornwell, manager of the Air Protection Branch’s Stationary Source Permitting Program, at 404-363-7020. For information about the Q&A Session and public hearing, please contact Thomas Smith, 404-362-2790.

###