

# **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

Carol A. Couch, Ph.D., Director

## **For Immediate Release**

**Date: September 23, 2009**

**Contact:** Thomas Smith – 404-362-2790

### **EPD to Host its Second Q & A Session in Sandersville on Applications Submitted by Power4Georgians for a Proposed Power Plant**

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) will host a forum to present information and to answer questions on draft permits issued to Power4Georgians, LLC to construct and operate a coal-fired power plant proposed for location in Washington County under the name of Plant Washington.

EPD will hold the meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 6, from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m., in the cafeteria at Ridge Road Elementary School. Ridge Road Elementary is located at 285 Ridge Road in Sandersville.

“Since our meeting in March in Sandersville, EPD has issued draft permits to Power4Georgians,” said Jim Ussery, assistant director of EPD. “And, we promised the citizens of Washington County we would return when the draft permits were issued. We invite all who are interested to come to the meeting and to learn about this next process. We will have EPD staff from the Air, Land and Watershed Protection branches to discuss each draft permit.”

EPD received permit applications for air emissions, solid waste handling, ground water withdrawal, surface water withdrawal, stream buffer variance and wastewater treatment from Power4Georgians.

Power4Georgians is a consortium of Georgia electric membership cooperatives, or EMCs, that have combined to propose this power plant. Plant Washington has submitted an application to construct and operate an 850-megawatt, coal-fired power plant. The consortium has 1,134 acres of land set aside for the project northeast of Sandersville.

For information on the permit applications review process, please contact Jim Ussery, 404-656-4713, or Jac Capp, Air Protection Branch chief, 404-363-7000. For information about the Q&A Session, please contact Thomas Smith, 404-362-2790.

###