

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND
NOTICE OF THE OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT
REGARDING THE W. R. CLAYTON PLANT

Environmental Protection Division
Georgia Department of Natural Resources
State of Georgia
County of Walton

To All Interested Persons and Parties

The Environmental Protection Division (EPD) has reviewed the W. R. Clayton Plant application for a permit to construct and operate a natural gas fired simple cycle combustion turbine facility located 995 Gratis Road, Monroe, Georgia (Walton County). The facility will utilize three simple cycle combustion turbines to generate electric power. The proposed facility will consist of three-advanced firing temperature, F-class simple cycle combustion turbine generators (CTGs). Each CTG will be fired primarily with natural gas and low sulfur distillate fuel oil will be used as a backup. The burning of natural gas and low sulfur diesel fuel is not expected to result in significant emissions of toxic pollutants into the atmosphere. EPD has considered air toxics control in its analyses of BACT and air quality.

You are hereby notified of the opportunity for written public comments concerning the application for a permit to construct and operate the facility and air pollution control equipment and the EPD's Preliminary Determination concerning the application. The Preliminary Determination is a summary of the technical review of the application and contains a copy of the Company's application, other supporting information submitted by the applicant, and the draft Air Quality Permit.

You are also hereby notified that a public meeting and hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. on October 3, 2002, located at the following address:

Courthouse Annex 6
Judicial Building
116 South Broad
Monroe, Georgia 30655

During the public meeting, representatives from EPD will be available to discuss W. R. Clayton's application. Following the public meeting a hearing will be held to receive formal comments on W. R. Clayton's application. At the public hearing, anyone may present data, make a statement, comment or offer a viewpoint or argument either orally or in writing.

EPD has concluded that W. R. Clayton's application should be approved and that a permit should be granted. This conclusion is based upon evidence that the proposed project, when completed, will comply

with the Division's Rules for Air Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-1; that the emissions from the facility will not cause or contribute to a violation of any applicable National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) or Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) increment, and will comply with the PSD Regulations, 40 CFR 52.21, including use of Best Available Control Technology (BACT) for regulated pollutants.

The PSD regulations allow specific maximum incremental increases in ambient concentrations of nitrogen oxides (NO₂), sulfur dioxide (SO₂), and particulate matter (PM₁₀). The EPD has determined that the maximum predicted impacts of these pollutants due to the proposed modification will consume 0.03 percent of the annual NO₂ PSD increment, 0.016 percent of the annual SO₂ increment, 3 percent of the 24-hour SO₂ increment, 4 percent of the 3-hour SO₂ increment, 0.01 percent of the annual PM₁₀ increment, and 1 percent of the 24-hour PM₁₀ increment. Thus EPD has concluded that the facility will not adversely affect the air quality (i.e., exceed the allowable incremental increases in ambient concentrations of PM₁₀, SO₂, and NO₂).

The Preliminary Determination is available for public review during normal business hours at the following locations: (1) EPD office, 4244 International Parkway, Suite 120, Atlanta, Georgia 30354; (2) Board of Commissioners, 132 East Spring Street, Monroe, Georgia 30655. All documents prepared by EPD are also available on the internet at www.air.dnr.state.ga.us/sspp/psd/main.htm.

EPD welcomes written comments. To insure their consideration, written comments must be received on or by October 3, 2002. Written comments may be submitted at the public hearing or mailed to: Mr. Jimmy Johnston, Stationary Source Permitting Program Manager, Air Protection Branch, 4244 International Parkway, Suite 120, Atlanta, GA 30354.

After the comment period has expired, the EPD will issue a Final Determination relative to the facility's application. Copies of the Final Determination, comments received, and any other relevant information will then be made available for public review during normal business hours at the above-designated sites.