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EPD to Host Q&A Session and Public Hearing in Forsyth on Georgia Power's Plant Scherer Permit Modification Project

(ATLANTA – September 29, 2015) – The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) will host a forum on Thursday, Oct. 15 in Forsyth to answer questions and also receive formal comments regarding Georgia Power Plant Scherer's application to modify its existing Air Quality Operating Permit. Plant Scherer is a Georgia Power owned steam-generating electric plant in Juliette, Georgia.

The meetings, which will begin at 6:30 p.m. and conclude no later than 8:30 p.m., will be held at the Georgia Department of Corrections State Offices South at Tift College. The meetings' address is 300 Patrol Road, Forsyth, GA 31029 (Roberts Chapel, Building #6).

The purpose of the question and answer session is to present information and to answer questions about the air quality permitting review process for the proposed Plant Scherer permit modification. EPD will follow the Q&A session with a public hearing to receive formal comments regarding the proposed modification.

"Plant Scherer will still be required to comply with applicable state and federal standards," 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 the Title V permit modification requested by Plant Scherer."

Via the permit modification, Plant Scherer is seeking to replace the existing low-pressure section of the turbine unit for unit SG02 with a new low-pressure section with more efficient design. In conjunction with this change, the existing selective catalytic reduction (SCR) system will be operated to ensure the project will not result in significant increases in regulated air emissions.

A copy of Plant Scherer's air quality permit modification application is available for inspection and review during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except official State holidays, at the Environmental Protection Division, Air Protection Branch, 4244 International Parkway, Suite 120, Atlanta, Georgia, and on our website at www.epd.georgia.gov/air/.

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Comments regarding this permit renewal application are due by October 22, 2015.

Written comments to:

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Please include "Plant Scherer Permit Modification" in the subject line.

For information on Title V and/or the review process, please contact Eric Cornwell, 404-363-7020, or Dika Kuoh, 404-363-7143. For information about the Q&A session and public hearing, please contact Thomas Smith, 404-362-2790.

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