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Noel Holcomb, Commissioner

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[date]

Contact Information

RE: Clean Air Mercury Rule Options for Georgia
Stakeholder Involvement Request

Dear Mr./Ms. [contact]:

In March 2005, U.S. EPA Acting Administrator Johnson signed the Clean Air Mercury Rule (CAMR), which establishes a statewide budget for mercury emissions from coal-fired electric generating units (EGUs). The CAMR Rule allows for the nationwide trading of mercury emission credits. The Georgia mercury budget requires EPD to allocate limited annual allowances to coal-fired EGUs.

The Georgia EPD must submit a State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision to EPA that includes source-specific allocations of maximum allowance mercury emissions, as well as regulations that address the extent of Georgia's involvement in the federal mercury cap-and-trade program.

Notification of Document outlining options for implementing federal CAMR

The Georgia EPD facilitated a discussion of the CAMR rule with interested stakeholders on October 20, 2005 and November 22, 2005 in Atlanta. Various stakeholders prepared and submitted written and/or oral comments on applicable CAMR rule issues throughout the fall of 2005. The Georgia EPD carefully reviewed all comments and has identified options for implementing the federal rule that merit attention. These options are further discussed in a document enclosed with this letter.

Notification of CAMR Stakeholder Meeting

The Georgia EPD will hold a stakeholder meeting on the federal CAMR rule and the options presented in the enclosure on March 9, 2006 in the Training Room (Suite 116) of the Atlanta Tradeport, 4244 International Parkway, Atlanta, GA 30354. The CAMR stakeholder meeting will begin immediately following a stakeholder meeting on the CAIR rule, which will start at 1:00 PM on that same date and location. As part of this stakeholder meeting, EPD will present information regarding the federal CAMR rule and the options presented in the enclosure and allow an opportunity for stakeholders to make statements or presentations. We will then facilitate a discussion on regulatory mercury issues affecting stakeholders. Within 30 days of this date, EPD will schedule another stakeholder meeting, for CAMR only, to receive any oral or written comments. EPD will notify the stakeholders of the date and location as soon as this additional meeting is scheduled.

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Enclosed you will find the following information:

- A discussion of options for implementing the requirements of the federal CAMR rule.
- A map to the location of the next stakeholder meeting.

If you have any questions please contact Susan Jenkins at (404)362-4598 or Dan Cohan at (404) 362-4569.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure