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

Dear Mr./Ms.,

The Environmental Protection Division and its Air Protection Branch thank you for your participation at our March 9 meeting to review both the Clean Air Interstate Rule (CAIR) and the Clean Air Mercury Rule (CAMR). And as we promised at that meeting, we have scheduled a meeting to further discuss the Clean Air Mercury Rule on Thursday, April 6, 2006, at Clayton State University, in the Harry S. Downs Center for Continuing Education, Room CE 328, 2000 Clayton State Boulevard, Morrow, GA. 30260.

You are invited to attend the meeting at the university from 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. for more discussions on CAMR. The purpose of the April 6 meeting is to provide a forum for stakeholders to present written suggestions and oral comments supporting their position on the various options presented by EPD at the March meeting. EPD and stakeholders will participate in question and answer discussions to confirm that the parties understand each other's positions. EPD will use the written comments/suggestions submitted by stakeholders, as well as notes taken during these meetings, to prepare specific regulatory and allocation alternatives.

As you know, U.S. EPA Acting Administrator Johnson signed the Clean Air Mercury Rule (CAMR) in 2005, which establishes a statewide budget for mercury emissions from coal-fired electric generating units. The CAMR Rule allows for the nationwide trading of mercury emission credits.

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

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.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures