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Re: Stakeholder Involvement Request
Clean Air Mercury Annual Trading Program draft rule language
MultiPollutant Control for EUSGU's draft rule language
Mercury Emissions from New EUSGU's draft rule language
Georgia Mercury Trading Rule draft Rule Language

Dear «Title» «LastName»,

On September 5, 2006, the Air Protection Branch of the Environmental Protection Division presented a preliminary position outline regarding a possible regulatory approach for reducing mercury emissions in the state of Georgia and satisfying the requirements of the Federal Clean Air Mercury Rule. Comments on this preliminary position outline were requested by September 26th. The Air Protection Branch has reviewed the comments received and has prepared draft rule language. We are now soliciting comments on this draft rule language.

Attached are four documents for your review and comment.

Clean Air Mercury Annual Trading Program draft rule language : This is the rule that would be submitted to U.S. EPA to satisfy the requirements of the Federal Clean Air Mercury Rule. This was referred to as the 'Allocation Based Standard' in the preliminary position outline.

Multi-Pollutant Control for Electric Utility Steam Generating Units draft rule language : This is a Georgia rule that would require the installation and operation of specific air pollution control equipment on specified power plant units. This was referred to as the 'Technology Based Standard' in the preliminary position outline. Note that this draft rule has changed from one that is focused on mercury control to a multi-pollutant rule since all of the emission units that will be required to install controls will result in reductions of Nitrogen Oxides and/or Sulfur Dioxide as well as mercury.

Mercury Emissions from New Electric Steam Generating Units draft rule language – This is a Georgia rule that requires case-by-case mercury control technology review for any new electric utility steam generating unit that commences initial operation after January 1, 2007. This was listed as option B of section IV of the Technology Based Standard of the preliminary position outline.

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Georgia Mercury Trading Rule draft rule language : This is a Georgia intra-state banking and trading rule for mercury. This rule would work in parallel with the Clean Air Mercury Annual Trading Program. It's intent is to ensure that mercury emissions in Georgia do not exceed that allowed by allocations issued by Georgia. This was mentioned in section III of the Allocation Based Standard of the preliminary position outline.

We are requesting that comments on this draft rule language be submitted to the Division by October 31, 2006. Comments should be sent to myself at the address shown on this letter.

After comments are received and reviewed, it is the Division's intent to complete the draft rule language and brief the Environmental Protection Committee of Board of Natural Resources on the draft rule at the Board's meeting on December 5, 2006.

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact myself at (404) 363-7014 or via email at jimmy_johnston@mail.dnr.state.ga.us.

Sincerely,

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