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EPD to Host Q&A Session and Public Hearing at the Coastal EMC on SNF-Riceboro's Applications for a Title V Permit Modification

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) will host a forum to answer questions and receive formal comments on Tuesday, March 18, 2008 regarding Title V environmental permit modification applications submitted by SNF-Riceboro for its existing facility located at Chemical Plant Road.

EPD will hold the meeting from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in the auditorium of the Coastal Georgia EMC located at 1265 S. Coastal Highway in Midway, Georgia 31320.

The purpose of this meeting is to present information and to answer questions about the air quality permitting review process. During the meeting, EPD and SNF-Riceboro representatives will make brief presentations before holding a question-and-answer (Q&A) session with those attending. EPD will also hold a public hearing to receive formal comments regarding the proposed applications for modifying the company's Title V permit.

"Through this question and answer session and formal hearing, we are committed to giving Riceboro and Liberty County residents an opportunity to give us feedback," said James "Jac" Capp, manager of the Stationary Source Permitting Program of EPD's Air Protection Branch. "EPD is currently taking formal comments on this company's applications to modify an existing permit, and we'll consider all air quality related comments prior to making a decision whether to give final issuance."

EPD's primary purpose in issuing a Title V permit is to identify and consolidate existing state and federal air requirements applicable to this facility and to provide practical methods for determining compliance with these requirements. As standard procedure, EPD issued a draft Title V permit number of No. 2899-179-0011-V-01-5 for this facility. EPD received the facility's original applications on January 18, 2005 and November 20, 2006. EPD is conducting this Title V permit process in accordance with Title V of the Clean Air Act.

A Title V Air Quality Permit brings together all federal, state and local air pollution control requirements into a single, comprehensive "operating permit" that covers all aspects of a facility's year-to-year air emission activities. It is designed to streamline the regulation process by making it easier to understand and know how to comply. It also gives citizens easier access to information about a facility's pollution controls that are required by federal, state and local authorities.

For information on the permit applications or review process, please contact James "Jac" Capp, 404-363-7020, or Dave Matos, 404-363-7127. For information about the Q&A or public hearing, please contact Thomas Smith, 404-362-2790.

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