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EPD to Host Q & A Session and Public Hearing in Adel on Proposed Micro Steel Mill Application Submitted by the Osceola Steel Company

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) will host a forum to present information and to answer questions on the Air Quality permit application and the draft permit for the Osceola Steel Company micro steel mill with the production capacity of 430,000 tons per year. The proposed steel mill would be located at 475 Osceola Road in Adel, Georgia.

EPD will hold its question-and-answer (Q&A) session (forum) and a public hearing on Thursday, December 16, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Adel City Hall. City hall is located at 108 North Parrish Avenue.

“The protection of Georgia’s air quality and observance of all state and federal laws on behalf of Cook County and state residents are our ultimate concerns,” said Eric Cornwell, manager of EPD Air Protection Branch’s Stationary Source Permitting Program. “And, the purpose of this meeting is to present information and to answer questions about the permitting review process for the Air Quality Operating permit application required to operate this type of steel mill. We also will host a public hearing after the Q&A session to receive official comments from those in attendance. We invite all who are interested to come to the meeting and to learn about this process.”

The Osceola Steel Company submitted an application to construct and operate a 430,000-tons-per-year micro steel mill. The micro steel mill would include one electric arc furnace, two horizontal ladle preheaters, one vertical ladle heating stack, two tundish preheaters, one reheat furnace, two casting machine torches and three cooling towers.

EPD will accept formal comments at the public hearing and in writing until Dec. 17, 2010. EPD has made the draft permit, PSD Preliminary Determination, and all information used to develop the draft permit available for review at its Atlanta office or at 1200 South Hutchinson Avenue, Adel, Georgia 31620 (Telephone: 229-896-2274). Also, electronic files of the draft Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) Permit, and PSD Preliminary Determination are available through our Internet site:

<http://www.georgiaair.org/airpermit/html/permits/psd/main.html>

For information on the permit application review process, please contact Eric Cornwell, manager of the Air Protection Branch’s Stationary Source Permitting Program, at 404-363-7020. For information about the Q&A Session and public hearing, please contact Thomas Smith, 404-362-2790.

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