

PUBLIC NOTICE - 350

Alabama Department of Environmental Management

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Montgomery, Alabama

SHELBY COUNTY

The Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM), in accordance with ADEM Code r. 335-3-14, hereby requests comments concerning **Alabama Power Company's** application for an Air Permit which would authorize a project at the **Gaston Electric Steam Generating Plant** (Air Facility ID 411-0005) located at **31972 Highway 25 North, in Wilsonville, Alabama 35186.**

The proposed modification is subject to the requirements of ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-14-.04. **Alabama Power Company** has applied for an Air Permit that would authorize the facility to retrofit a coal-fired electric generating unit to add natural gas burning capability. The project would be expected to significantly reduce emissions of nitrogen oxide (NO_x), sulfur dioxide (SO₂), and particulate matter (PM, PM₁₀, PM_{2.5}) from the facility. **Alabama Power Company** has indicated that there may be an increase in emissions of carbon monoxide (CO), volatile organic compounds (VOC), and greenhouse gases (GHG) above the PSD significance thresholds as a result of the proposed project. The Department has concluded that these increases in CO, VOC and GHG would not be expected to cause or contribute to a violation of the applicable National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). The Department has determined that the project would qualify to be covered by ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-14-.04(2)(ff).

Copies of the [preliminary determination and proposed permit](http://adem.alabama.gov/newsEvents/publicNotices.cnt) are available for public inspection electronically via <http://adem.alabama.gov/newsEvents/publicNotices.cnt>. Copies of the complete project file are available for public inspection Monday through Friday (except legal holidays), 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the ADEM Birmingham Field Office located at 110 Vulcan Road, Birmingham, Alabama 35209 and at the following address:

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Persons wishing to comment may do so, in writing, to the Department's named contact above within 30 days following the publication date of this notice. In order to affect final decisions, comments must offer technically substantial information that is applicable to the proposed application. All comments must be received by April 3, 2015.

A written request for a public hearing may also be filed within that 30-day period and must state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. The Director shall hold a public hearing whenever it is found, on the basis of hearing requests, that there exists a significant degree of public interest in the permit application.

After consideration of all written comments, review of any public hearing record, and consideration of the requirements of the Alabama Air Pollution Control Act, the Federal Clean Air Act and applicable regulations, the Department will make a final determination. The Department will develop a response to comments, which will become part of the public record and will be available to persons upon request. The Department's final determination concerning the application will be available for inspection at the ADEM Birmingham Field Office within five (5) working days of a final decision being made. Notice will be sent to any person requesting notice of the final action.

The Department maintains a list of interested individuals who are mailed legal notices regarding proposed permits. If you wish to receive such notices, contact the Permits & Services Division via telephone (334-271-7714), e-mail (permitsmail@adem.state.al.us), or postal service (P.O. Box 301463, Montgomery, AL 36130-1463).

The ADEM has caused this notice to be published on **4th day of March, 2015**, in accordance with the Clean Air Act as amended, 42 U.S.C. 7661 et. seq., and ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-3-14.

Lance R. LeFleur
Director