



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION IV

345 COURTLAND STREET, N.E.
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30365

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REF: 4WM-WPEB

Mr. M. Lane Gilchrist, Manager of Fuels
and Environmental Affairs
Gulf Power Company
500 Bayfront Parkway
Post Office Box 1151
Pensacola, Florida 32520-1151

RE: Public Notice of NPDES No. FL0002283
Scholz Generating Station

Dear Mr. Gilchrist:

In accordance with Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) Section 124.10(c)(1)(i), enclosed is the Public Notice which the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has distributed pertaining to the EPA's tentative decision on your National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit application. All comments and objections to the draft permit must be submitted to EPA within the time period specified in the Public Notice. Only issues raised during this time period will be considered during any appeal procedures. Per 40 C.F.R. § 124.76, at the time of final permit decision, only issues raised during the public comment period by any party may be used to support an evidentiary hearing request.

The draft permit and supporting materials were previously sent to you by letter dated July 1, 1992. The draft permit referred to in the Public Notice has not been changed. State certification has been requested for this permit and any more stringent requirements received from the State will be incorporated into the final permit.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me at the above address or by calling (404) 347-3866.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karrie-Jo Shell".

Karrie-Jo Shell
Environmental Engineer
Permits Section
Water Permits and Enforcement Branch
Water Management Division

Enclosure - Public Notice and revised permit pages

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PUBLIC NOTICE

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region IV
Water Management Division
Water Permits and Enforcement Branch
345 Courtland Street, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30365
(404) 347-3004

Public Notice No. 92FL0042 Date: 7/23/92

NOTICE OF PROPOSED REISSUANCE OF A
NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) intends to reissue a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit to Gulf Power Company, P.O. Box 1151, Pensacola, Florida 32520-1151, for the Scholz Electric Generating Station located at the end of Jackson County Road No. 271, Jackson County, Sneds, Florida 32460, NPDES No. FL0002283. This steam electric power generating facility (SIC Code 4911) has one existing outfall that discharges process wastewater to the Apalachicola River. The receiving waters are classified as Class III waters, suitable for recreation, propagation and maintenance of a healthy, well-balanced population of fish and wildlife.

The proposed NPDES permit contains specific discharge conditions and/or limitations on the amounts of pollutants allowed to be discharged and was drafted in accordance with the provisions of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. Section 1251 et seq.) and other lawful standards and regulations. The pollutant limitations and other permit conditions are tentative and open to comment from the public.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to any aspects of the permit reissuance or wishing to request a public hearing, are invited to submit the same in writing within thirty (30) days of this notice to the Office of Public Affairs, Environmental Protection Agency, 345 Courtland Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30365, ATTENTION: Ms. Alice Crosby, Public Notice Coordinator. Pursuant to 40 CFR 124.13, any person who believes that any permit condition is inappropriate must raise all reasonably ascertainable issues and submit all reasonably available arguments in full, supporting his/her position, by the close of the comment period. The public notice number and NPDES number should be included in the first page of comments.

All comments received within the 30-day period will be considered in the formulation of a final determination regarding the permit reissuance. Also, within the 30-day period, any interested person may request a public hearing. Where there is a significant degree of public interest in a proposed permit reissuance, the EPA Regional Administrator will schedule and hold a public hearing which would be formally announced in accordance with 40 CFR 124.10 and 124.12.

After consideration of all written comments and the requirements and policies in the Act and appropriate regulations, the EPA Regional Administrator will make a determination regarding the permit reissuance. If the determination is substantially unchanged from that announced by this notice, the EPA Regional Administrator will so notify all persons submitting written comments. If the determination is substantially changed, the EPA Regional Administrator will issue a public notice indicating the revised determination. Request(s) for an evidentiary hearing may be filed after the Regional Administrator makes the above-described determination. No issues shall be raised by any party that were not submitted to the administrative record as part of the preparation of and comment on the draft permit, unless good cause is shown for the failure to submit them in accordance with 40 CFR 124.76. Additional information regarding an evidentiary hearing is available in 40 CFR Part 124, Subpart E, or by contacting the Office of Regional Counsel at the address above or at (404) 347-2335.

The administrative record, including application, fact sheet or statement of basis, draft permit, a sketch showing the exact location of the discharge(s), comments received, and additional information on hearing procedures is available at cost by writing the EPA address above, or for review and copying at 345 Courtland Street, N.E., 3rd floor, Atlanta, Georgia, between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Copies will be provided at a minimal cost per page.

Please bring the foregoing to the attention of persons whom you know will be interested in this matter. If you would like to be added to our public notice mailing list, submit your name and mailing address to the Office of Public Affairs at EPA's address given above.

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