



*COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA*  
*DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY*

Notice of Public Meeting

Virginia Department of Environmental Quality  
Southwest Regional Office

The Department of Environmental Quality will host an informational briefing regarding a proposed reissuance of an environmental permit for the Appalachian Power Company Clinch River Plant located near Cleveland in Russell County, Virginia. The meeting will be held at the Russell County Public Library meeting room located at 248 W. Main Street in Lebanon, VA. The meeting will be held on Wednesday April 20, 2016 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

The purpose of the meeting will be to provide information regarding the proposed reissuance of the VPDES permit which regulates the discharge of industrial wastewater, sanitary wastewater, and storm water runoff from the facility. The proposed permit will also address wastewater discharges which result from the closure of the ash management ponds. The closure of these ponds was necessitated by the recent conversion of the plant to utilize natural gas as a fuel, and by final coal ash regulations which were passed by the Environmental Protection Agency in 2015. The proposed permit covers the removal of treated water from the ponds to ensure the water quality and aquatic resources of the river are protected.

This meeting is not part of the required public participation process for any water and solid waste permitting actions associated with the closure. This meeting is intended to supplement those processes and allow the public an opportunity to ask DEQ questions during the official public comment period. Also, please note that since this meeting is not part of the official permitting process, comments made during this informational meeting will not be part of the official public comment record on any of the required permit actions.

Information regarding the proposed informational meeting or the proposed permit may be obtained by contacting David Nishida at (276) 676-4864 or by email: ([david.nishida@deq.virginia.gov](mailto:david.nishida@deq.virginia.gov))