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## **For Immediate Release**

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## **EPD to Host Q&A Session and Public Hearing at Early County High School on Longleaf Energy Associates, LLC's Proposed Air Quality Permit Amendment**

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) will host a forum to answer questions and receive formal comments on Tuesday, July 28 regarding EPD's intent to issue a Case-by-Case Maximum Achievable Control Technology (MACT) Air Quality Operating Permit Amendment to Longleaf Energy Associates, LLC to construct and operate a power plant located at State Highway 370 in Early County.

EPD will hold the meetings from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. in the Early County High School Auditorium located at 12020 Columbia Highway in Blakely, Georgia.

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 Longleaf Energy Associates, LLC representatives will make brief presentations before holding a question-and-answer (Q&A) session with those attending. Immediately following the Q&A session, EPD will hold a public hearing to receive formal comments regarding the proposed permit amendment.

"We are committed to giving Blakely and Early County residents an opportunity to give us feedback on the Longleaf Energy project permit amendment," said James "Jac" Capp, chief of EPD's Air Protection Branch. "EPD will consider all air quality related comments prior to making a decision whether to recommend final issuance."

Longleaf Energy is proposing to construct and operate a coal-fired electric generation facility. The company proposes to generate electricity via the use of two 600-megawatt coal-fired generating units to produce as much as 1,200 megawatts of electric power. EPD issued an original permit in 2007; however, this new amendment is to add new requirements to the permit based on the case-by-case MACT determination, also known as the Notice of MACT approval.

EPD will receive public comments on Longleaf Energy's permit amendment until Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2009 at 5 p.m.

For information on the permit applications review process, please contact Eric Cornwell, 404-363-7097. For information about the Q&A Session and public hearing, please contact Thomas Smith, 404-362-2790.

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