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## **EPD To Host Public Hearing and Question-and-Answer Session on Air Quality Permit for Tugalo Construction Company**

**Atlanta** – The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) will host a combined Question & Answer Session (Q&A Session) and a Public Hearing regarding Tugalo Construction Company's proposed asphalt plant upgrade. To ensure that citizens understand the technical terms and issues involved in the air quality permit application, EPD will host a Question and Answer Session prior to the public hearing.

**The Q&A Session will begin at 7:00 PM on Thursday, January 19 in the Habersham County Commissioners' Conference Room located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor at 555 Monroe Street in Clarksville. At 8:00 PM, the Public Hearing will begin. The Public Hearing is an opportunity for citizens to provide formal comments, written or orally. Following the hearing, if citizens have more questions, EPD will be available to answer them.**

“We value and encourage citizen participation in the permitting process,” said Heather Abrams, Manager of EPD's Stationary Source Permitting Program. “We want them to understand the technical and regulatory issues involved. That's why we have Question and Answer Sessions. A public hearing is a much more formal process and only comments can be taken. Question and Answer Sessions encourage more two-way communication.”

Tugalo Construction Company submitted an air quality permit application to GA EPD on October 12, 2005 to upgrade its asphalt plant located on Double Springs Road in Demorest. The upgrade involves replacing its existing asphalt batch plant with a new drum mix plant.

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