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Public Hearing Postponed On Air Permit For Duke Power Plant

RALEIGH – The N.C. Division of Air Quality has postponed a public hearing that had been scheduled for May 31 on an air quality permit revision for a new coal-fired boiler at the Duke Cliffside plant in Rutherford County. No date or location has been set for another hearing.

DAQ postponed the hearing because Duke Energy Carolinas asked the division to delay processing its application for an air permit modification to construct and operate a new, 800-megawatt boiler at its Cliffside Steam Station, 573 Duke Power Road, in Rutherford County. Duke asked for the delay because it plans to change the air pollution control equipment originally designed for the facility.

Duke previously had applied for a permit to build two new boilers at Cliffside, but amended its application after the North Carolina Utilities Commission approved only one additional unit at the plant. The new permit application still would be for one additional unit.

The Division of Air Quality plans to schedule another public hearing after it has completed a review of the revised permit application for the Cliffside facility. Details on that hearing will be announced when they become available.

More information about other air quality issues can be found at the DAQ Web site, www.ncair.org/.

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