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Subject: NPDES Stormwater Permit Application  
Asheville Steam Electric Plant  
Permit Number **NCS000575**  
Buncombe County

Dear Mr. Sideris:

In response to your application for coverage under an NPDES stormwater permit, the Division of Energy, Mineral, and Land Resources (Division or DEMLR) is forwarding herewith the subject state - NPDES permit, NCS000546. This permit is issued pursuant to the requirements of both North Carolina General Statute 143-215 .1 and the Memorandum of Agreement between North Carolina and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency dated October 15, 2007 (or as subsequently amended).

One comment letter was received on the draft NPDES stormwater permit. Staff in the Stormwater Permitting Program have reviewed the comments received from Clean Water for North Carolina (CWNC) and have developed responses to their concerns. The changes included are minor in nature, and the final permit maintains requirements that are in line with those taken to public notice. The major issues raised by Clean Water for North Carolina are summarized in the Hearing Officers Report which can be viewed at:

<http://deq.nc.gov/news/hot-topics/coal-ash-nc/npdes-permits>

In addition to the items noted in the Hearing Officers Report, during the review of the permit and comments staff also noted a few needed changes in the permit to provide clarifications, address areas where language needed to be clarified and to make the permit requirements consistent with current permit language for other facilities.

This final permit includes the following changes from the draft permit published on our website on March 6, 2015:

- Part II on Page 6 of 13: The analytical monitoring requirements were modified to read semi-annual (quarterly, during coal or ash transport only).



- Part II on Page 6 of 13: Foot Notes for Measurement Frequency, Sample Type, and Location and Total Rain Fall were added.
- Part II on Page 7 of 13, the following language was added, “Similarly, sampling is not required outside of the facility’s normal operating hours.”
- Part II on Page 7 of 13, the following language was added, “Proposed NPDES Wastewater Permit NC0000396 requires the facility to conduct **fish tissue monitoring** once during that permit term for arsenic (As), selenium (Se), and mercury (Hg) in accordance with a Sampling Plan approved by the Division of Water Resources. The permittee shall submit a copy of fish tissue monitoring results to the DEMLR Stormwater Permitting Program (Central Office) within 30 days of receiving results and indicate the location of sampling in relation to stormwater discharge outfalls. This reporting timeframe differs from the NPDES Wastewater Permit, which directs that fish tissue analysis results be submitted with the wastewater discharge permit renewal application.”
- Under Tier One, Page 10 of 13, the following language was added, “Immediately institute monthly monitoring and reporting for all parameters. The permittee shall conduct monthly monitoring at every outfall where a sampling result exceeded the benchmark value. Monthly (analytical and qualitative) monitoring shall continue until three consecutive sample results are below the benchmark values or within benchmark range.
- Under Tier One, Page 10 of 13, the following language was modified “Immediately institute monthly monitoring and reporting for all parameters” to read “Continue monthly monitoring and reporting for all parameters.”

If any parts, measurement frequencies or sampling requirements contained in this permit are unacceptable to you, you have the right to an adjudicatory hearing upon written request within thirty (30) days following receipt of this letter. This request must be in the form of a written petition, conforming to Chapter 150B of the North Carolina General Statutes, and filed with the Office of Administrative Hearings, Post Office Drawer 27447, Raleigh, North Carolina 27611-7447. Unless such demand is made, this decision shall be final and binding.

Please take notice this permit is not transferable. Part III, B.2. addresses the requirements to be followed in case of change in ownership or control of this discharge. This permit does not affect the legal requirements to obtain other permits which may be required by the Division of Energy, Mineral, and Land Resources, or permits required by the Division of Water Resources, any other federal or local governmental permit that may be required.

If you have any questions or comments concerning this permit, contact Mike Randall at (919) 807-6374 or at [mike.randall@ncdenr.gov](mailto:mike.randall@ncdenr.gov).

Sincerely,

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