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TO: DENR-DWQ-Wetlands-Public Listserv

FROM: Karen Higgins, Wetlands, Buffers, Stormwater – Compliance and Permitting Unit  
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RE: Notice of Public Hearing on April 16, 2013 for Alcoa Power Generating, Inc. – Yadkin Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2197) Water Quality Certification

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The purpose of this Public Notice is outlined below. This notice is available electronically at <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/wq/swp/ws/401/publicnotices>.

**I. Notice of Public Hearing on April 16, 2013 for Alcoa Power Generating, Inc. – Yadkin Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2197) Water Quality Certification**

The public is hereby notified that the Division of Water Quality (DWQ) will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, April 16, 2013 starting at 7:00 p.m. at the Stanly County Commissioners Meeting Room at 1000 North First Street in Albemarle, NC, 28001. Speaker registration and sign-in will begin at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of this hearing is to allow interested persons to submit oral and/or written comments regarding the 401 Water Quality Certification application submitted to DWQ by Alcoa Power Generating, Inc. on September 28, 2012, as well as additional information submitted thereafter. The certification is required as part of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) relicensing process that, if approved, would allow continued operation of the hydroelectric dams at High Rock, Tuckertown, Narrows and Falls Reservoirs on the Yadkin River in Davie, Davidson, Rowan, Montgomery and Stanly counties.

The public is invited to comment in writing on the application described above as well as speak at the hearing. Speakers must register at the hearing; speaking sequence will be in the order of registration. Speaking times may be limited to 3 minutes maximum per speaker, with the final time limit to be determined on the day of the hearing depending upon the number of registered speakers. Cross examination of persons speaking will not be allowed; however, the Hearing Officer may ask questions for clarification. Written comments may be forwarded at any time before or after the hearing provided they are received by the Division no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 16, 2013.

Written comments should be mailed to NCDWQ, 1650 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1650, Attn: Karen Higgins (919-807-6360), faxed to 919-807-6494, or emailed to [karen.higgins@ncdenr.gov](mailto:karen.higgins@ncdenr.gov).

The application is online at:

<http://its.enr.state.nc.us/Weblink8/Browse.aspx?startid=169386> (User Name: 401guest) (Password: password). Contact Beverly Strickland (919-807-6350) for assistance with the website. The application is also on file at the DWQ Central Office. The application may be inspected with an appointment during normal business hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) at 512 N. Salisbury Street, Raleigh, NC 27604. To schedule an appointment, contact Karen Higgins at [karen.higgins@ncdenr.gov](mailto:karen.higgins@ncdenr.gov) or 919-807-6360.

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