

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

N.C. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON DRAFT COAL ASH POND CLOSURE PLAN FOR DUKE ENERGY PROGRESS' RIVERBEND STEAM STATION IN GASTON COUNTY

## **CLOSURE PLANS SUBMITTED**

Duke Energy Progress, LLC has submitted to the Department of Environmental Quality proposed draft coal ash pond closure plans for the four coal ash facilities classified as high priority by the Coal Ash Management Act 2014. The proposed draft closure plans are currently under review by department staff and are not yet complete. A copy of the proposed draft closure plan for the Riverbend facility may be reviewed at the Gaston County Health Department, Charlotte Mecklenburg Public Library-Mountain Island or online at: <https://deq.nc.gov/about/news/hot-topics/coal-ash-nc/closure>.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The public is encouraged to provide feedback on the draft proposed closure plans. All comments received by April 5, 2017 will be considered in determining whether the plan will be approved by the state. Written comments may be submitted to: Debra Watts, Division of Water Resources, Attn: Debra Watts, 1636 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, N.C., 27699-1611. Public comments may also be submitted by email to: [riverbendcomments@ncdenr.gov](mailto:riverbendcomments@ncdenr.gov).

## **PUBLIC MEETING**

In accordance with state law, the department will hold public meetings to receive comments in each county where the four high priority coal ash facilities are located. The public meeting for the Riverbend Steam Station in Gaston County will be held at 6 p.m. March 16 at Gaston College, Myers Auditorium, 201 Hwy. U.S. 321, Dallas, N.C., 28034. Speaker registration will begin at 5:30 p.m.