

# Memo

**To:** WNC Air Quality Board  
**From:** David Brigman  
**Date:** June 15, 2016  
**Re:** Draft Title V Permit - EPA and Public Review and Comments

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On March 26, 2015, a draft permit and permit review for a permit renewal for Duke Energy Progress (DEP) were emailed to Lorinda Shepherd and James Purvis of EPA Region 4 for their review. To facilitate their review, revisions to the permit were highlighted and a summary of the revisions was included in the message. The public notice was issued on the same day in the Asheville Tribune and the Weaverville Tribune newspapers, and on the agency website. A copy of the public notice was emailed to affected state and tribal agencies, including NC DAQ, SC DHEC, GA DNR, TN DEC, VA DEQ, Knox County TN, and the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Nation. No comments were received from these entities.

A public hearing was requested and held on April 29<sup>th</sup>. The public comment period ran through May 7, 2015. The agency received 690 comments on the draft permit. The permit was taken out of concurrent EPA review. In November of 2015, agency staff completed the review of the comments and discovered that more information was needed concerning the sulfur dioxide limit in the current and proposed permit. On November 30, 2015, the agency requested additional information from DEP. Additional information was submitted by DEP in January and February of 2016. A revised draft permit with an additional mass based sulfur dioxide limit (please see page 15 of the response to comments memo for more details) and a few minor corrections to typographical errors, response to comments document, all public comments and additional information from DEP was submitted to Terry Johnson and James Purvis of EPA Region 4 by email on April 15, 2016. The 45-day EPA review period ended on May 30, 2016 with no comments being received from EPA.

It is the staff's recommendation that the board issue the renewal permit with the revisions discussed above.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*David Brigman*

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