ADEM to Hold Public Hearing Thursday on Proposed Permit For Closure of Coal Ash Pond at TVA’s Colbert Fossil Plant

MONTGOMERY – The Alabama Department of Environmental Management will hold a public hearing Thursday in Sheffield to allow citizens to comment on the proposed Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) permit for the closure of Ash Pond 4 at the Tennessee Valley Authority’s Colbert Fossil Plant in Colbert County.

The hearing will be held on Thursday, August 4, 2022, in Sheffield, Alabama 35660 at the Sheffield City Hall located at 600 N. Montgomery Avenue at 6:00 p.m.

Because of COVID-19, social distancing requirements will be in place for the hearing. All attendees will be required to wear masks and will be subject to temperature screening prior to entering the hearing location. Space inside the hearing room will be restricted, each speaker will be assigned a time slot, and only one speaker will be allowed in the hearing room at a time.

Speakers who preregistered should arrive at their assigned time slots. Interested parties can also register on site. However, those who preregistered will be called to speak first.

Attendance at the public hearing is not necessary in order to have comments included in the public hearing record. Written comments will also be considered. The deadline for receiving written comments is 5 p.m. on August 11. In its final determination on the proposed permit, ADEM will provide responses to pertinent issues raised.

In order to affect final decisions, comments must offer technically substantial information that is applicable to the proposed permit.

For more information about the CCR hearing, including how to submit comments, go online to http://adem.alabama.gov/newsEvents/notices/jun22/6colbert.html.

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