

**NOTICE FOR PUBLIC HEARING
PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION REGARDING APPROVAL OF
AN AIR PERMIT APPLICATION FOR
Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC - Buck Combined Cycle Facility**

Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC - Buck Combined Cycle Facility has applied to the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Air Quality for a proposed coal ash beneficiation project at:

1385 Dukeville Road
Salisbury, NC 28146
Rowan County

Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC - Buck Combined Cycle Facility's application for a proposed coal ash beneficiation project was reviewed by the Division of Air Quality, Raleigh Central Office to determine compliance with the requirements of the North Carolina Environment Management Commission air pollution regulations. The results of that review led to the preliminary determination that the project could be approved and the Division of Air Quality permit could be issued, if certain permit conditions are met.

This notice serves as a Notice of Public Hearing and Opportunity for Public Comment pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 130A-309.203(b) for this proposal. The Public hearing will be held at the North Rowan High School Auditorium on April 10, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. located at 300 N. Whitehead Avenue, Spencer, NC 28159.

A copy of all data and the application submitted by Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC - Buck Combined Cycle Facility and other material used by the Division of Air Quality in making this preliminary determination are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the following

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| NC DEQ | | Mooresville Regional Office |
| Division of Air Quality | or | 610 East Center Avenue, Suite |
| Air Permits Section | | 301 |
| 217 West Jones Street, Suite 4000 | | Mooresville, NC 28115 |
| Raleigh, NC 27603 | | |

Information on the permit application and staff review are available by writing or calling:

William D. Willets, P.E. or Kevin Godwin
NC DEQ
Division of Air Quality
1641 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1641
Telephone: 919-707-8400

Interested persons are invited to review these materials and submit written comments to Kevin Godwin at the above address or to present oral or written comments at the Public Hearing. Persons wishing to present oral comments at the hearing should prepare their presentation to be three minutes or less. The 30-day public comment period will run from March 9, 2018 through the close of the public hearing on April 10, 2018.

After weighing all relevant comments received and other available information on the project, the Division of Air Quality will act on the Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC - Buck Combined Cycle Facility application.

William D. Willets, P.E., Chief, Permitting Section
Division of Air Quality, NCDEQ