

# PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMISSION  
1617 MAIL SERVICE CENTER  
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA 27699-1617

## NOTIFICATION OF CONSIDERATION TO ISSUE A CONSENT ORDER & NOTIFICATION OF PUBLIC HEARING

Public notice of consideration to issue a State Consent Order to the following:

Duke Energy Progress, LLC (526 S. Church Street; Charlotte, N.C. 28202) has requested Special Order by Consent WQ S18-006 for its H. F. Lee Plant to address issues related to seeps that emanate from the coal ash basins and the cooling pond at that location and potentially flow to adjacent surface waters.

Compliance with this Order requires Duke Energy to conduct activities associated with closure of the ash basins through beneficiation at the facility noted above as a means of eliminating seeps that originate in those basins. During the time that the Order is effective, interim action levels will be established in small bodies of water receiving flow from seeps. Seeps not eliminated as a result of site closure activities shall be addressed through further corrective action and remediation measures. As drafted, this Order will expire no later than **February 28, 2023**.

The N.C Environmental Management Commission will consider the issuance of the Order during its January 10, 2019 meeting in Raleigh, North Carolina. A public hearing shall be conducted to solicit comments regarding the draft Order at the Goldsboro Event Center (1501 S. Slocomb St., Goldsboro, NC), at 6:00 p.m. on **Thursday, December 6, 2018**. All comments on the draft Order received no later than December 7, 2018 will be considered in the final determination.

Additional information and a copy of the draft Consent Order can be found on the N.C. Department of Environmental Quality's website at <https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/water-resources/water-resources-permits/wastewater-branch/npdes-wastewater-permits>.

Written comments on the draft Consent Order may be sent to the attention of Mr. Bob Sledge, N.C. Division of Water Resources, 1617 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, N.C. 27699-1617. Comments may also be submitted by email to: [publiccomments@ncdenr.gov](mailto:publiccomments@ncdenr.gov). Please include the term "H. F. Lee SOC" in the email's subject line.

Date: October 30, 2018

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for J. D. Solomon, Chairman  
Environmental Management Commission