

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO ISSUE A CONSENT ORDER

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

Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (526 S. Church Street; Charlotte, NC 28202) has requested Special Order by Consent WQ S16-005 for its Riverbend Steam Station Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP), that discharges treated wastewater to the Catawba River (Mountain Island Lake) in the Catawba River Basin under the authority of NPDES Permit NC0004961, but is unable to consistently comply with effluent limits for pH and Total Hardness at outfalls 101 – 112 (discharges from seeps).

The Environmental Management Commission proposes to issue the Order per Article 21 of Chapter 143, N.C. General Statutes, and other regulations effective November 3, 2016.

Compliance with this Order requires completion of surface impoundment (coal ash basin) closure activities at the Riverbend Steam Station such that discharges from seeps are eliminated, or become compliant with effluent limits established by NPDES permit NC0004961. Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC shall comply with NPDES permit limits with the exception of the interim effluent limitations identified in the Order. This Order will expire on September 1, 2020.

Additional information, including a copy of the draft Order can be found on our website: <http://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/water-resources/water-resources-permits/wastewater-branch/npdes-wastewater/public-notices>, or by contacting Bob Sledge of the Division of Water Resources at 919-807-6398, (email at: bob.sledge@ncdenr.gov). Comments on the proposed Order should be mailed to the attention of Mr. Sledge at the address noted above. Comments received no later than October 18, 2016 will be considered in the final determination. A public meeting may be held if there is a significant degree of public interest.

Date: September 16, 2016

original signed by Jeff Poupart
for Steven J. Rowlan, P.E., Chairman
Environmental Management Commission

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