

Final Determination

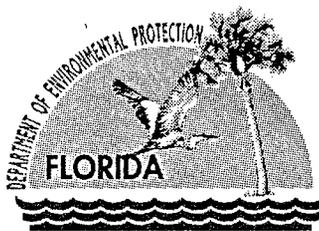
Gulf Power Company
Scholz Electric Generating Plant

Air Construction Permit No.: 0630014-003-AC

Jackson County

An Intent to Issue an air construction permit to Gulf Power Company's Scholz Electric Generating Plant, located in Sneads, Jackson County, Florida, was distributed on May 9, 2003. The Public Notice of Intent to Issue an Air Construction Permit was published in the Panama City News Herald on May 16, 2003. There were no comments submitted in response to the Public Notice.

The final action of the Department will be to issue the air construction permit as noticed.



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June 11, 2003

CERTIFIED MAIL – Return Receipt Requested

Mr. Gene L. Ussery, Jr.
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Dear Mr. Ussery:

RE: Final Authorization to Conduct Additional Pollutant Testing and Parameter Measurements for the Development of a Compliance Assurance Monitoring (CAM) Protocol for the Gulf Power Company's Scholz Electric Generating Plant's Units Nos. 1 & 2's Electrostatic Precipitator (ESP)
0630014-003-AC

The Department has reviewed the request that you provided on April 28, 2003. We have considered the Department's legal authority to allow Gulf Power Company to conduct the requested testing and measurements on its Scholz Electric Generating Plant's Units Nos. 1 & 2's ESP (electrostatic precipitator) located in Sneads, Jackson County. The purpose is to help the company address Compliance Assurance Monitoring (CAM), which will have to be addressed regarding the ESP upon renewal of their Title V Operation Permit. Paragraph 403.061(16), Florida Statutes (F.S.), authorizes the Department to encourage voluntary cooperation by persons in order to achieve the purposes of the state environmental control act. Paragraph 403.061(18), F.S., authorizes the Department to encourage and conduct studies, investigations, and research relating to the causes and control of pollution. Rule 62-210.700(5), Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), authorizes the Department to consider variation in industrial equipment and make allowances for excess emissions that provide reasonable and practical regulatory controls consistent with public interest.

In accordance with the provisions of Paragraphs 403.061(16) and (18), F.S., and Rule 62-210.700(5), F.A.C., you are hereby authorized to conduct additional pollutant testing and parameter measurements for the development of a CAM protocol for the Gulf Power Company's Scholz Electric Generating Plant's Units Nos. 1 & 2's ESP. This evaluation will require Gulf Power Company to vary the collection efficiency of the ESP to establish a performance curve between opacity, particulate matter emissions and ash resistivity, thus creating an operational condition near or in excess of the Florida particulate matter emissions and opacity standards. The data gathered will allow an EPRI (Electrical Power Research Institute) computer model to evaluate the performance of the Scholz Units Nos. 1 & 2's ESP to be further calibrated. The pollutants and or parameters to be measured or monitored will include sulfur dioxide [CEM (continuous emission monitor)], nitrogen oxides (CEM), particulate matter, carbon dioxide (CEM), ash content of the fuel, ultimate fuel analyses, unit operational parameters including load, fuel flow, excess air, flue gas temperature, and other unit specific parameters that are needed for the EPRI computer model. Particulate size distribution may be evaluated also.

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The performance tests and parameter measurements or monitoring shall be subject to the following conditions:

1. Unless waived, the permittee shall notify the Department's Northwest District Office, Northwest District Branch Office - Tallahassee, and Bureau of Air Regulation Office at least 15 days prior to commencement of the performance tests and parameter measurements or monitoring. A written report shall be submitted to these offices within 45 days upon completion of the last test run and parameter measurements and monitoring.
2. The authorized testing and measurement and monitoring schedule is from September 1 through December 31, 2003. If additional time is needed, the permittee shall provide the Department with documentation of the progress accomplished to date and shall identify what is left to be done to complete the testing and measurements or monitoring.
3. The parameters to be measured or monitored are sulfur dioxide [CEM (continuous emission monitor)], nitrogen oxides (CEM), particulate matter, carbon dioxide (CEM), ash content of the fuel, ultimate fuel analyses, unit operational parameters including load, fuel flow, excess air, flue gas temperature, and other unit specific parameters that are needed for the EPRI computer model. Particulate size distribution may be evaluated also.
4. Emissions testing shall be conducted concurrently for the following pollutants and using the following test methods:
 - a. Particulate matter EPA Test Method 17 (including EPA Test Methods 1 thru 4)
 - b. Visible emissions EPA Test Method 9
5. The performance test plans are as follows:
 1. Conduct a performance test (three 1-hour runs) using EPA Method 17 at "normal" operations;
 2. Conduct a performance test (three 1-hour runs) using EPA Method 17 at a reduction in the ESP efficiency; and,
 - 3.a. If the test results show that the PM allowable limit was exceeded; then the ESP's efficiency will be increased and a third performance test using EPA Method 17 will be conducted (supposedly between "normal" and "at the reduced efficiency"); or,
 - b. If the test results show that the PM allowable limit was not exceeded; then the ESP's efficiency will be further decreased and a third performance test using EPA Method 17 will be conducted in an attempt to define the outer range of the ESP's efficiency at which the PM allowable limit will be exceeded; and,
 - c. If the outer range is not established by the 2nd and 3rd performance tests, then the performance testing is ended for that emissions unit; and, Gulf Power Company will use the data to help define their CAM Plan for that emissions unit tested.
6. The release of objectionable odors pursuant to Rule 62-296.320(2), F.A.C., is not authorized for this activity.
7. Performance testing shall immediately cease upon the occurrence of a valid environmental complaint by a citizen or other party, or a nuisance or danger to the public health or welfare. Performance testing shall not resume until appropriate measures to correct the problem have been implemented.

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8. The performance tests and parameter measurements and monitoring shall be under the direct supervision and responsible charge of a professional engineer registered in Florida.
9. This Department action is just to authorize the performance testing and parameter measurements and monitoring for the Scholz Units Nos. 1 & 2's ESP for the purpose of developing a CAM protocol.
10. Complete documentation of the activity shall be kept on file for at least 5 (five) years.
11. The Department shall be notified in writing on the date of the last test run and parameter measurement and monitoring completion. If after work hours, notification shall occur on the next work day.
12. Attachment Section.
 - a. Mr. Richard "Mike" Markey's letter received April 28, 2003.
 - b. Final Determination.

The Department has relied on the information referenced in the Attachment Section and conversations with representatives of Gulf Power Company in authorizing this activity.

Sincerely,

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