



# FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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Mr. Robby A. Odom, Station Manager  
Duke Energy Florida, Inc.  
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Re: Exemption from the Requirement to Obtain an Air Construction Permit  
Duke Energy Florida, Inc., Crystal River Power Plant  
Project No. 0170004-041-AC  
Replacement of Coal Barge Un-loading Crane

Dear Mr. Odom:

On October 15, 2013, Duke Energy Florida, Inc. submitted a request to replace the existing coal barge un-loading crane capable of processing 2,500 tons per hour with two new cranes, each capable of processing 1,250 tons per hour. The existing Crystal River Power Plant is located in Citrus County at 15760 W. Power Line Street, Crystal River, Florida.

**Determination:** A complete review of this project is summarized in the attached Technical Evaluation. Pursuant to Rule 62.4.040(1)(b) of the Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.) and for the reasons stated in the Technical Evaluation, the Office of Permitting and Compliance determines that the activity will not emit air pollutants, "... in sufficient quantity, with respect to its character, quality or content, and the circumstances surrounding its location, use and operation, as to contribute significantly to the pollution problems within the State, so that the regulation thereof is not reasonably justified." Therefore, the project is exempt from the requirement to obtain an air construction permit, subject to the conditions below. This determination may be revoked if the proposed activity is substantially modified or the basis for the exemption is determined to be materially incorrect. A copy of this letter shall be maintained at the site of the proposed activity. This permitting decision is made pursuant to Chapter 403, Florida Statutes.

**Permitting Authority:** Applications for air construction permits are subject to review in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 403, Florida Statutes (F.S.) and Chapters 62-4, 62-210 and 62-212, F.A.C. The Permitting Authority responsible for making a permit determination for this project is the Office of Permitting and Compliance in the Department of Environmental Protection's Division of Air Resource Management. The Permitting Authority's physical address is: 2600 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32301. The Permitting Authority's mailing address is: 2600 Blair Stone Road, MS #5505, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2400. The Permitting Authority's telephone number is 850/717-9000.

**Petitions:** A person whose substantial interests are affected by the proposed permitting decision may petition for an administrative hearing in accordance with Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S. The petition must contain the information set forth below and must be filed with (received by) the agency clerk in the Office of General Counsel of the Department of Environmental Protection, 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station #35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000. Petitions must be filed within 21 days of receipt of this exemption from air permitting requirements. A petitioner must mail a copy of the petition to the applicant at the address indicated above, at the time of filing. A petition for administrative hearing must contain the information set forth below and must be filed (received) with the Agency Clerk in the Office of General Counsel, 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, MS 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000, [Agency.Clerk@dep.state.fl.us](mailto:Agency.Clerk@dep.state.fl.us), before the deadline. The failure of any person to file a petition within the appropriate time period shall constitute a waiver of that person's right to request an administrative determination (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S., or to intervene in this proceeding and participate as a party to it. Any subsequent intervention (in a proceeding initiated by

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another party) will be only at the approval of the presiding officer upon the filing of a motion in compliance with Rule 28-106.205, F.A.C.

A petition that disputes the material facts on which the Permitting Authority's action is based must contain the following information: (a) The name and address of each agency affected and each agency's file or identification number, if known; (b) The name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner; the name, address and telephone number of the petitioner's representative, if any, which shall be the address for service purposes during the course of the proceeding; and an explanation of how the petitioner's substantial interests will be affected by the agency determination; (c) A statement of when and how each petitioner received notice of the agency action or proposed decision; (d) A statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petition must so state; (e) A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action; (f) A statement of the specific rules or statutes the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action including an explanation of how the alleged facts relate to the specific rules or statutes; and, (g) A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action the petitioner wishes the agency to take with respect to the agency's proposed action. A petition that does not dispute the material facts upon which the Permitting Authority's action is based shall state that no such facts are in dispute and otherwise shall contain the same information as set forth above, as required by Rule 28-106.301, F.A.C.

Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the filing of a petition means that the Permitting Authority's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this permitting action. Persons whose substantial interests will be affected by any such final decision of the Permitting Authority on the application have the right to petition to become a party to the proceeding, in accordance with the requirements set forth above.

**Mediation:** Mediation is not available in this proceeding.

**Effective Date:** This permitting decision is final and effective on the date filed with the clerk of the Permitting Authority unless a petition is filed in accordance with the above paragraphs or unless a request for extension of time in which to file a petition is filed within the time specified for filing a petition pursuant to Rule 62-110.106, F.A.C., and the petition conforms to the content requirements of Rules 28-106.201 and 28-106.301, F.A.C. Upon timely filing of a petition or a request for extension of time, this action will not be effective until further order of the Permitting Authority.

**Judicial Review:** Once this decision becomes final, any party to this order has the right to seek judicial review by the filing of a Notice of Appeal pursuant to Rules 9.110 and 9.190, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure, with the Clerk of the Department in the Office of General Counsel, 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, MS 35, Tallahassee, Florida, 32399-3000, [Agency.Clerk@dep.state.fl.us](mailto:Agency.Clerk@dep.state.fl.us); and by filing a copy of the Notice of Appeal accompanied by the applicable filing fees with the appropriate District Court of Appeal. The Notice of Appeal must be filed within thirty days from the date this action is filed with the Agency Clerk.

Executed in Tallahassee, Florida

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Jeffery F. Koerner, Program Administrator  
Division of Air Resource Management  
Office of Permitting and Compliance

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned duly designated deputy agency clerk hereby certifies that this Exemption from Air Permit package (including the Technical Evaluation) was sent by electronic mail, or a link to these documents made available electronically on a publicly accessible server, with received receipt requested before the close of business on the date indicated below to the following persons.

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**FILING AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT FILED**, on this date, pursuant to Section 120.52(7), Florida Statutes, with the designated agency clerk, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged.

## **CONDITIONS OF EXEMPTION**

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Subject to the following provisions and restrictions, Duke Energy Florida, Inc. is authorized to replace the single existing 2,500 tons per hour coal barge un-loading crane with two new 1,250 tons per hour coal barge un-loading cranes in accordance with the following conditions.

1. Duke Energy Florida, Inc. shall continue to comply with all requirements and conditions related to the operation of the coal barge unloading crane and the related materials handling equipment established in previous air construction permits, and which are summarized in the current Title V air operation permit.
2. Duke Energy Florida, Inc. shall provide notification to the Department's Southwest District compliance office prior to commencing the replacement of the existing coal barge un-loading crane, including the date on which the existing crane will be removed from service.
3. Duke Energy Florida, Inc. shall provide notification to the Department's Southwest District compliance office upon completion of installing the two new coal barge un-loading cranes, including the date(s) on which construction of the two new cranes is/will be completed and the material handling equipment resumes operation.