



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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June 19, 2019

THE ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Richard E. Dunn
Director
Georgia Environmental Protection Division
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Suite 1456, East Tower
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Re: Georgia Coal Combustion Residuals Permit Program Application

Dear Mr. Dunn:

Through this letter, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is notifying you that it considers the Georgia Coal Combustion Residuals Permit Program Application, initially submitted on April 13, 2018, and revised on May 23, 2019, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 6945(d)(1), to be complete. The application contains the necessary elements of 40 CFR Part 257, Subpart D, and the elements of a permitting program that will allow the EPA to make a preliminary determination on the adequacy of Georgia's CCR permit program. For the specific reasons stated in Georgia's application, the state is seeking partial program approval.

Georgia's Department of Natural Resources Board adopted CCR-related amendments to the state's Rules for Solid Waste Management on October 26, 2016, and February 28, 2018. These amended rules became effective on November 22, 2016, and March 28, 2018, respectively.

The EPA will now begin the formal process of soliciting public comment and making a final determination on whether to partially approve Georgia's CCR permit program. In accordance with 42 U.S.C. § 6945(d)(1)(B), the EPA will finalize this determination within 180 days of this letter. The EPA will soon publish a notice in the *Federal Register* announcing and soliciting public comment on its proposed determination. The EPA looks forward to continuing to work with Georgia during the program review process.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Barnes Johnson, Director of the EPA Office of Resource Conservation and Recovery, at (703) 308-8895 or johnson.barnes@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew R. Wheeler".

Andrew R. Wheeler