

Brief Talking Points for Wateree Station NPDES Permit Changes

Please feel free to use all or some of the following talking points in your comments to SC DHEC regarding the proposed changes to the surface water discharge permit at SCE&G's Wateree Station.

- Ridiculous to remove Arsenic concentration limits, a poisonous, toxic compound already found in the Wateree River, its sediments, its fish and surrounding groundwater supplies – that's not protecting our environment, our river, our wildlife or citizens of South Carolina
- Keep the arsenic monitoring requirements at monthly not quarterly
- Monitoring for iron and manganese should not be removed from this permit, because they are still contributing to the elemental content of the Wateree River – which affects pH, conductivity and other water quality parameters – DHEC changing of the Water Quality Standards in 2008 does not require DHEC to remove this important monitoring and protection within this NPDES permit
- Construction runoff should be monitored for turbidity and total suspended solids continuously to ensure the landfill construction activities do not contribute to water quality violations or increased sedimentation of the Wateree River
- Landfill runoff/leachate should be regularly monitored (at least monthly) between the landfill and Outfall 03A to develop a complete understanding of the metallic profile of the landfill runoff and surface leachate that enters the coal ash ponds which subsequently discharge to the Wateree River from Outfall 03A
- DHEC can require additional monitoring and stricter concentration limits to protect public and environmental health
- DHEC should remember that their mission and vision statements, because these proposed changes do nothing to uphold either of these statements

Comment period ends this coming Friday, March 19, 2010 at 5:00pm. Please send an email titled "Note Notice 10-014-M: Wateree Station NPDES Comments" to Melinda Vickers at vickermg@dhec.sc.gov and copy Catawba Riverkeeper David Merryman, david@catawbariverkeeper.org, so we can keep a record of comments as well. If you have any questions please feel free to email or call David at 704-770-5530 (cell).