

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

State of South Carolina (SC)  
Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC)  
Bureau of Air Quality (BAQ)  
2600 Bull Street  
Columbia, SC 29201  
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Notice of a Draft Air Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) Construction Permit

### **PUBLIC NOTICE #17-051-PSD**

**COMMENT PERIOD:** Public Notice will begin on **September 22, 2017** and will end at close of business, which is 5:00 p.m. on **October 21, 2017**.

#### **US Department of Energy-Ameresco Federal Solutions (Ameresco)**

**Burma Road**

**Aiken, South Carolina 29808**

**(Aiken County)**

**AIR PERMIT # 0080-0144-CF**

Ameresco has applied to the SC DHEC, BAQ, for a Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) air construction permit to construct a 78.6 Million British Thermal Units per Hour (MMBTU/hr) biomass boiler at its existing facility. A Preliminary Determination, draft construction permit, and Statement of Basis have been written by the BAQ outlining this proposed project and applicable regulations. In addition to other state and federal air quality regulations, the draft permit is subject to review under SC DHEC Regulation 61-62.5, Standard No. 7 "Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD)." This regulation is equivalent to Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 52.21 "Prevention of Significant Deterioration of Air Quality." Under these regulations, a facility must demonstrate that it will not significantly deteriorate the air quality in its region prior to constructing or modifying sources of air pollutants. The draft permit has not yet been approved and is open to comment from the public, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Federal Land Managers, the chief executives of Aiken, the City of Aiken, and the Lower Savannah Council of Government.

Ameresco, under contract to the Department of Energy, operates wood, tire-derived fuel, and oil-fired boilers capable of producing steam and electricity to support operations at the Savannah River Site. Emissions generated by this facility as a result of the proposed project will include list emissions: Particulate Matter (PM); Particulate Matter less than 10 micrometers in diameter (PM10); Particulate Matter less than 2.5 micrometers in diameter (PM2.5); Sulfur Dioxide (SO2); Nitrogen Oxides (NOx); Carbon Monoxide (CO); Lead (Pb); Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs), Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs), and Greenhouse Gases (GHG). If this permit is approved, federally enforceable facility-wide limits of less than 100 tons per year (TPY) of CO will be removed.

Air dispersion modeling has indicated that the release of emissions from this facility will not cause or contribute to an exceedance of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). There will be no Class I Areas impacted and no degree of increment consumption resulting from this proposed project.

Ameresco is considered a major source for Title V applicability purposes. Therefore, the facility will be required to update the Part 70 (Title V Operating) permit application to include this new source.

Interested persons may review the materials drafted and maintained by DHEC for this facility and submit written comments on the draft permit by the end of the public notice period listed above, to Ruthie Hall at the above DHEC address or by e-mail at [hallmr@dhec.sc.gov](mailto:hallmr@dhec.sc.gov). All comments received by the end of the notice period, will be considered when making a decision to approve, disapprove, or modify the draft permit. Where there is a significant amount of public interest, DHEC may hold a public hearing to receive additional comments. Public hearing requests should be made in writing to Ruthie Hall at the above DHEC address or by e-mail. If a public hearing is requested and scheduled, notice will be given thirty (30) days in advance. If you have questions concerning the draft permit, please contact

Susan Peterson at the phone number listed above. A final review request may be filed after a permit decision has been made. Information regarding final review procedures is available from DHEC's legal office at the above address or by calling (803) 898-3350. Information relative to the draft permit will be made available for review through the end of the notice period listed above, at the DHEC Columbia Office listed above and at the following location:

SC DHEC, Aiken BEHS Office, 206 Beaufort Street, NE, Aiken, SC 29801

Information on permit decisions and hearing procedures is available by contacting DHEC at either address listed above. Copies of a draft permit or other related documents may be requested in writing to the Freedom of Information Office; fees may apply. Please bring this notice to the attention of persons you know will be interested in this matter.

This public notice, along with the Preliminary Determination which includes the draft permit and draft statement of basis, may be viewed through the end of the notice period on DHEC's website at: <http://www.scdhec.gov/PublicNotices/>.