

**Public Notice – Environmental Permit
Claytor Hydroelectric Project**

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality that will allow a surface water withdrawal in Pulaski and Montgomery Counties, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: For 30 days, beginning on the day after the notice is published. The comment period will also be posted on DEQ's web site.

PERMIT NAME: Virginia Water Protection Permit issued by DEQ, under the authority of the State Water Control Board.

NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER OF APPLICANT: Appalachian Power Company, P.O. Box 2021, Roanoke, VA 24022-2121; Virginia Water Protection Permit Issuance Number 09-0892.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Continuation of surface water withdrawals from Claytor Lake on the New River for purposes of hydroelectric power generation, not to exceed the limits set forth in the permit Special Conditions; the release of water from the facility to meet minimum in-stream flow rates as set forth in the permit Special Conditions; and the development and implementation of studies and data collection related to water quality, fish and wildlife resources, and instream beneficial uses. DEQ's preliminary decision is to approve the permit.

HOW TO COMMENT: DEQ accepts comments by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. Written comments must include: 1) The name, mailing address, and telephone number of the person commenting and of all people represented by the citizen; 2) If a public hearing is requested, the reason for holding a hearing, including associated concerns; 3) A brief, informal statement regarding the extent of the interest of the person commenting, including how the operation of the facility or activity affects the citizen. DEQ may hold a public hearing, including another comment period, if public response is significant and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the proposed permit. The public may review the draft permit and application by appointment at the DEQ office named below.

CONTACTS FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Brenda Winn, DEQ-Central Office Water Division, P.O. Box 1105, Richmond, Virginia 23218. Phone: (804) 698-4516. Fax: (804) 698-4032. E-mail: brenda.winn@deq.virginia.gov.