



## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 4

### **Final Determination U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Okeelanta Cogeneration Station - Air Permit PSD-EPA-R4016 For New Hope Power Company**

On January 23, 2014, the Region 4 office of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency requested public comment on a draft Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) air permit for Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions from New Hope Power Company's (NHPC) Okeelanta Cogeneration Station Boiler D Project (Project).

The Project is a major modification which would allow installation and operation of an additional natural gas boiler with a maximum 1-hour heat input rate of 589 million British thermal units per hour and a maximum steam production rate 440,000 pounds per hour.

The EPA prepared a preliminary determination, fact sheet, and statement of basis document that explains the permit requirements. These documents, as well as the application, supporting materials, public notice and response to public comments are available in the Administrative Record for this project. The Administrative Record is available at the EPA Region 4 office and can be accessed through EPA's website at: <http://www.epa.gov/region4/air/permits/ghgpermits/ghgpermits.html> and [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) (Docket #EPA-R04-OAR-2014-0023).

The EPA announced the public comment period and opportunity for public hearing via a public notice published in *The Sun*, *The Clewiston News* and *The Glades Democrat*, in emails to the GHG public notice list, and on [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and the EPA Region 4's website. A total of 9 comments from the company's consultant were received (via email) during the public comment period, which closed on February 24, 2014. The EPA reviewed each of the comments received and prepared a Response to Comments document, which reiterates the comments and provides the EPA's responses. Complete copies of all comments are included in the Administrative Record for the Project, which can be accessed at the websites listed above.

After consideration of the expressed view of all interested persons, the pertinent federal statutes and regulations, the application and supplemental information submitted by the applicant, and additional material relevant to the application and contained in the Administrative Record, the EPA has made a final determination in accordance with title 40, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), part 52, to issue PSD air permit PSD-EPA-R4016 to NHPC.

The final permit differs from the draft permit offered for public comment and the changes are identified in the redline-strikeout version of the final permit. In summary, the EPA made the following changes to the draft permit as a result of our response to public comments:

1. Corrected typos including, but not limited to, incorrect facility location description and existing boiler descriptions.

The final permit, the EPA's response to the public comments, and any additional supporting information are available at <http://www.epa.gov/region4/air/permits/ghgpermits/ghgpermits.html>, as well as, the EPA Region 4 Office and are also available upon request to Ms. Rosa Yarbrough at: [R4GHGpermits@epa.gov](mailto:R4GHGpermits@epa.gov); (404) 562-9643; or in writing to: EPA Region 4, APTMD; ATTN: Ms. Rosa Yarbrough; 61 Forsyth Street, SW; Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

Any person who filed comments on the draft permit may petition the Environmental Appeals Board (EAB) to review any of the revised conditions of the final permit, including a showing that the conditions in question are based on a finding of fact or law which is clearly erroneous, as well as, a demonstration that these same issues were raised during the comment period. Please see 40 CFR § 124.19 and visit <http://www.epa.gov/eab/> for more information regarding the procedure for appeals to the EAB.