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## **Gadsden Public Hearing on Power Plant's Coal Ash Permit Postponed**

*Due to Power Outages and Hazardous Road Conditions after Hurricane Zeta*

**MONTGOMERY, Ala.** – Due to widespread power outages and hazardous road conditions in many parts of the state caused by Hurricane Zeta, the Alabama Department of Environmental Management **has postponed tonight's scheduled public hearing in Gadsden** on the draft permit for the closure of the coal combustion residuals (CCR, or coal ash) pond at Alabama Power's Plant Gadsden.

The hearing had been scheduled for 6 p.m. tonight in the Beck Conference Center at Gadsden State Community College. The hearing will be rescheduled, but ADEM has not yet set a date.

ADEM is holding the hearing to allow the public to comment on the permit, which will govern plans by Alabama Power to safely close the coal ash pond and remediate any contaminated groundwater. The public can still send comments to ADEM by mail or email.

For more information about the CCR hearing, including how to submit comments, go online to <http://adem.alabama.gov/moreInfo/ccrinfo.cnt>.

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