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## **ADEM to Hold Public Hearing on Gorgas Plant Coal Ash Permits**

The Alabama Department of Environmental Management will hold a public hearing Thursday, Dec. 16. The hearing will allow people to comment on the proposed coal combustion residuals (CCR, or coal ash) permits for Alabama Power's William C. Gorgas Electric Generating Plant to close its Ash Pond, Gypsum Pond, and Bottom Ash Landfill, and to operate the CCR and Gypsum Landfill at the plant in Walker County.

**The hearing will be at 6 p.m. at Parrish Town Hall, 6484 Highway 269, Parrish.**

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, special social distancing requirements will be in place for the hearing. All attendees will be required to wear masks and will be subject to temperature screening prior to entering the hearing location. Space inside the hearing room will be restricted, and each speaker will be assigned a time slot.

Speakers who preregister should arrive at their assigned time slots. People can also register on site. However, those who preregister will be called to speak first.

Attendance at the public hearing is not necessary in order to have comments included in the public hearing record. Written comments also will be considered. The deadline for receiving written comments is 5 p.m. on Dec. 23. ADEM will provide a response to each pertinent issue raised.

In order to affect final decisions, comments must offer technically substantial information that is applicable to the proposed permit.

For more information about the hearing, including how to submit comments, go online to <http://adem.alabama.gov/newsEvents/notices/nov21/11gorgas.html>.

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