

US EPA ARCHIVE DOCUMENT

\*\*\*PUBLIC NOTICE\*\*\*

**Pinecrest Energy Center, LLC**

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROPOSED PERMIT AND PUBLIC HEARING, AND REQUEST FOR  
PUBLIC COMMENT OF PROPOSED CLEAN AIR ACT GREENHOUSE GAS PREVENTION OF  
SIGNIFICANT DETERIORATION PRECONSTRUCTION PERMIT**

Permit Number: PSD-TX-1298-GHG

Public Comment Period June 20, 2014 to July 21, 2014

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) provides notice of and requests public comments on the EPA's proposed action relating to the Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) permit application for the Pinecrest Energy Center, LLC's Project. If finalized, the permit would regulate greenhouse gas (GHG) pollutant emissions associated with the project to construct a new natural gas fired generating plant. The proposed construction will occur at 1002 East Park Avenue, Lufkin, TX 75904, in Angelina County.

Under the provisions of 40 CFR § 52.21 (except paragraph (a)(1)), EPA Region 6 implements a greenhouse gas PSD Federal Implementation Plan (FIP) for Texas. *See 40 CFR § 52.2305*. As the project will result in increased GHG emissions for a facility described at 40 CFR § 52.21(b)(49)(iv)(a), EPA concludes that the application is subject to PSD review for GHG emissions. The proposed GHG PSD permit, if finalized, would authorize Pinecrest to construct a new combined cycle electric generating plant, Pinecrest Energy Center (PEC), in Angelina County, Texas. According to the applicant, the PEC will generate 637 - 735 megawatts (MW) of gross electrical power near the City of Lufkin in an efficient manner while increasing the reliability of the electrical supply for the State of Texas. One of the factors in siting the plant is the availability of surface water from the City of Lufkin to be used as cooling water at the plant. The power generating equipment, as well as ancillary equipment that will be sources of GHG emissions at the site, are listed below:

- Two natural gas-fired combustion turbines equipped with lean pre-mix low-NO<sub>x</sub> combustors
- Two natural gas-fired duct burner systems equipped with Heat Recovery Steam Generators (HRSG)
- Natural gas piping and metering
- One diesel fuel-fired emergency electrical generator engine
- One diesel fuel-fired fire water pump engine
- One natural gas-fired auxiliary boiler
- Electrical equipment insulated with sulfur hexafluoride

Any interested individual may submit written comments on EPA's proposed PSD permit for the Pinecrest Energy Center, LLC, Project. All comments must be received in writing by July 21, 2014, or postmarked by July 21, 2014, to Jennifer Huser at one of the following addresses:

EPA Contact: Jennifer Huser

Phone Number: (214) 665-7347

E-mail: [huser.jennifer@epa.gov](mailto:huser.jennifer@epa.gov)

U.S. Mail: Jennifer Huser (6PD-R)  
Air Permits Section  
U.S. EPA Region 6  
1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200  
Dallas, TX 75202

EPA will consider and respond to all comments in making the final decision regarding the issuing of the permit. Similar comments may be grouped together in the response, and the EPA will not respond to individual commenters directly.

Additionally, all comments will be included in the administrative record without change, and may be made available to the public, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Thus, CBI or other protected information should be clearly identified as such, and should not be submitted through email. Emails sent directly to the EPA will capture your email address automatically and will be included as a part of the public comment. *Please note that an email or postal address must be provided with your comments if you wish to receive responses to comments submitted during the public comment period and direct notification of EPA's final decision regarding the permit.*

An extension of the 30-day comment period may be granted if the request for an extension adequately demonstrates why additional time is required to prepare comments.

**Public Hearing:** If EPA determines that there is a significant amount of public interest in the draft permit, the EPA has the right to hold a public hearing. Any request for a public hearing must be received by the EPA either by email or mail by June 26, 2014, and must state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. Attendance at the public hearing is not required in order to submit written comments. *If the EPA determines that there is significant public interest*, a public hearing will be held on July 30, 2014, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the following location:

**City Council Chambers, Room 102**

City of Lufkin  
300 E. Shepherd Ave.  
Lufkin, TX 75901  
936-633-0244

If a public hearing is held, the public comment period shall automatically be extended to the close of the public hearing. The EPA maintains the right to cancel a public hearing if no request for a public hearing is received by July 9, 2014, or the EPA determines that there is not a significant interest. *If the public hearing is cancelled*, notification of the cancellation will be posted by July 11, 2014, on the EPA's

Website <http://yosemite.epa.gov/r6/Apermit.nsf/AirP>. Individuals may also call the EPA at the contact number listed above to determine if the public hearing has been cancelled.

**Permit Documents:** EPA's draft permit, EPA's preliminary determination and statement of basis, Pinecrest Energy Center, LLC's permit application and supporting documentation, and comments received from the public, other government agencies, and the applicant during the public comment period become part of the administrative record for the permit. In addition, all data submitted by the applicant is available as a part of the administrative record. The public can access the administrative record at the following locations (please call in advance for available viewing times):

**Kurth Memorial Library**

706 South Raguet St.  
Lufkin, TX 75904  
(936) 630-0560

**EPA Region 6 Office**

1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200  
Dallas, TX 75202  
Phone: 214-665-7200

**Final Determination:** A final decision to issue a permit or to deny the application for the permit shall be made after all comments have been considered. Notice of the final decision shall be sent to each person who has submitted written comments or requested notice of the final permit decision, provided the EPA has adequate contact information.