

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE October 12, 2017

## MEDIA ADVISORY – DEP to Hold Public Hearing on Proposed Natural Gas-Fired Power Plant in Greene County

**Pittsburgh, PA –** The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) will hold a public hearing on an Air Quality Plan Approval application for the proposed Hill Top Energy Center located in Cumberland Township, Greene County.

The proposed natural gas-fired combined cycle power plant has a 620 MW generating capacity. Hill Top applied for air quality plan approval in March 2017.

The hearing will be held on Thursday, November 2, 2017 at the Carmichaels Area Senior High School Auditorium at 215 N Vine Street, Carmichaels, PA 15320. The hearing will be preceded by brief presentations by DEP and the applicant and an open question and answer session beginning at 6:00 PM. The public hearing will start at 7:00 PM.

Members of the public will have the opportunity to present testimony on the department's intent to issue the Plan Approval. Comments must be limited specifically to the application and conditions of this application. DEP requests that individuals wishing to testify at the hearing submit written notice to Lauren Fraley, Community Relations Coordinator at <a href="mailto:lfraley@pa.gov">lfraley@pa.gov</a>, care of DEP's Southwest Regional Office, 400 Waterfront Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15222, or by phone at 412-442-4203. Each individual will have 5 minutes to testify and there will also be an opportunity to register on site on the evening of the hearing.

Individuals who cannot attend the hearing may submit written public comments to the attention of Alexander Sandy, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, 400 Waterfront Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15222, <a href="mailto:asandy@pa.gov">asandy@pa.gov</a>, or fax to 412-442-4194. Written testimony must include the commenter's name, address, and phone number and reference the proposed Hill Top Energy Center Plan Approval (PA-30-00233B). Public comments will be accepted until November 12, 2017 at 11:59 PM.

A copy of Hill Top Energy Center's application, DEP's technical review memo, and other relevant information is available for review at DEP's Southwest Regional Office at 400 Waterfront Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15222. Appointments to review the application materials can be made by calling 412-442-4000. Documents are also available on DEP's Southwest regional webpage,

http://www.dep.pa.gov/About/Regional/SouthwestRegion/Community%20Information/Pages/def ault.aspx, or by visiting Flenniken Memorial Library, 102 E. George Street, Carmichaels, PA 15320.

**WHAT:** Public hearing on air quality plan approval for Hill Top Energy Center **WHEN:** Thursday, November 2, 2017; Q&A at 6:00 PM; Hearing at 7:00 PM

**WHERE:** Carmichaels Area Senior High School Auditorium at 215 N Vine Street, Carmichaels, PA 15320

This public hearing is not sponsored by or affiliated with Carmichaels Area School District.

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