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**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA)  
GRANTS PRELIMINARY APPROVAL FOR BPU CLEAN COAL PROJECT:  
DRAFT FEDERAL AIR PERMIT ISSUED FOR COMMENT**

**Federal officials with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have delivered good news to the Jamestown Board of Public Utilities' (BPU) regarding BPU plans to build a new Circulating Fluidized Bed (CFB) Clean Coal power plant on its Steele Street site.**

**On April 25th, the EPA made a preliminary determination to approve the BPU's Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) air permit for the CFB project, bringing the new plant one step closer to reality.**

**The draft air permit is now available for public review and comment from the EPA.**

**The EPA air permit addresses controls for particulate matter and carbon monoxide emissions. The BPU will be using "best available control technology" to ensure these emissions remain low. Controls will include enclosures, dust suppression and fabric filters for particulate matter, and good combustion practices for carbon monoxide.**

**Other air emissions will be addressed in a separate state air permit which will be issued by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC).**

**BPU General Manager Walter W. Haase acknowledged the positive news for the utility by praising the hard work of BPU staff in moving the project forward.**

**"The EPA air permit is one of the major regulatory approvals the BPU needs before we can begin construction of our Clean Coal Project. The BPU staff worked closely with the EPA over the last year to develop an air permit which will protect our community's health and welfare," said Haase.**

**"I want to take this opportunity to personally thank BPU staff for their work and dedication to the BPU, the community and the Clean Coal Project," added Haase. "I also wish to express appreciation to**

consultants who helped to make the air permits possible – Duncan, Weinberg, Genzer & Pembroke; ENSR International; and Susan Stohr.”

BPU Chair John Zabrodsky echoed Haase’s remarks, saying, “This preliminary approval of the EPA PSD air permit is an important milestone. This positive step validates the work and due-diligence of the staff and the board, regarding all that has occurred in the past three years of study and public meetings. Please be assured that the Board will continue the communications process with the community and interested parties.”

“This is obviously a major, positive step in the long process of establishing the feasibility of and moving this very significant project forward,” commented Jamestown City Mayor Samuel Teresi. “I would like to offer my congratulations and compliments to the BPU Board Members, staff, project development team and community supporters, who have been working so hard over the past five years on this investment in our region’s energy, environmental and economic future.”

Public comments on the EPA air permit will be accepted by the EPA. Public comments should be addressed to:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Region II  
Air Programs Branch  
290 Broadway  
NY, NY 10007  
Attention: Mr. Steven Riva

The draft air permit is available from this EPA office.

The BPU also is involved in the separate State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) process regarding the project. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) concerning the project was closed to public comment on January 19, 2007, after a lengthy schedule of public meetings and hearings. Board members of the BPU are expected to receive a draft of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) from BPU staff in the near future. The Board will then review and vote on acceptance of the FEIS.