



JUNE 2020 ISSUE | PEP MEMBER NEWS

Dear PEP Members:

I hope this newsletter finds you all doing well and enjoying the official kick-off of summer. We have some exciting new Board of Directors updates to share with you. I am pleased to report that Spencer Wiggins (Hancock Whitney Bank) has officially accepted the position as PEP Board President. David Sheid (Outokumpu) is now Vice President of the board, and Monica Garsed (Spire) has assumed the role of Past President. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Monica for all of the work that she accomplished on behalf of PEP when she served as Board President. We are grateful to Monica and to Spencer and David for their leadership of the board of directors.

PEP member companies are returning to the office/site at different speeds and with a variety of social distancing requirements. We will continue to plan our upcoming events with these differences in mind. We will incorporate in-person attendance and virtual platforms, or a combination of both, along with State and CDC recommended guidelines. Please take a look at the list of updates below and be sure to stay tuned for further details.

- PEP Membership Breakfast July 16th, featuring representatives from the Land Division of ADEM. More details and registration COMING SOON.
- Annual Meeting and Member Environmental Stewardship Awards - POSTPONED until Thursday, August 20, GulfQuest Maritime Museum
- 20th Annual Golf Outing - POSTPONED Thursday, October 1, Magnolia Grove Golf Course
- Reverse Trade Show, October 15, Fort Whiting
- And many more events this Fall..

I want to call your attention to the new film released by the Mobile Bay National Estuary Program. Using science, facts and technical analysis, this film explores the impacts of both EPA approved options that Alabama Power has for closing the coal ash ponds at Plant Barry. It lays out *all* of the facts, and you can decide which option is best. Please see the video highlighted below.

Please continue to stay well.  
Best,

Jennifer Denson  
Executive Director



On June 23, 2020 the Mobile Bay National Estuary Program released the short film, *The Unintended Consequences of Convenience: The Story of Coal Ash in Alabama*. The educational, animated, piece is the culmination of a year of research into the EPA's Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) rule and Alabama Power's plan to close-in-place the 597-acre Plant Barry coal ash pond - situated on the banks of the Mobile River. It can be viewed at <http://www.mobilebaynep.com/Delta>. At this site, you will also find numerous fact sheets, scientific reviews and studies and other technical reports.

During the course of the research and production of the film, MBNEP gathered extensive literature related to the CCR Rule and closure options and contracted two firms to conduct independent analyses of Alabama Power's Closure Plan. Re-known firm, Cook Hydrogeology, assessed geologic and hydrologic factors underlying the Plan and D'Apollonia Engineers, a civil, environmental, and geotechnical engineering services firm, who reviewed factors related to structural integrity aspects of that Plan.

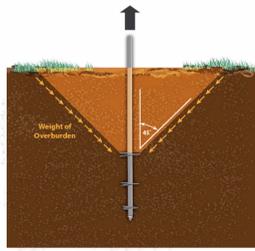
MBNEP began development of this film after being approached by stakeholders and elected officials seeking information on Alabama Power's closure plan to close-in-place the coal ash pond at Plant Barry. The film, supported with funding from the State of Alabama and Mobile and Baldwin counties, provides detailed analyses and comparisons of factors relating to the two CCR-approved closure options of Barry's pond, close-in-place or close-by-removal, with facts and information to help inform community understanding of the Plan.

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Thank you to TorcSill Foundations, LLC and their recent presentation at our June PEP Lunch and Learn on the topic of value engineering of helical piling systems and how TorcSill Helical Piling provide several environmental benefits. The installation causes very little (if any) vibration of the ground, which is quite important when installing in environmentally sensitive areas, such as historical sites or wetlands. This is because helical piles can be installed using non-disruptive equipment, that tends to be smaller, more convenient and more energy-efficient equipment than other types of piling methods. Helical piling are installed using smaller equipment and also benefit from their light weight during shipping which allows fewer trucks, therefore reducing the carbon footprint.

Lastly, the ease of removing helical piles is almost comparable to the ease of the initial installation, which means minimal energy is used to recycle them. In fact, they are often made with partially recycled metals such as steel, which can be reused repeatedly. For more information, please contact Dustin Braud at Torcsill Industries, LLC [dbraud@torcsill.com](mailto:dbraud@torcsill.com).

Minimum Depth



Considerations:

- Active zone
- Lateral analysis
- Weak soil layers

Elevated Slug Catcher Foundations



PEP EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE  
JULY MEMBERSHIP BREAKFAST

Thursday, July 16th  
6:30am - 8:00am

Land Division of ADEM

REGISTRATION DETAILS COMING SOON

WELCOME NEW PEP MEMBER

