

Closure of the Southport Power Plant – Update #2



We are writing with a further update on the status of the Southport Power Plant, following up on the letter we sent you in early March. We hope you will find this information helpful.

Plant operations have now ended

Power generation operations at the Southport Power Plant ended on schedule on March 31, 2021. The decision to cease operations was made as the power purchase agreement for the facility expired and was not renewed. Sadly, this impacted the 50 employees at the plant. Capital Power provided all our staff with transition support to new employment or retirement. We wish everyone well in the future.

Decommissioning work is now complete

Immediately after the end of operations, we began an orderly process of safely decommissioning the facility. The decommissioning process involved several steps, including cleaning up the fuel yard and plant components, and de-energizing from the power grid. For example, the fuel conveyors, boilers, boiler house, and ash silos were cleaned and any residual debris was taken off site to an approved landfill. Oil that was used for routine maintenance was removed from the site and our generator connection to the electrical transmission system was detached (we are still connected for power to general site services). Our goal with this work was to ensure a clean plant-site, with hazards safely managed in preparation for the next phase of the project.

More information coming

We will be sharing more information with you as our plans develop and the timing of activities is determined. We will continue to provide this information to you by mail, however, if you are interested in receiving future communication via email, please let us know by sending your email address to publicconsultation@capitalpower.com (we do not require personally identifiable information such as a physical address or phone number).

If you have questions about this project, please feel free to contact our toll-free line at 1-855-703-5005.

Selecting a general contractor for the next phase

Capital Power is now working on selecting a general contractor for the demolition, salvage/recycling and land reclamation process. This began with a general inquiry to contractors with specialties in this field; from the responses we received we generated a short-list of experienced and qualified companies for the purposes of a formal request for proposal process. Among the criteria we will use to select a contractor will be safety, past experience, and their record of managing the impacts of demolition projects, in terms of dust, noise and traffic. We will be working closely with the contractor to minimize disruptions to the community.

We continue to develop our schedule for the demolition of the facility. We will provide another update to residents once timelines are clarified.

As we've previously mentioned, the land where the Plant is located is owned by Duke Energy. Through discussion with Duke, we are aware that they are looking at a variety of options for the site but have made no decisions at this point.

Thank you to the City, County and our community partners

Capital Power would like to express our sincere gratitude to the City of Southport and Brunswick County, as well as to our employees, contractors and many community partners – we are proud to have served the community for the past 15 years. In recognition of some of the local charities and community organizations of Southport and Brunswick County, we have made farewell contributions to our friends at the:

- Southport Fire Department
- Doshier Memorial Hospital Foundation
- Brunswick Family Assistance Agency
- Brunswick County NAACP Branch

Sincerely,
Capital Power's Southport Facility Project Team



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