

North Carolina Coastal Federation

Working Together for a Healthy Coast

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Titan Cement Opponents Will Speak at Forum

WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH - The N.C. Coastal Federation will host an informative speaker's series focused on the status of the proposed Titan Cement Plant, on Wednesday, Jan. 14 beginning at 7pm at the federation's Wrightsville Beach office. Mike Giles, federation coastal advocate, and Karen Dunn, Clean Communities coordinator, will detail the history of the proposed project in New Hanover County and provide their insights as to where it currently stands.

The federation, along with six partners, has been fighting for six years to stop the cement plant from opening on the Northeast Cape Fear River.

The groups contend that the plant, which will burn over 250,000 tons of coal a year, will discharge mercury and other hazardous pollutants into an already impaired river system. It will emit 200 tons of particulate matter into the air each year, increasing the risk of respiratory illnesses. The plant will also discharge significant amounts of nitrogen and sulfur dioxide into the atmosphere, contributing to smog and acid rain. The Titan plant will pump as many as 16 million gallons of water a day from the Castle Hayne and Pee Dee aquifers, increasing the risk of contaminated drinking water and water shortages.

Learn about these and other potential environmental, health and economic issue of the proposed project. Giles and Dunn will answer questions and discuss ways for people to join the effort to stop Titan. Register online at www.nccoast.org or at the federation's office at 309 W. Salisbury St. in Wrightsville Beach. The talk is free, but donations will be accepted.

For more information contact Mike Giles at mikeg@nccoast.org. Details about the federation can be found at www.nccoast.org. Detailed information about the Stop Titan Action Network can be found at http://stoptitan.org/.

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About the North Carolina Coastal Federation: "Working Together for a Healthy Coast"

The N.C. Coastal Federation is the state's only non-profit organization focused exclusively on protecting and restoring the coast of North Carolina through education, advocacy and habitat restoration and preservation. The federation's headquarters are at 3609 N.C. 24 in Ocean between Morehead City and Swansboro and the office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The federation also operates field offices in Wrightsville Beach and Manteo. For more information call 252.393.8185 or check our website at www.nccoast.org.

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