Plant Gadsden Timeline

The Gadsden Electric Generating Facility is a two-unit, natural gas fired, power generation facility.

1949
The plant began commercial operation

1950

2010

JUNE 2010
Environmental Protection Agency proposes coal ash regulations

2015

EARLY 2015
Alabama Power begins working on compliance plans

MARCH 2015
Converted Units 1 and 2 to natural gas

MID 2015
EPA coal ash regulations finalized

OCTOBER 2015
Dewatering plan sent to the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM)

NOVEMBER 2015
ADEM approved dewatering plan

DECEMBER 2015
Alabama Power notified ADEM of intent to initiate closure of ash pond

JANUARY 2016
Dewatering and ash pond closure began

LATE 2017
Final cover system installed

APRIL 2018
Full-scale, low-volume wastewater treatment system operational

JUNE 2018
ADEM's coal ash regulations finalized

SEPTEMBER 2018
Physical pond closure completed

2020

FEBRUARY 2020
ADEM issued formal, written approval for closure variances

APRIL 2020
Alabama Power submitted notice of closure completion to ADEM

Closure reduced ash pond footprint from 77 acres to 61 acres