

News Release



Southern Environmental, Inc. Receives Contract for Major Electrostatic Precipitator Upgrade Project

Pensacola, FL - Southern Environmental, Inc. (SEI), a Pensacola-based engineering/fabrication/construction firm, was recently awarded a more than \$60 million electrostatic precipitator (ESP) project, one of the largest in its history, for a major Midwest utility. This order is the third major ESP award to SEI by this utility, dating from 2001, and once again demonstrates the confidence that large utilities have in SEI's modern ESP design and project execution capabilities.

The project scope includes the refurbishment of two, 40-year-old ESP systems, each downstream of 650 megawatt coal-fired utility boilers and upstream of new limestone-based wet scrubber systems. An option for a third upgrade is expected to be exercised early this year.

ESPs are pollution control devices that use electrical forces to capture either liquid or solid particulate matter from a flue gas stream. For this project, the ESPs were designed to capture greater than 99.6 percent of the particulate produced by burning coal, as well as residue from injection of sorbents for mercury and acid gas emission control. This capture rate is well below the federal MATS limits for filterable particulate matter.

These ESPs are the twelfth major upgrade system provided by SEI for the coal-fired utility market utilizing its S³ technology. This design has dominated the utility marketplace for almost a decade due to its unique combination of high performance and lower price.

The majority of the system engineering and the steel fabrication will be completed at the SEI facility in Pensacola and shipped directly to the jobsite for final assembly and installation. At the height of the construction phase, more than 200 SEI personnel will be actively engaged at the site.

This major SEI project will span more than 2.5 years of sustained engineering and construction effort and showcases SEI's clear capability to meet high customer expectations of reliability and expertise in the execution of large air pollution control projects.

About Southern Environmental:

Southern Environmental, Inc. provides cost effective particulate control solutions for the power, recovery, refinery, steel and cement markets. These solutions include new ESPs and Baghouses, as well as retrofits, rebuilds and conversions. Southern Environmental, Inc. is part of the SEI Group of companies along with Southern Erectors, Inc. and Thermal Systems Group. SEI-Group was founded in 1973 and has its headquarters in Pensacola, Florida with a secondary fabric filter engineering office located in the Columbus, Ohio area.

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