

Environmental and Archaeological Surveying Q&A

Q. What is the next phase of Progress Energy Florida's proposed transmission line project?

A. As we finalize the routes for the transmission lines, the company must conduct further study. Environmental and archaeological surveys will be conducted in fall 2009.

Q. When will the surveys be conducted in my area?

A. Environmental and archaeological surveys begin in September and will continue until the end of the year. Schedules are subject to change. Progress Energy is mailing letters to people who own property in or near the rights of way.

- **Kathleen Line** (Pinellas, Hillsborough and Polk counties) – late September to the end of the year
- **Brooksville West Line** (Levy, Citrus and Hernando counties) – October through the end of the year
- **Sumter Line** (North Citrus, Sumter and Marion counties) – November through the end of the year

Q. What will the surveys involve?

A. If your property is near a proposed transmission route, you may see teams of one or two people, in vehicles or on foot, surveying wetlands, habitats and wildlife during daylight hours. Archaeological experts also may need to conduct soil tests in small areas. Much of this activity will involve visual inspections, however, flags and wooden stakes may be placed in the ground, to note wetlands or wildlife.

Q. Who will conduct the surveys?

A. Progress Energy Florida has hired three vendors to conduct this work: Golder Associates, MACTEC Inc. and Southeastern Archaeological Research Inc. Field crews' apparel and vehicles will be clearly marked with Progress Energy's or the vendors' logos.