

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PROPOSAL FOR REISSUANCE OF A NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) GENERAL PERMIT FOR FILTER BACKWASH DISCHARGE INTO WATERS OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) is considering the reissuance of a General NPDES permit, subject to specific pollutant limitations and special conditions:

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) proposes to reissue NPDES general permit number GAG640000, for filter backwash discharges. The general permit will authorize filter backwash discharges from water treatment plants with sludge handling capability as defined in the Federal Regulations promulgated under the Federal Clean Water Act.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations are invited to submit same in writing to the EPD address below, or via e-mail at EPD.comments@dnr.ga.gov, no later than thirty (30) days after this notification. If you choose to e-mail your comments, please be sure to include the words "General Filter Backwash NPDES Permit Reissuance (GAG640000)" in the subject line to ensure that your comments will be forwarded to the correct staff. All comments received prior to or on that date will be considered in the formulation of final determinations for these permits. A public hearing may be held where the EPD Director finds a significant degree of public interest in a proposed permit or group of permits. Additional information regarding public hearing procedures is available by writing the Environmental Protection Division.

A fact sheet or copy of the draft permit is available by writing the Environmental Protection Division. The draft permits, NOIs, comments received, and other information are available for review at 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Suite 1152 East, Atlanta, Georgia, 30334 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For additional information contact: Jeff Larson, Wastewater Regulatory Program, Phone (404) 463-1511.

Please bring this to the attention of persons who you know will be interested in this matter.