



GEORGIA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMITS FOR DISCHARGES FROM MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEMS (MS4s) TO THE WATERS OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA.

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) is considering the reissuance of NPDES permits for the following applicants, subject to specific permit requirements:

<u>Permittee</u>	<u>Permit Number</u>
Augusta-Richmond County	GAS000200
Bloomington	GAS000207
Chatham County	GAS000206
Columbus	GAS000202
Forsyth County	GAS000300
Garden City	GAS000208
Macon-Bibb County	GAS000301
Pooler	GAS000209
Port Wentworth	GAS000210
Savannah	GAS000205
Thunderbolt	GAS000211
Tybee Island	GAS000212

The proposed NPDES permits will authorize the discharge of stormwater from the municipal separate storm sewer systems to waters of the State. These NPDES permits will be valid for a maximum period of five years.

The draft permits and other information are available for review on the EPD website under epd.georgia.gov/storm-water or by writing EPD. The draft permits and other information also are available for review at:

**Georgia Department of Natural Resources
Environmental Protection Division
Watershed Protection Branch
NonPoint Source Program
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, Suite 1152 East
Atlanta, Georgia 30334**

The materials are available between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (except official State holidays).

Persons wishing to comment on the proposed permits are invited to submit their comments in writing to the EPD address above by close of business on January 27, 2017. All comments received before or on that date will be considered in the formulation of final determinations for these permits. "Draft Permit GAS000XXX" should be placed at the top of the first page of comments.

Comments may also be e-mailed to EPDComments@dnr.ga.gov. If you choose to e-mail your comments, please be sure to include the words "Draft Permit GAS000XXX" in the subject line to ensure that your comments will be forwarded to the correct staff.

A public meeting has been scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on Friday, January 27, 2017, at EPD's Training Room at 4244 International Parkway, Suite 114, Atlanta, Georgia 30354. A public hearing will be held at 10:00 a.m. at the same location, following the public meeting. The purpose of the public hearing will be to present and receive formal comments on the proposed permits for the official record. Additional information regarding public hearing procedures is available by writing EPD.

Participants at the public hearing will be requested to register upon arrival if they intend to give oral or written statements. At the public hearing, anyone may present data, make a statement, or comment, either orally or in writing. Oral statements should be concise and will be limited to five minutes in order to allow everyone an opportunity to be heard. Lengthy or technically complex statements should also be submitted in writing for the official record.

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