

**PUBLIC NOTICE
GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION**

PUBLIC NOTICE NO. 2018-23ML

DECEMBER 14, 2018

I. NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION FOR A NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT TO DISCHARGE TREATED WASTEWATER INTO WATERS OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

NPDES permits are valid for a maximum of five years. Prior to expiration of an existing permit, a new application must be submitted and evaluated.

An antidegradation analysis is conducted, as applicable, for new or expanded point source discharges that are proposed. The analysis evaluates whether allowing lower water quality is necessary to accommodate important economic or social development in the area in which the waters are located. In all cases, existing instream water uses and the level of water quality necessary to protect the existing use is maintained and protected.

All municipalities must be in compliance with the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) Service Delivery Strategy in order to receive a permit.

Having reviewed such applications, the Environmental Protection Division (EPD) is considering the issuance of NPDES permits to the following applicants, subject to specific pollutant limitations and special conditions.

NPDES PERMIT REISSUANCE

Banks County

Mount Vernon Mills, Inc., P.O. Box 100, Mauldin, South Carolina 29662, NPDES Permit No. GA0002461, for its textile mill located at 2850 Gainesville Highway, Alto, Georgia 30510 in Banks County. Approximately 0.001 MGD of A/C Condensate, Non-Contact Cooling Water, and Stormwater is discharged to an unnamed tributary of Mountain Creek in the Savannah River Basin.

Habersham County

Morito Scovill Americas, LLC dba Scovill Fasteners, Inc., 1802 Scovill Drive, Clarkesville, Georgia 30523, NPDES Permit No. GA0001112, for its metal finishing facility located at 1802 Scovill Drive, Clarkesville, Georgia 30523 in Habersham County. A maximum of 0.219 MGD of process wastewater, cleaning/wash water, non-contact cooling water, boiler blowdown, and groundwater remediation system wastewater is discharged into the Soquee River in the Chattahoochee River Basin.

Madison County

Columbia Farms of Georgia, Inc. P.O. Box 200 Lavonia, Georgia 30553, NPDES Permit No. GA0039098, for its poultry feed manufacturing facility located at 55 Cooper Road, Comer, Georgia 30629 in Madison County. Approximately 0.017 MGD of boiler blowdown and backwater water from water softener is discharged to an unnamed tributary of South Fork Broad River in the Savannah River Basin.

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McDuffie County

City of Thomson, Post Office Box 1017, Thomson, GA 30824, NPDES Permit No. GA0020974, for the Thomson Water Pollution Control Plant located at Southside Drive, Thomson, Georgia 30824. Up to 2.5 MGD of treated wastewater is being discharged to Whites Creek in the Savannah River Basin.

Pike County

City of Concord, P.O. Box 175, Concord, GA 30206, NPDES Permit No. GA0025470, for the South Water Pollution Control Plant located at Spring Road, Concord, Georgia 30206. Up to 0.10 MGD of treated wastewater is being discharged to unnamed tributary to Elkins Creek in the Flint River Basin.

Polk County

Rockmart Slate Corporation, P.O. Box 468, Rockmart, Georgia 30153, NPDES Permit No. GA0001929, for its slate mining and crushing facility located at 480 S. Marble Street, Rockmart, Georgia 30153, Polk County. Approximately 0.024 MGD of stormwater and pit pumpout is discharged to Simpson Creek in the Coosa River Basin.

NPDES PERMIT MODIFICATION

Bartow County

City of Adairsville, 116 Public Square, Adairsville, GA 30103, NPDES Permit No. GA0046035, for the North Water Pollution Control Plant located at 179 Old Dixie Highway, Adairsville, Georgia 30103. The permit is being modified to include language for an approved Industrial Pretreatment Program and to reduce the monitoring frequency for nutrients.

Floyd County

City of Rome, P.O. Box 1433, Rome, Georgia 30162, for its Rome Water Reclamation Facility (WRF), NPDES Permit No. GA0024112 – The City’s Sludge Management Plan, incorporated under the referenced permit, to land apply sewage sludge is to be amended to include Site GA-FL-20 (Approximately 128 acres located on Collins Road, Kingston, GA) and Site GA-FL-22 (Approximately 354 acres located on Morris Road, Silver Creek, GA) in Floyd County.

Georgia Power Company, 241 Ralph McGill Boulevard NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30308, NPDES Permit No. GA0001457, for its steam electric power generating facility located at 5963 Alabama Highway, S.W. in the City of Rome, Floyd County, Georgia. Approximately 668.32 MGD of steam electric power generating wastewater (once through cooling water, low volume wastewater, coal pile and coal ash pond wastewater, flue gas desulfurization wastewater, and stormwater), is discharged to the Coosa River (external outfall nos. 01, 03, 04, and 05) and Smith Cabin Creek (external outfall no. 10) in the Coosa River Basin. The permit is being modified to address 40 CFR Part 125.90, Subpart J – Requirements Applicable to Cooling Water Intake Structures for Existing Facilities Under Section 316(b) of the Clean Water Act.

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Forsyth County

Tyson Poultry Inc., P.O Box 247, Forsyth, Georgia 30028, NPDES Permit No. GA0001074, for its facility located at 213 Industrial Park Drive, Cumming, Forsyth County, Georgia. An average of 1.1 MGD of treated process wastewater from processing chickens is discharged to Orr Creek in the Chattahoochee River Basin. Furthermore, language for an approved Sludge Management Plan to deliver sludge to an offsite preparer has been added to the permit.

NPDES PERMIT TERMINATION

Floyd County

Martin Marietta Materials, Inc., 1725 Windward Plz, Suite 300 Alpharetta, Georgia 30005, NPDES Permit No. GA0037729, for its crushed stone quarry facility located at 3785 Cave Spring Rd SW, Rome, GA 30161 in Floyd County. The Martin Marietta – Six Mile Quarry has requested coverage under the General Mining permit no GAG300000. NPDES Permit No. GA0037729 is no longer necessary.

II. NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION FOR A LAND APPLICATION SYSTEM PERMIT FOR THE DISPOSAL OF WASTEWATER APPLIED TO THE SURFACE OR BENEATH THE SURFACE OF LAND.

Land Application System (LAS) permits are valid for a maximum of five years. Prior to expiration of an existing permit, a new application must be submitted and evaluated.

All municipalities must be in compliance with the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) Service Delivery Strategy in order to receive a permit.

LAS PERMIT REISSUANCE

Barrow County

Harrison Poultry, Inc., 107 Star Street, Bethlehem, GA 30620, Permit No. GAJ010532 for a commercial waste treatment facility located at 215 Smith Mill Road, Bethlehem, Georgia in Barrow County. Approximately 1.23 MGD of pretreated poultry processing wastewater will be land applied to a site in the Oconee River Basin.

Fulton County

Atlantic Station Master’s Association – Atlantic Station, Atlanta, GA 30363, Permit No. GAJ040016 for a treated groundwater urban reuse system located at Atlantic Station, Atlanta, GA 30363. Approximately 0.03 MGD of treated groundwater will be land applied to a site in the Chattahoochee River Basin.

LAS PERMIT MODIFICATION

Early County

White Oak Pastures, Inc., P.O. Box 98, Bluffton, Georgia 39824, LAS Permit No. GAJ010523 for its poultry and livestock operations facility located at U .S. Highway 27 South, Bluffton, Georgia 39824. An average of 0.0085 MGD of treated wastewater is land applied in the Flint River Basin.

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III. NOTICE OF AN INDUSTRIAL PRETREATMENT PROGRAM

INDUSTRIAL PRETREATMENT PROGRAM – MODIFICATION

Fulton County

Fulton County Department of Public Works, 7520 Cochran Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30349, for substantial modifications to its industrial pretreatment program covering the Johns Creek Environmental Campus WPCP (Permit No. GA0038831), Camp Creek WPCP (Permit No. GA0025381), and Big Creek WPCP (Permit No. GA0024333). This modification will serve to revise Fulton County's local limits.

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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 EPDcomments@dnr.ga.gov, no later than January 13, 2019. Please use the words "Public Notice No. 2018-23ML" and the name of the subject facility that you are commenting on 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 regarding the application. In the case of the permits which are on this notice for proposed modification, only those conditions -subject to modification are open to public comment. In the case of the Industrial Pretreatment Program Approvals and Modifications comments are to be submitted to EPD no later than January 28, 2019. A public hearing may be requested or additional information regarding public hearing procedures is available by writing the EPD at the address noted below.

A fact sheet or copy of draft permits are available by writing the Environmental Protection Division. The permit application, draft permit, comments received, and other information are available for review at 2 MLK Jr. Dr. S.W., 1152 East Tower, Atlanta, Georgia 30334. For additional information contact: Audra Dickson, Wastewater Regulatory Program, phone (404) 463-1511. Please bring this notice to the attention of interested persons.

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**Notice of Proposed Land Application System General Permit for Land Application of
Animal Feeding Waste at Medium Animal Feeding Operations, Permit No. GAG920000.**

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) proposes to issue a Land Application System General Permit for Animal Feeding Operations. The proposed General Permit will authorize land application systems at medium animal feeding operations (301 to 1000 animal units) that receive animal feeding manure and process wastewater and operate in accordance with an approved nutrient management plan (NMP) within the State of Georgia. The proposed LAS General Permit area is state-wide. LAS Permits are valid for a maximum of five years.

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 EPDcomments@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 Land Application System Permit for Land Application of Animal Feeding Waste – 301 to 1000 Animal Units, Permit No. GAG920000" 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 regarding the application. 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. A copying charge of 10 cents per page will be assessed. The permit application, draft permit, comments received, and other information are available for review at 2 MLK, Jr. Dr. Suite 1152E, Atlanta, GA 30334, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For additional information contact: Audra Dickson, Wastewater Regulatory Program, phone (404) 463-4934 or e-mail audra.dickson@dnr.ga.gov.

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**Notice of Proposed Land Application System General Permit for Land Application of
Animal Feeding Waste at Large Animal Feeding Operations, Permit No. GAG940000.**

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) proposes to issue a Land Application System General Permit for Animal Feeding Operations. The proposed General Permit will authorize land application systems at large animal feeding operations (more than 1000 animal units) that receive animal feeding manure and process wastewater and operate in accordance with an approved nutrient management plan (NMP) within the State of Georgia. The proposed LAS General Permit area is state-wide. LAS Permits are valid for a maximum of five years.

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 EPDcomments@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 Land Application System Permit for Land Application of Animal Feeding Waste – More Than 1000 Animal Units, Permit No. GAG940000" 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 regarding the application. 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.

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Local Pretreatment Program Approval

In accordance with Chapter 391-3-6-.09, Rules and Regulations for Water Quality Control, notice is hereby given of the approval by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division for the new local pretreatment program for the City of Adairsville. The pretreatment program provides for the administration and enforcement of pretreatment standards for industrial users of the publicly owned treatment works.

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Notice of Application for National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit to Discharge Treated Wastewater Into Waters of the State of Georgia.

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division has received a new NPDES permit application for the reissuance of an existing NPDES permit. Having reviewed such application, the Environmental Protection Division proposes to issue for a maximum term of five years the following permit subject to specific pollutant limitations and special conditions:

Georgia Power Company – Plant Yates, 241 Ralph McGill Blvd NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30308, NPDES Permit No. GA0001473, for its steam electric power generating facility located at 708 Dyer Road, Newnan, Georgia 30263 in Coweta County. A maximum of 64.4 MGD of legacy ash transport water, low volume waste, cooling tower blowdown, and intake screen backwash is discharged to the Chattahoochee River in the Chattahoochee River Basin.

EPD will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on January 22, 2019. The hearing will be held at Elm Street Elementary School located at 46 Elm St., Newnan, Georgia 30263. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive comments on the draft NPDES permit for Georgia Power Company – Plant Yates.

The public hearing is a formal process to receive comments on the draft permit. Participants who wish to comment for the record are requested to sign in upon arrival. Hearing participants will not be subject to questions from the audience, but may be questioned by the Hearing Officer for clarification of technical points or to develop a better understanding of statements. Questions asked by participants making statements will be answered by EPD in writing at a later date. Lengthy statements or statements of a considerable technical or economic nature should be submitted in writing for the official record. During the hearing, oral statements shall be limited to three (3) minutes to allow everyone an opportunity to be heard. Comments should be confined to water quality issues.

Written comments are welcomed. To ensure their consideration, written comments should be received by close of business on **January 25, 2019**. Please address written comments to the address listed below, or via e-mail at EPDcomments@dnr.ga.gov. If you choose to e-mail your comments, please be sure to include the words “NPDES Permit Issuance – Georgia Power Company – Plant Yates” in the subject line to ensure that your comments will be forwarded to the correct staff. A fact sheet or copy of the draft permit is available by writing the Environmental Protection Division. The permit application, draft permit, comments received, and other information are available for review at 2 MLK Jr. Drive, Suite 1152E, Atlanta, GA 30334, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For additional information contact: Audra Dickson, Wastewater Regulatory Program, phone (404) 463-4934 or e-mail audra.dickson@dnr.ga.gov.