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Notice of Draft Groundwater Withdrawal Permit – Chatham Water Utility, LLC – Affiliated Chatham County Systems – October 1, 2021

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) announces its intent to issue a Modified Groundwater Withdrawal Permit No. 025-0040 for water withdrawal of 2.550 MGD/ 1.675 MGD (Monthly Average/Annual Average in million gallons per day) from twenty-two well(s) in the Floridan aquifer for the purpose of a central water supply. The modification will consist of merging DW Permit No. GA0510096 (Runaway Point) into Groundwater Withdrawal Permit No. 025-0040. EPD is proposing to increase the permit limits on GW Permit No. 025-0040 by 0.100 mgd and increase the number of wells by one. This action will bring Runaway Point into compliance with exceeding the Groundwater Permitting threshold of 100,000 gpd, with any water usage above 100,000 gpd being covered by the permit limit buffer of existing GW Permit No. 025-0040.

MODIFIED GROUNDWATER WITHDRAWAL PERMIT

Permittee's Name: Chatham Water Utility, LLC – Affiliated Chatham County Systems

Permittee's Address: Savannah, GA 31401

River Basin: Ogeechee and Savannah

Comment Period Expires: November 1, 2021

Additional Information: The draft permit and all information used to develop the draft permit are available for review. The information includes the application and all relevant supporting materials available to the permitting authority used in the permit review process. This information is available for review at the office of the Watershed Protection Branch, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr., S.E., East Floyd Towers, Suite 1152, Atlanta, Georgia 30334. All comments received prior to or on the comment period expiration date above will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the permit.

Persons wishing to comment on the draft Permit are required to submit their comments, in writing, to:

Bill Frechette, Unit Manager
Water Supply Program – **Groundwater Withdrawal Unit**2 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr., S.E.
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A public hearing may be held if the Director of the EPD finds a significant degree of public interest in a draft permit.