

**EPD Watershed Protection Branch  
Notice of Stakeholder Meeting regarding the Addition of  
Operator Class III G to the  
Rules for Safe Drinking Water, Chapter 391-3-5**

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) Watershed Protection Branch will hold a virtual stakeholder meeting to discuss adding the newly created Drinking Water Operator Class III G to the public water system classification. The meeting will be held on **Thursday, November 2, 2023, at 10:00 am** on the Zoom web conferencing platform. The login information for the meeting is listed below.

The new drinking water operator Class III G was created by Georgia Board of Examiners for Certification of Water & Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators and Laboratory Analysts. EPD is proposing rule changes to include this new classification to Rule 391-3-5-.39 Public Water System Classification. An excerpt of the proposed requirement is attached below.

The purpose of this meeting is to inform and solicit input from the public and impacted organizations regarding these requirements. EPD will also listen to comments and address stakeholder questions during the meeting. A copy of these items may also be requested by contacting Mr. Manny Patel, Drinking Water Program Manager, at [manny.patel@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:manny.patel@dnr.ga.gov) or (470) 524-0585.

**Zoom Meeting Details:**

Thursday, November 2, 2023, beginning at 10:00 a.m. (Eastern Standard Time)

**Link to Join:**

<https://gaepd.zoom.us/j/96839307593?pwd=TUJkSmhhVUZlKzZ6UE5FYkFvSHhadz09>

**Meeting ID:** 968 3930 7593

**Passcode:** 743462

Those joining via computer can use their computer audio, or may also dial-in.  
Dial-in number: 1- 470-381-2552 (with same Meeting ID as above)

At the stakeholder meeting, anyone may present data, make a statement, or offer comments either orally or in writing. Lengthy statements or statements of a considerable technical or economic nature, as well as previously recorded messages, should be submitted in writing.

Written comments are also welcomed and should be received by close of business on **Thursday, November 9, 2023**. Written comments may be emailed to [EPDComments@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:EPDComments@dnr.ga.gov). Please include the words "Drinking Water Program Updates" in the subject line to help ensure that your comments will be forwarded to the correct staff.

## DRAFT RULE EXCERPTS FOR STAKEHOLDER MEETING DISCUSSION

### Rule 391-3-5-.39 Public Water System Classification\_

Public Water System Classification for Community and Non-transient Non-community Systems <sup>(1)</sup>

System Size	Class I	Class II	Class III	<u>Class IIIG</u>	Class IV
Surface water with conventional treatment plant	5.0 MGD or greater	4.99 MGD or less	n/a	<u>n/a</u>	n/a
Surface water with package or non-conventional treatment plant	1.0 MGD or greater	0.99 MGD or less	n/a	<u>n/a</u>	n/a
Surface water with approved high-rate filtration	3.0 gpm/sq.ft. or greater	Less than 3.0 gpm/sq.ft.	n/a	<u>n/a</u>	n/a
Groundwater under the direct influence of surface water	1.0 MGD or greater	Greater than 0.1 MGD to 0.99 MGD	0.1 MGD or less	<u>n/a</u>	n/a
Groundwater	50,000 or greater population	10,000 to 49,999 population	1,000 to 9,999 population	<u>1,000 to 9,999 population</u>	25 to 999 population
Distribution Systems	Certification is required for the operator of public water distribution systems.				

Note: (1) MGD is million gallons per day; gpm/sq.ft. is gallons per minute per square-foot filter surface area; n/a is not applicable.