

**Notice of Draft Groundwater Withdrawal Permits –
Thiele Kaolin Company & Imerys Clays, Inc. – Deepstep Road Plant –
April 8, 2022**

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) announces its intent to issue a New Groundwater Withdrawal Permit No. 150-0027 for water withdrawal of 1.224 MGD/ 1.224 MGD (Monthly Average/Annual Average in million gallons per day) from one well in the Dublin-Midville and Cretaceous Sand aquifers for the purpose of process water for kaolin processing, cooling water, a central water supply, and sanitary facilities.

GW Permit No. 150-0006 (Deepstep Road Plant) is being split into two permits (150-0006 & 150-0027). The cumulative permit limits (9.144 mgd monthly & annual avg.), and cumulative number of wells (seven) will remain unchanged.

GW Permit No. 150-0006 will be transferred / issued to Thiele Kaolin Company with permit limits of 7.920 mgd monthly and annual avg., from six wells.

New GW Permit No. 150-0027 will be issued to Imerys Clays, Inc. with permit limits of 1.224 mgd monthly and annual avg., from one well.

NEW GROUNDWATER WITHDRAWAL PERMIT No. 150-0027

Permittee's Name: Imerys Clays, Inc. – Deepstep Road Plant

Permittee's Address: Sandersville, GA 31082

River Basin: Oconee

MODIFIED GROUNDWATER WITHDRAWAL PERMIT No. 150-0006

Permittee's Name: Thiele Kaolin Company – Deepstep Road Plant

Permittee's Address: Sandersville, GA 31082

River Basin: Oconee

Comment Period Expires: May 9, 2022

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.
East Floyd Towers, Suite 1362
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

A public hearing may be held if the Director of the EPD finds a significant degree of public interest in a draft permit.