

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION

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Notice of Draft Groundwater Withdrawal Permits – KaMin LLC & BASF Corporation – November 15, 2022

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) announces its intent to issue a New Groundwater Withdrawal Permit No. 158-0021 for water withdrawal of 6.000 MGD/ 6.000 MGD (Monthly Average/Annual Average in million gallons per day) from two wells in the Cretaceous Sand & Tuscaloosa Formation aquifers for the purpose of process water for kaolin processing.

GW Permit No. 158-0001 (BASF Corporation – MidGA Plant) is being split into two permits (158-0001 & 158-0021). The cumulative permit limits (24.000 mgd monthly & annual avg.), and cumulative number of wells (thirty-two) will remain unchanged.

GW Permit No. 158-0001 will be transferred / issued to KaMin LLC with permit limits of 18.000 mgd monthly and annual avg., from thirty wells.

New GW Permit No. 158-0021 will be issued to BASF Corporation with permit limits of 6.000 mgd monthly and annual avg., from two wells.

NEW GROUNDWATER WITHDRAWAL PERMIT No. 158-0021

Permittee's Name: BASF Corporation – Edgar Plant (McIntyre)

Permittee's Address: McIntyre, GA 31054

River Basin: Oconee

MODIFIED GROUNDWATER WITHDRAWAL PERMIT No. 158-0001

Permittee's Name: KaMin LLC – Dixie Mine / Scott Mine / Washington Co Mine / Gordon Plant / Daveyville Plant / Toddville Plant

Permittee's Address: Macon, GA 31217

River Basin: Oconee

Comment Period Expires: December 15, 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 1052, 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 1052 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.