

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION

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Notice of Public Hearing on Draft Groundwater Withdrawal Permit for Plug Power Notice Date: November 20, 2024

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) previously announced its intent to issue a New Groundwater Withdrawal Permit No. 020-0016 for water withdrawal of 1.100 MGD/ 1.100 MGD (Monthly Average/Annual Average in million gallons per day) from two well(s) in the Floridan aquifer for the purpose of cooling water and process water for a hydrogen power facility. Based on several requests to hold a public hearing on this withdrawal permit, EPD announces a public hearing at the following date and time:

Thursday, December 12, 2024 Start time: 1:00 pm

EPD will be hosting this public hearing via Zoom. Zoom is a free web conferencing platform that also allows participation by phone. To participate in the public hearing, please click the following link or copy and paste it into your browser:

https://gaepd.zoom.us/j/97540551993?pwd=U6ptzhywkObFnFBhPfXdWNt9kLs8H8.1 Meeting ID: 975 4055 1993 Passcode: 260155

To dial in by phone, please call this number: 888-788-0099 (Toll-free). When prompted, enter the Meeting ID and/or Passcode shown above.

At the public hearing, EPD will be accepting comments on the draft permit. The draft permit is <u>available here</u>, and the permit application and related materials are available upon request to <u>john.ariail@dnr.ga.gov</u>. Written comments are also welcomed. All comments should be received on or before **December 30, 2024**. Written comments may be emailed to <u>EPDComments@dnr.ga.gov</u> or sent via regular mail addressed to EPD Watershed Protection Branch, Groundwater Withdrawal Unit, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr., S.E., East Floyd Towers, Suite 1052, Atlanta, Georgia 30334. If you choose to e-mail your comments, please include the words "Plug Power Draft Permit" in the subject line to help ensure that your comments will be forwarded to the correct staff.