

EPD Watershed Protection Branch

Notice of Stakeholder Meeting regarding Draft Proposed Updates to the Rules for Safe Drinking Water, Chapter 391-3-5, Relating to Consumer Confidence Report Rule Revisions

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) Watershed Protection Branch will hold a virtual stakeholder meeting to discuss proposed updates to the Rules for Safe Drinking Water, Chapter 391-3-5 on **Thursday, September 10, 2026 beginning at 2:00 p.m.** on the Zoom web conferencing platform. The login information for the meeting is below.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) finalized revisions to the Consumer Confidence Report Rule (CCR Rule), which became effective on June 24, 2024. States must adopt the standards of the federal rule revisions into their state programs and rules. More information on EPA's rulemaking and announcement can be found here:

<https://www.epa.gov/ccr/consumer-confidence-report-rule-revisions>

EPD has prepared draft proposed rule updates to incorporate the CCR Rule revisions into the Rules for Safe Drinking Water, Chapter 391-3-5. The draft rule amendments include proposed updates to Rules 391-3-5-.02 ("Definitions"), 391-3-5-.30 ("Reporting Requirements"), and 391-3-5-.41 ("Consumer Confidence Reports"). The draft proposed rule updates are included below.

The purpose of the stakeholder meeting is to inform and solicit input from the public and interested stakeholders regarding proposed changes to the rules. EPD will also listen to comments and address stakeholder questions during the meeting. A copy of these items may also be requested by contacting Ms. Jennifer Morson of the Watershed Protection Branch at jennifer.morson@dnr.ga.gov or (470) 524-0576.

Zoom Meeting Details:

<https://gaepd.zoom.us/j/95367008297?pwd=sb7y6VVg13bQrRabCf97VHrOJnOpZR.1>

Meeting ID: 953 6700 8297

Passcode: 206844

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 **Friday, September 18, 2026**. Written comments may be emailed to EPDComments@dnr.ga.gov. Please include the words "Drinking Water: CCR Rule Updates" in the subject line to help ensure that your comments will be forwarded to the correct staff.

DRAFT RULE AMENDMENTS FOR STAKEHOLDER DISCUSSION

Rule 391-3-5-.02 Definitions

All terms used in these rules shall be interpreted in accordance with the definitions as set forth in the Georgia Safe Drinking Water Act of 1977 or as herein defined:

(1) "Act" means the Georgia Safe Drinking Water Act of 1977, as amended.

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(27) "Consumer Confidence Report" means ~~an annual~~ report that community water systems must deliver to their customers which, as a minimum, contains information on the quality of the water delivered by the system and characterizes the risks (if any) from exposure to contaminants detected in the drinking water in an accurate and understandable manner.

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391-3-5-.30 Reporting Requirements

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(13) Content of Consumer Confidence Reports. 40 CFR §~~§~~ 141.153 through 141.156 ~~is are~~ hereby incorporated by reference.

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Rule 391-3-5-.41 Consumer Confidence Reports

(1) **Purpose and Applicability.** 40 CFR Part 141, Subpart O § 141.151 is hereby incorporated by reference.

(2) **Effective Dates.**

(a) Each existing community water system must deliver ~~to all its customers its first reports by October 19, 1999, its second report by July 1, 2000, and subsequent reports according to § 141.155 by July 1 each year annually thereafter. The first report must contain data collected during, or prior to, calendar year 1998 as prescribed in 40 CFR Part 141, Subpart O § 141.153(d)(3). Each report thereafter delivered by July 1 must contain data collected during, or prior to, the previous calendar year, or the most recent calendar year before the previous calendar year.~~

(b) A new community water system must deliver to all its customers its first report by July 1 of the year after its first full calendar year in operation ~~and annually thereafter.~~

(c) A community water system that sells water to another community water system must deliver the applicable information required in 40 CFR Part 141, Subpart O § 141.153 to the buyer system:

1. ~~No later than April 19, 1999, by April 1, 2000, and b~~By April 1, 2027, and annually thereafter; or

2. On a date mutually agreed upon by the seller and the purchaser, and specifically included in a contract between the parties.

3. A community water system that sells water to another community water system that is

required to provide reports biannually according to 40 CFR Part 141, Subpart O § 141.155(i) must provide the applicable information required in 40 CFR Part 141, Subpart O § 141.155(j) by October 1, 2027, to the buyer system, and annually thereafter, or a date mutually agreed upon by the seller and the purchaser, included in a contract between the parties.

(3) **Content of the reports:** 40 CFR Part 141, Subpart O § 141.153 is hereby incorporated by reference.

(4) **Required additional health information:** 40 CFR Part 141, Subpart O § 141.154 is hereby incorporated by reference.

(5) **Report delivery, reporting, and recordkeeping:** 40 CFR Part 141, Subpart O § 141.155 is hereby incorporated by reference.

(6) **Summary of report contents:** 40 CFR Part 141, Subpart O § 141.156 is hereby incorporated by reference.

(~~6~~7) Appendix A to Subpart O of 40 CFR Part 141 — Regulated Contaminants is hereby incorporated by reference.

(~~7~~8) **Electronic Delivery.**

(a) Community water systems may provide Consumer Confidence Reports electronically provided that:

1. The manner of the electronic delivery is a direct communication link, without use of an intermediary service;
2. There is an explanatory notice that accompanies the direct communication link;
3. The entire content of the Consumer Confidence Report is accessible;
4. The community water system shall provide the Consumer Confidence Report through another method should the community water system become aware of a ~~customer's~~consumer's inability to receive the Consumer Confidence Report by the chosen electronic delivery method.