

NOTICE OF THE OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION AIR PROTECTION BRANCH

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF ROCKDALE
NOTICE OF DRAFT OPERATING PERMIT

To All Interested Parties:

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division announces its intent to issue a Air Quality Operating Permit to Great Southern Wood Preserving, Inc. The facility is located at 2290 Plunkett Road NW, Conyers, Georgia. The primary purpose of this permit is to allow the construction and operation of a fire-retardant kiln dried lumber treating facility, and the operation of the existing permit exempt lumber treating facility. The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) is preparing RACT Permits in accordance with the Georgia rule 391-3-1-.02(2)(tt) VOC Emissions from Major Sources. This permit will be enforceable by the Georgia EPD and other persons as otherwise authorized by law.

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The draft permit and all information used to develop the draft permit are available for review. This includes the application and all other relevant materials available to the permitting authority. This information is available for review at the office of the Air Protection Branch, 4244 International Parkway, Atlanta Tradeport - Suite 120, Atlanta, Georgia 30354. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all visits to EPD's offices are by appointment only. To set an appointment, email askepd@dnr.ga.gov with your name, email and phone number and an associate will reach out to you. Copies of the draft permit, explanatory narrative, and associated permit application may also be requested by contacting Eric Cornwell, Eric.Cornwell@dnr.ga.gov.

Copies of the draft permit, narrative, and permit application will be available through our internet site <https://epd.georgia.gov/air/psd112gnaa-nsrpcp-permits-database>. (Please note that the Internet is generally accessible from most public libraries in Georgia.)

You are hereby notified of the opportunity to submit written public comments concerning the draft Permit. Persons wishing to comment on the draft Permit are required to submit their comments, in writing, to EPD at the above Atlanta Air Protection Branch address, or via email [preferred] to epdcomments@dnr.ga.gov (email comments must include the facility name and "Air Permit" in subject line). Comments must be received by the EPD no later than 30 days after the date on which this notice is published in the newspaper. (Should the comment period end on a weekend or holiday, comments will be accepted up until the next working day.) The Division, in making its final decision to issue the permit, will consider all comments received on or prior to that date.

Any requests for a public hearing must be made within the 30-day public comment period. A request for a hearing should be in writing and should specify, in as much detail as possible, the air quality related issues that constitute the basis for the request. Where possible, the individual making the request should also identify the portion(s) of the Georgia Rules for Air Quality Control and/or the Federal Rules that the individual making the request is concerned may not have been adequately incorporated into the draft permit. If a public hearing on the draft Permit is to be held, the date, time, and location of the hearing will be provided in a subsequent, separate public notice. At that hearing, anyone may present data, make a statement or comment, or offer a viewpoint or argument either orally or in writing concerning the draft permit. During the Division's decision-making procedures to issue the permit, any information received during a public hearing will be considered together with information received during the comment period. During the current COVID-19 pandemic, the Division will only conduct public hearings in "virtual" format using Zoom meeting applications.

After the comment period has expired, the EPD will consider all comments, make any necessary changes, and issue the Permit. Copies of the final Permit, comments received, EPD's responses to comments, and any other relevant information will then be made available for public review at the office of the Air Protection Branch by appointment only during the COVID-19 pandemic. A summary of comments and any changes made to the final permit will be found in an addendum to the narrative. A copy of this narrative and the final permit will be added to the information already available at the internet address given above.

For additional information, contact the manager of the Stationary Source Permitting Program, at the Atlanta address, or by phone at 404/363-7000. Please refer to this notice when requesting information. You can sign up to receive weekly emails regarding Air Public Notices at <https://epd.georgia.gov/subscribe-air-protection-branch-updates>.