

**SYNOPSIS OF  
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION  
AIR QUALITY CONTROL, CHAPTER 391-3-1**

**Rule 391-3-1-.02(2)(a)7., “Excess Emissions,”** is being amended.

**Purpose:** This rule is being revised to update language for consistency.

**Main Features:** Subparagraph 391-3-1-.02(2)(a)7.(iii) is being revised to change the word paragraph to subparagraph and the word section to paragraph.

**Rule 391-3-1-.02(2)(a)11., “Startup and Shutdown Emissions for SIP-Approved Rules,”** is being amended.

**Purpose:** This rule is being revised in response to EPA’s June 12, 2015, final action calling for Georgia to submit a State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision (i.e., a SIP call) to correct provisions inconsistent with Clean Air Act (CAA) requirements related to excess emissions during periods of startup, shutdown, and malfunction (SSM).

**Main Features:** Subparagraph 391-3-1-.02(2)(a)11. is being revised to include malfunction emissions. Subparagraph 391-3-1-.02(2)(a)11.(i) is being revised to correct a citation and remove an unnecessary word. Subparagraph 391-3-1-.02(2)(a)11.(ii) is being revised to correct a citation and remove a sentence describing applicability. Subparagraph 391-3-1-.02(2)(a)11.(ii)(I) is being removed. Subparagraph 391-3-1-.02(2)(a)11.(iii) is being added to allow requests for an alternative emission limitation (AEL) during startup and shutdown. Subparagraph 391-3-1-.02(2)(a)11.(iv) is being added to describe how an AEL during startup and shutdown is to be established and become effective. Subparagraph 391-3-1-.02(2)(a)11.(v) is being added to allow requests for an alternative emission limitation for malfunction. Subparagraph 391-3-1-.02(2)(a)11.(vi) is being added to describe how an AEL for malfunction is to be established and become effective. Subparagraph 391-3-1-.02(2)(a)11.(vii) is being added to exclude specific paragraphs. Former subparagraph 391-3-1-.02(2)(a)11.(iii) is being renumbered as 391-3-1-.02(2)(a)11.(viii) and is being revised to add recession language if the SSM SIP call becomes unenforceable by EPA.

**Rule 391-3-1-.02(2)(a)12., “Malfunction Emissions,”** is being amended.

**Purpose:** This rule is being removed because it never went into effect. It was supposed to come into effect when EPA approved the rule into the SIP. EPA did not approve the SIP, and the SSM SIP revision was withdrawn by Georgia EPD on January 11, 2023.

**Main Features:** Subparagraph Rule 391-3-1-.02(2)(a)12. is being removed because it never went into effect.

**Rule 391-3-1-.02(2)(a)13., “Startup, Shutdown, and Malfunction Emissions for Certain Rules,”** is being amended.

**Purpose:** This rule is being removed because it never went into effect. It was supposed to come into effect when EPA approved subparagraphs 391-3-1-.02(2)(a)11. and/or 12. into the SIP. EPA did not approve the SIP, and the SSM SIP revision was withdrawn by Georgia EPD on January 11, 2023.

**Main Features:** Subparagraph 391-3-1-.02(2)(a)13. is being removed because it never went into effect.

**STATEMENT OF RATIONALE**  
**Rules for Air Quality Control**

**Rule 391-3-1-.02(2)(a)7. – Excess Emissions**

The basis of this rule is to provide the current requirements for startup, shutdown, and malfunction emissions. The purpose of this revision is to update language for consistency.

**Rule 391-3-1-.02(2)(a)11. – Startup and Shutdown Emissions for SIP-Approved Rules**

The basis of this rule was to provide options to comply with alternative work practices during periods of startup and shutdown. The purpose of this revision is to address EPA’s SIP call for SSM.

**Rule 391-3-1-.02(2)(a)12. – Malfunction Emissions**

The basis of this rule was to provide for the development of site-specific alternative work practices that apply during periods of malfunction. The purpose of this revision is to remove this rule since it never went into effect.

**Rule 391-3-1-.02(2)(a)13. – Startup, Shutdown, and Malfunction Emissions for Certain Rules**

The basis of this rule was to ensure that sources operate in a manner that minimizes emissions during startup, shutdown and malfunction events. The purpose of this revision is to remove this rule since it never went into effect.

The proposed rule revisions are required to comply with federal requirements. They are in no way any more restrictive than the federal requirements. They do not incur any additional costs to the regulated industry, local government, or public other than those required to meet the federal rule.