

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

September 1, 2021  
Notice Issue Date

Hall County  
City/County

September 30, 2021 (REVISED)  
Notice Close Date

BV-069-20-03  
Control Number

Northeast Georgia Intermodal Facility  
GPS Coordinates: 34.359, -83.759  
Activity

This notice is issued to inform the public of a receipt of an Application for a variance submitted pursuant to a state environmental Law. The public is invited to comment during the 30-day period on the proposed activity. Site Plans are available for review and are located in the following EPD office: Watershed Protection Branch 200 Piedmont Avenue, S.W. Suite 418 West Atlanta, Georgia 30334. Please contact Ms. Arnettia Murphy at 470-607-2940 or e-mail [arnettia.murphy@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:arnettia.murphy@dnr.ga.gov) to schedule an appointment to review the plans. Since the EPD has no authority to zone property or determine land use, only those comments addressing environmental issues related to air, water, and land protection will be considered in the application review process. Written comments should be submitted to: Program Manager, NonPoint Source Program, Erosion and Sedimentation Control, 2 MLK Jr., Dr., SW Suite 1462 East, Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Type of Permit Application: Variance to encroach within the 25-foot State waters buffer.

Applicable Law: Georgia Erosion and Sedimentation Act O.C.G.A. 12-7-1 et seq.

Applicable Rules: Erosion and Sedimentation Control Chapter 391-3-7

Basis under which variance shall be considered {391-3-7.05 (2)(A-K)}: H

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

Applicant proposes to permanently impact 2,472 linear feet (134, 760 ft<sup>2</sup>) of stream and buffer along seven unnamed headwater tributaries to the North Oconee River. The purpose of the project is to construct a truck to rail intermodal yard where cargo will then transport by Norfolk Southern mainline railroad to the Port of Savannah. Permanent impacts are for fill for parking and office space, railbeds, container storage and earthfill slopes. The project has a total project disturbed acreage of 139-acres. The project site is approximately 3.0-mi. northeast of Gainesville, and generally encompasses Hillcrest Dr. west of its intersection with White Sulphur Road.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant: Mr. Christopher Novak  
(REVISED) Georgia Ports Authority  
P.O Box 2406  
Savannah, Georgia 31402

Summary of Rules Requirements for Variance Application:

The application for a variance must include an Erosion and Sediment Control Plan with control measures based on sound conservation and engineering practices which meet or exceed the standards in the "Manual for Erosion and Sediment Control in Georgia" and which will minimize erosion and deposition of sediments on adjacent lands or into State waters.

For Additional Information Contact:

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