PUBLIC NOTICE March 17, 2023

NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED REISSUANCE OF NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) GENERAL PERMITS FOR DISCHARGES OF STORMWATER FROM CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES TO THE WATERS OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA.

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) is considering the reissuance of General NPDES Permits No. GAR100001, GAR100002, and GAR100003 authorizing stormwater discharges from construction activities to waters of the State of Georgia. These NPDES Permits will be valid for a maximum of five years.

Public Review

The draft permits and other information are available electronically upon request or on the Division's website at https://epd.georgia.gov/forms-permits/watershed-protection-branch-forms-permits/storm-water-forms/npdes-construction-storm. In addition, the documents are available for review on Tuesdays between 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Georgia Environmental Protection Division, Watershed Protection Branch file room, 2 MLK Jr. Drive, SW, West Tower, Balcony, Suite 418, Atlanta, Georgia, 30334. To set an appointment, email gorarequest.water@dnr.ga.gov with your name, email and phone number and an associate will reach out to you. Copies may also be requested by contacting Michael Berry of the Watershed Protection Branch at michael.berry@dnr.ga.gov or (470) 524-4621.

Public Comments

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed permits are invited to submit their comments in writing by the close of business on <u>Friday</u>, <u>April 28, 2023</u>, to the following Division address:

Georgia Environmental Protection Division Nonpoint Source Program, E&S Unit 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive Suite 1462 East Tower Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Comments can also be submitted via e-mail at <u>EPDcomments@dnr.ga.gov</u> no later than the close of business <u>Friday</u>, <u>April 28</u>, <u>2023</u>. The words "Draft Construction Stormwater General Permits" should be placed on the top of the first page of comments and in the e-mail subject line (if sent via e-mail) to ensure that your comments will be forwarded to the appropriate staff. All comments received or postmarked prior to the deadline will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the application.

Public Meeting/Hearing

A public meeting has been scheduled for <u>10:00 a.m.</u> on <u>Thursday</u>, <u>April 20, 2023</u>, on the Zoom web conferencing platform. The purpose of the public meeting is to present information on the proposed permits and answer any related questions. A public hearing will be held immediately following the public meeting (also on the Zoom web conferencing platform.) The purpose of the public hearing will be to receive formal comments on the proposed permits for the official record.

Zoom Meeting Details:

April 20, 2023, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Link to join:

https://gaepd.zoom.us/j/93865073656?pwd=Z3VsSldCUEdBTVhmZHk5Z1V5Mk1ldz09

Meeting ID: 938 6507 3656 Passcode: 603317

Those joining via computer can use their computer audio, or may also dial-in. Dial-in number: (888) 788-0099 (with same Meeting ID & Passcode as above)