

NOTICE OF THE 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

Due to a lawsuit, the 2018 Permits were administratively extended. However, as of August 22, 2024, the legal challenge has been resolved. The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) reissued General NPDES Permits Nos. GAR100001, GAR100002 and GAR100003 authorizing stormwater discharges from construction activities to the waters of the State of Georgia on August 1, 2023, and as of August 23, 2024 are now in effect. These NPDES permits will authorize the discharges of stormwater to waters of the State from sites where construction activities occur through July 31, 2028.

Changes for all Secondary Permittees

The new GAR100003 Permit does not require an NOI for Secondary Permittees. Therefore, you will **not** be able to renew Permit coverage using Georgia EPD Online System (GEOS) for electronic permit applications. To renew your Permit coverage, you must fill out an Addendum Form, sign the certification statement under “Obtaining Coverage”, and submit a copy to the Primary Permittee. An Addendum Form can be found here <https://epd.georgia.gov/construction-stormwater-instructions>. A copy should be kept for your records.

You do not have permit coverage until you sign and submit an addendum form to the Primary Permittee or you have signed the certification statement provided on their plan. There will be a 90-day grace period to get this accomplished starting August 28, 2024.

To terminate your Permit coverage, you must first fill out an Addendum Form, sign the certification statement under “Obtaining Coverage”, sign the certification statement under “Terminating Coverage” and submit a copy to the Primary Permittee. You cannot terminate coverage after August 22, 2024, without obtaining coverage under the 2023 permits. An Addendum Form can be found here <https://epd.georgia.gov/construction-stormwater-instructions>. A copy should be kept for your records.

Primary and Tertiary Permittees

All current projects covered by the 2018 NPDES Construction Stormwater Permits that will continue to conduct land disturbance must renew their NOI for continued coverage under the 2023 permits using GEOS. GEOS will be unavailable from August 23 – 27, 2024 for application updates. There will be a 90-day grace period for renewal starting August 28, 2024. The main EPD webpage for guidance is: <https://epd.georgia.gov/construction-stormwater-instructions>

Please refer to the information above and review the guidance materials to assist you going forward. If you have issues or questions, you may also contact your District office or the Branch at the contacts below:

**GEORGIA EPD DISTRICT OFFICES
GEOS CONTACTS FOR CONSTRUCTION STORMWATER**

A. For facilities/construction sites located in the following counties: Bibb, Bleckley, Chattahoochee, Crawford, Dooly, Harris, Houston, Jones, Lamar, Macon, Marion, Meriwether, Monroe, Muscogee, Peach, Pike, Pulaski, Schley, Talbot, Taylor, Troup, Twiggs, Upson

Questions can be directed to: Jody Sapp or Elnora Vinson
West Central District Office
Georgia Environmental Protection Division
2640 Shurling Drive
Macon, GA 31211-3576
(478) 751-6612

B. For facilities/construction sites located in the following counties: Burke, Columbia, Emanuel, Glascock, Jefferson, Jenkins, Johnson, Laurens, McDuffie, Montgomery, Richmond, Screven, Treutlen, Warren, Washington, Wheeler, Wilkinson

Questions can be directed to: Janice Rachels or Sean Hays
East Central District Office
Georgia Environmental Protection Division
3525 Walton Way Extension
Augusta, GA 30909-1821
(706) 667-4343

C. For facilities/construction sites located in the following counties: Baldwin, Banks, Barrow, Butts, Clarke, Elbert, Franklin, Greene, Hall, Hancock, Hart, Jackson, Jasper, Lincoln, Madison, Morgan, Newton, Oconee, Oglethorpe, Putnam, Stephens, Taliaferro, Walton, Wilkes

Questions can be directed to: Jamie Lewis or Taylor Nalewaik
Northeast District Office
Georgia Environmental Protection Division
745 Gaines School Road
Athens, GA 30605-3129
(706) 369-6376

D. For facilities/construction sites located in the following counties: Carroll, Clayton, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Fulton, Gwinnett, Heard, Henry, Rockdale, Spalding

Questions can be directed to: Tabitha Shiflett or Brannon Rufo
Mountain District - Atlanta Satellite
Georgia Environmental Protection Division
4244 International Parkway, Suite 114
Atlanta, GA 30354-3906
(404) 362-2671

E. For facilities/construction sites located in the following counties: Bartow, Catoosa, Chattooga, Cherokee, Cobb, Dade, Dawson, Fannin, Floyd, Forsyth, Gilmer, Gordon, Habersham, Haralson, Lumpkin, Murray, Paulding, Pickens, Polk, Rabun, Towns, Union, Walker, White, Whitfield

Questions can be directed to: Tabitha Shiflett or Jonathan Wells
Mountain District - Cartersville Office
Georgia Environmental Protection Division
16 Center Road
Cartersville, GA 30120
(770) 387-4900

F. For facilities/construction sites located in the following counties: Appling, Atkinson, Bacon, Brantley, Bryan, Bulloch, Camden, Candler, Charlton, Chatham, Clinch, Coffee, Effingham, Evans, Glynn, Jeff Davis, Liberty, Long, McIntosh, Pierce, Tattnall, Toombs, Ware, Wayne

Questions can be directed to: Brett Berry
Coastal District - Brunswick Office
Georgia Environmental Protection Division
1050 Canal Road
Brunswick, GA 31525-6856
(912) 264-7284

G. For facilities/construction sites located in the following counties: Baker, Ben Hill, Berrien, Brooks, Calhoun, Clay, Colquitt, Cook, Crisp, Decatur, Dodge, Dougherty, Early, Echols, Grady, Irwin, Lanier, Lee, Lowndes, Miller, Mitchell, Quitman, Randolph, Seminole, Stewart, Sumter, Telfair, Terrell, Thomas, Tift, Turner, Webster, Wilcox, Worth

Questions can be directed to: Lisa Myler
Southwest District Office
Georgia Environmental Protection Division
2024 Newton Road
Albany, GA 31701-3576
(229) 430-4144

H. For account questions or verification issues:

Questions can be directed to: support@gaepd.zendesk.com

I. For general questions:

Questions can be directed to: Watershed Protection Branch
Nonpoint Source Unit
Michael Berry
(470) 524-4621
Brian Kent
(470) 604-9410