PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED REISSUANCE OF NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION STSYEM (NPDES) GENERAL PERMIT FOR DISCHARGES FROM SMALL MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEMS (MS4s) AT MILITARY FACILITIES TO THE WATERS OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA.

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (Division), Watershed Protection Branch, considering the reissuance of General NPDES Permit No. GAG480000, authorizing stormwater discharges from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s) at Military Facilities to the waters of the State of Georgia. To be authorized to discharge stormwater under this permit, the permittee is required to submit a Notice of Intent (NOI). The permittee will submit a stormwater management program summarizing the best management practices to be used by the permittee to reduce pollutants to the maximum extent practicable. This NPDES Permit will be valid for a maximum of five years.

Public Review

The draft permit and other information are available to review at the Division's website listed below:

https://epd.georgia.gov/watershed-protection-branch/storm-water/municipal-stormwater

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 schedule 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 Kristopher Ballou of the Municipal Stormwater Team at kristopher.ballou@dnr.ga.gov or (470) 604-9319.

Public Meeting

The purpose of the meeting is to present information on the proposed permit and answer any related questions. The Division will be hosting the public meeting via Zoom. Zoom is a free web conferencing platform that also allows participation by phone. The virtual public meeting will be held as follows:

Zoom Meeting Details: **Date:** October 19, 2023

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Please click the following link or copy and paste it into your browser:

 $\underline{https://gaepd.zoom.us/j/96795785459?pwd=M0lhbXkwZXIvWjNmZzRlaVg2NnlvQT09}$

Meeting ID: 967 9578 5459 Passcode: 142969

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)

Public Comments

Persons wishing to comment on the draft permit can submit written comments by the close of business on **October 27, 2023**, to <u>EPDComments@dnr.ga.gov</u> or by mail to the following Division address:

Georgia Environmental Protection Division Nonpoint Source Program, Municipal Stormwater Team 2 MLK Jr. Drive, Suite 1462 East Atlanta, Georgia 30334

The words "Draft DOD MS4 General Permit GAG480000" should be placed at the top of the first page of comments and in the email subject line (if sent via email) to ensure that your comments will be forwarded to the appropriate staff. All comments received or postmarked prior to the deadline will be considered.