

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO GEORGIA'S RULES FOR WATER QUALITY CONTROL, CHAPTER 391-3-6

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

The Federal Clean Water Act requires States and authorized Indian Tribes to review their water quality standards at least once every three years and to revise them as needed. This process is known as the Triennial Review. Notice is hereby given that the Environmental Protection Division (EPD) of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources is beginning the Triennial Review process and is considering changes to the water quality standards found in Rule 391-3-6-.03 "Designated Uses and Water Quality Standards" of the [Rules and Regulations for Water Quality Control](#).

A public hearing will be held on Monday, March 31, 2025, beginning at 11:00 a.m. to give the public an opportunity to comment on and provide items to be considered in this year's Triennial Review process and to serve as an official marker for the beginning of the 2025 Triennial Review process. EPD will be hosting this public hearing via Zoom, a free web conferencing platform that also allows participation by phone. To participate in the public hearing, please click the following link or copy and paste it into your browser:

<https://gaepd.zoom.us/j/94547722946?pwd=YdIEJK1Okfzcaa5LpVPbwstLrVnBPa.1>

Meeting ID: 945 4772 2946

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To dial in by phone, please call this number: **888-788-0099** (Toll-free). When prompted, enter the Meeting ID and/or Passcode shown above.

Written comments to be considered in the drafting of a rule are welcomed. Any written comments should be received on or before April 4, 2025. Written comments may be emailed to EPD.Comments@dnr.ga.gov or sent via regular mail addressed to: Gillian Batson, 2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Suite 1470A, East Tower, Atlanta, Georgia 30334. Email comments are preferred. If you choose to e-mail your comments, please include the words "Water Quality Standards 2025 Triennial Review" in the subject line to help ensure that your comments will be forwarded to the correct staff.

Additional meetings and public hearing(s) for the 2025 Triennial Review process will be held to allow the public additional opportunities to provide input. All comments received during the public comment period will be taken into consideration before any proposed rule amendments are sent to the Board of Natural Resources for adoption at the conclusion of the 2025 Triennial Review process in 2027.