

**PUBLIC NOTICE
SEPTEMBER 16, 2021**

NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED REISSUANCE OF A NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) GENERAL PERMIT FOR DISCHARGES FROM GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4) TO THE WATERS OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA.

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) is considering the reissuance of General NPDES Permit No. GAR041000 authorizing stormwater discharges from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) to the waters of the State of Georgia. The permit details what types of discharges are authorized and specifies what parts of the State the permit applies to. To be authorized to discharge stormwater under this permit, the permittee is required to submit a Notice of Intent (NOI). The NOI will include 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 electronically upon request or on the Division's website at <https://epd.georgia.gov/watershed-protection-branch/stormwater/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 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 Lisa Perrett of the Watershed Protection Branch at lisa.perrett@dnr.ga.gov or (470) 524-0611.

Public Comments

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed determination are invited to submit their comments in writing by the close of business on Friday, November 12, 2021 to the following Division address:

Georgia Environmental Protection Division
NonPoint Source Program, Stormwater Unit
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive
Suite 1462 East
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Comments can also be submitted via e-mail at EPDcomments@dnr.ga.gov no later than the close of business Friday, November 12, 2021. The words "Draft GDOT General Permit GAR041000" 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 **10:00 a.m. on Monday, November 1, 2021** on the Zoom web conferencing platform. The purpose of the public meeting is to present information on the proposed permit 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 permit for the official record.

Zoom Meeting Details:

November 1, 2021, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Link to join:

<https://gaepd.zoom.us/j/94233165126?pwd=TTVFcFFTZUFPUitHNjkrSXFkckU2QT09>

Meeting ID: 942 3316 5126

Passcode: 918674

Those joining via computer can use their computer audio, or may also dial-in.
Dial-in number: 1-877- 853-5247 (with same Meeting ID & Passcode as above)