This is an update to the public notice originally issued on December 16, 2021, clarifying the public participation options for the Board meeting. The Georgia Board of Natural Resources will no longer be including a teleconference option for public participation; however, members of the public may still attend and participate in person at the DNR Board Room on March 22, 2022.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND PROPOSED AMENDMENTS
TO GEORGIA’S RULES FOR ENHANCED INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE
CHAPTER 391-3-20

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the authority set forth below, the Environmental Protection Division (hereinafter, “EPD”) of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources proposes Amendments to Georgia’s Rules for Enhanced Inspection and Maintenance, Chapter 391-3-20 (hereinafter, “the proposed Inspection and Maintenance Rule Amendments”). The Director of EPD certifies that the revisions to rules 391-3-20-.01, 391-3-20-.04, 391-3-20-.05, 391-3-20-.09, 391-3-20-.10, 391-3-20-.11, 391-3-20-.13, 391-3-20-.15, 391-3-20-.17 and 391-3-20-.22 are required to exercise authority approved and/or delegated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to implement Section 182 of the Federal Clean Air Act. The proposed Inspection and Maintenance Rule Amendments are described below:

Rule 391-3-20-.01, “Definitions,” is being amended to update the definitions by revision as necessary. Rule 391-3-20-.01 will be submitted as a SIP revision to EPA.

Rule 391-3-20-.04, “Emission Inspection Procedures,” is being amended to remove an outdated requirement. Rule 391-3-20-.04 will be submitted as a SIP revision to EPA.

Rule 391-3-20-.05, “Emission Standards,” is being amended to revise language and reorder subparagraphs. Rule 391-3-20-.05 will be submitted as a SIP revision to EPA.

Rule 391-3-20-.09, “Inspection Station Requirements,” is being amended to remove outdated requirements, update terminology, and add description to the requirements. Rule 391-3-20-.09 will be submitted as a SIP revision to EPA.

Rule 391-3-20-.10, “Certificates of Authorization,” is being amended to clarify a requirement. Rule 391-3-20-.10 will be submitted as a SIP revision to EPA.

Rule 391-3-20-.11, “Inspector Qualifications and Certification,” is being amended to update terminology and clarify language. Rule 391-3-20-.11 will be submitted as a SIP revision to EPA.
Rule 391-3-20-.13, “Certificate of Emission Inspection,” is being amended to update requirements. Rule 391-3-20-.13 will be submitted as a SIP revision to EPA.

Rule 391-3-20-.15, “Repairs and Retests,” is being amended to remove outdated requirements. Rule 391-3-20-.15 will be submitted as a SIP revision to EPA.

Rule 391-3-20-.17, “Waivers,” is being amended to update terminology. Rule 391-3-20-.17 will be submitted as a SIP revision to EPA.

Rule 391-3-20-.22, “Enforcement,” is being amended to update terminology. Rule 391-3-20-.22 will be submitted as a SIP revision to EPA.

This notice, together with an exact copy of the proposed Inspection and Maintenance Rule Amendments, a synopsis, and a statement of rationale of the rule revisions, is being provided to all persons who have requested in writing that they be placed on a notification list. These documents may be viewed at https://epd.georgia.gov/chapter-391-3-20 or by appointment only during the COVID-19 pandemic at the Georgia Environmental Protection Division, Air Protection Branch, 4244 International Parkway, Suite 104, Atlanta, Georgia 30354. To set an appointment, email askepd@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 Steve Allison, Steve.Allison2@dnr.ga.gov, Anna Aponte, Anna.Aponte1@dnr.ga.gov, or the Environmental Protection Division Director’s Office at askepd@dnr.ga.gov.

To provide the public an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed Inspection and Maintenance Rule Amendments, a public hearing will be held at 2:00 p.m. on January 24, 2022. EPD will be hosting this public hearing via Zoom. Zoom is a free web conferencing platform that also allows participation by phone.

To log into the public hearing on your computer, please click this link or copy and paste it into your browser to join the meeting:
https://gaepd.zoom.us/j/95390067204?pwd=RzlFdmZoZ1BHER2QnhwSkMwR0Jtdz09

To ensure that you are ready to participate when the meeting begins, we recommend that you download Zoom in advance. Zoom can be found here: https://zoom.us

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

The meeting ID is 953 9006 7204
Password: 862750

Please note that if you choose to participate by phone, your phone number may be visible to other meeting attendees.

During the hearing, anyone may present data, make a statement, comment, or offer a viewpoint or argument either orally or in writing. Oral statements should be concise. Lengthy statements
or statements of a considerable technical or economic nature, as well as previously recorded messages, must be submitted in writing for the official record.

Written comments are welcomed. To ensure their inclusion in EPD's package for the Board of Natural Resources, written comments should be received by close of business on January 31, 2022. Written comments may be emailed to EPDComments@dnr.state.ga.us or sent via regular mail addressed to: Branch Chief, Air Protection Branch, 4244 International Parkway, Suite 120, Atlanta, Georgia, 30354.

The proposed Inspection and Maintenance Rule Amendments will be considered for adoption by the Board of Natural Resources at its meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 22, 2022. The meeting will be open to the public and held in the DNR Board Room located at 2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Suite 1252, East Tower, Atlanta, Georgia 30334. In accordance with necessary safety precautions regarding the COVID-19 virus, members of the public may access the meeting online or by phone using the Zoom platform. The options for online or phone access will be posted on the Board’s website under the “DNR Board Menu” header here: https://gadnr.org/board.

The proposed Inspection and Maintenance Rule Amendments are proposed for adoption pursuant to authority contained in the Georgia Motor Vehicle Emission Inspection and Maintenance Act (O.C.G.A. Section 12-9-40 et. seq.). For further information, contact Anna Aponte, (470) 251-2942 at the Air Protection Branch.