

**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND PROPOSED AMENDMENTS
TO GEORGIA'S RULES FOR LEAD-BASED PAINT HAZARD MANAGEMENT
CHAPTER 391-3-24**

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 the Georgia Rules for Lead-Based Paint Hazard Management, Chapter 391-3-24 (hereinafter, "the proposed Lead Rule Amendments").

EPD proposes the Lead Rule Amendments as described below:

Rule 391-3-24-.03, "Definitions," is being revised to update the definitions of "Clearance Levels" and "Dust-lead hazard" to ensure consistency between State and Federal programs.

Rule 391-3-24-.06, "Standards for Conducting Lead-Based Paint Activities," is being revised to adopt the updated Federal lead-based paint dust hazard levels for lead abatement into the Georgia Rules and to ensure consistency between State and Federal requirements

Rule 391-3-24-.07, "Lead Clearance Levels," to adopt the updated Federal dust-lead clearance levels for lead abatement into the Georgia Rules and to ensure consistency between State and Federal requirements.

This notice, together with an exact copy of the proposed Lead 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-391-3-24-rules-lead-based-paint-hazard-management> and at the Georgia Environmental Protection Division, Land Protection Branch, Lead-Based Paint and Asbestos Program, 4244 International Parkway, Suite 104, Atlanta, Georgia 30354. *Files are currently available for review and copying by appointment, on Mondays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., excluding holidays, in accordance with EPD's safety precautions regarding the COVID-19 virus.* To set an appointment, email askepd@dnr.ga.gov with your name, email and phone number and the subject line "Proposed Lead-Based Paint Hazard Rule Amendments" and an associate will reach out to you. Copies may also be requested by contacting the Land Protection Branch, Lead-Based Paint Program at (470) 524-2179 or the Environmental Protection Division Director's Office at 1-888-373-5947.

To provide the public an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed SIP revision, a public hearing will be held at **2:00 p.m. on January 13, 2022**. In accordance with EPD's safety precautions regarding the COVID-19 virus and in keeping with the Governor's Declaration of a Public Health State of Emergency, EPD will be hosting this public hearing via

Zoom. Zoom is a free web conferencing platform that also allows participation by phone. 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 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/98028666336?pwd=b3MrUFIFVml2L3dadERyYkxEeG8zQT09>

The meeting ID is 980 2866 6336

Passcode: 946032

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

Written comments are welcomed. In order to be included in EPD's summary to the Board of Natural Resources, written comments should be received by close of business on January 17, 2022. Written comments may be emailed to EPDComments@dnr.state.ga.us or sent via regular mail addressed to Branch Chief, Land Protection Branch, 4244 International Parkway, Suite 104, Atlanta, Georgia, 30354. If you choose to email your comments, please be sure to include the words "Proposed Lead-Based Paint Hazard Rule Amendments" somewhere in the subject line to help ensure that your comments will be forwarded to the correct staff.

The proposed Lead Rule Amendments will be considered for adoption by the Board of Natural Resources at its meeting at 9:00 a.m. on February 22, 2021, in the DNR Board Room located at 2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Suite 1252, East Tower, Atlanta, Georgia 30334. The meeting is open to the public.

The amendments are proposed for adoption pursuant to authority contained in the Georgia Lead Poisoning Prevention Act (O.C.G.A. Section 31-41-1 et. seq.). For further information, contact Elisabeth Munsey, 470-524-2179 at the Land Protection Branch.