

**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:

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 Rules for Water Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-6. Specific amendments are proposed to **Rule 391-3-6-.03, "Designated Uses and Water Quality Standards"** (hereinafter, the "proposed rule amendments"), pertaining to the Triennial Review process. The Director of EPD certifies that the proposed rule amendments are authorized by 40 CFR 131.4, and EPD is delegated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to implement Section 303, 304(a), and 307(a) of the Clean Water Act.

This notice, together with an exact copy of the proposed rule amendments, a synopsis, and statement of rationale of the proposed rule amendments, 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-391-3-6-rules-water-quality-control> or 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 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 the Watershed Protection Branch at (404) 463-1511 or the EPD Director's Office at 1-888-373-5947.

The supporting technical documents for the Lakes Burton, Rabun, and Tugalo criteria, the updated human health criteria, and for the designated use updates are also available for viewing on the EPD Water Quality Standards webpage at <https://epd.georgia.gov/georgia-water-quality-standards> or on Tuesdays between 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Watershed Protection Branch file room (with an appointment). In addition, more information regarding EPA's recommended aquatic life criteria for diazinon can be found at <https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2019-03/documents/ambient-wqc-diazinon-final.pdf>. Information regarding EPA's recommended aquatic life criteria for nonylphenol can be found at <https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2019-03/documents/ambient-wqc-nonylphenol-final.pdf>. Information regarding EPA's recommended aquatic life criteria for selenium can be found at <https://www.epa.gov/wqc/aquatic-life-criterion-selenium>. Finally, information regarding EPA's 2015 human health criteria updates can be found at <https://www.epa.gov/wqc/human-health-water-quality-criteria-and-methods-toxics>.

To provide the public with an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed rule amendments, **a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, beginning at 11:00 AM Eastern Time.** EPD will be hosting this public hearing via Zoom, a free web conference 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/95028591795?pwd=8REjafIOAypx1NjQpblJMF4MgySkX4h.1>

Meeting ID: 950 2859 1795

Passcode: 665828

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

At the public 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 on or before, Thursday July 17, 2025 at 4:30 PM Eastern Time.**

Written comments may be emailed to epd.comments@dnr.ga.gov or sent via regular mail addressed to:

Gillian Batson, Watershed Planning and Monitoring Program,
2 MLK Jr. Drive, SW, Suite 1470A, East Tower, Atlanta, Georgia, 30334.

If you choose to e-mail your comments, please include the words "[Water Quality Standards 2022 Triennial Review](#)" in the subject line to help ensure that your comments will be forwarded to the correct staff.

For further information, please contact Gillian Batson of the Watershed Protection Branch, Watershed Planning and Monitoring Program, at (470) 524-0741, or visit <https://epd.georgia.gov/georgia-water-quality-standards>.

The proposed Rule Amendments will be considered for adoption by the Board of Natural Resources at its meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 26, 2025. The meeting will be open to the public and will be held in the DNR Board Room, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, SE, Suite 1252 East, Atlanta, GA 30334.