

**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND PROPOSED AMENDMENTS
TO GEORGIA’S RULES FOR SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT, SCRAP AND USED
TIRE MANAGEMENT
CHAPTER 391-3-4-.19**

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 Solid Waste Management, Scrap and Used Tire Management Chapter 391-3-4-.19 (hereinafter, "proposed Rule amendments").

Georgia EPD is proposing to amend Chapter 391-3-4-.19 of the Rules for Solid Waste Management, Scrap and Used Tires Management (“Rules”) is to establish consistency with the Georgia Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act (“Act”). Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 8 of Title 12 of the Act was amended as a result of the adoption of SB95 that shifted the Tire Management Fee point of collection from retail dealers to distributors, with an effective date of July 1, 2023.

EPD proposes to amend the Rules by: 1.) including a new definition for “Distributor” and “New Replacement Tire” and updating other definitions to be consistent with the Act; 2.) removing “Retail Dealers” and replacing with “Tire Management Fee” to provide clarifying the language regarding the tire management fee; 3.) including new language that is consistent with the Act to clarify what types of operations are considered distributors; 4.) including a requirement for distributors to register and remit fees and a quarterly tire fee report to EPD; and 5.) updating language throughout to be consistent with the Act

This notice, together with an exact copy of the proposed 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-391-3-4-solid-waste-management> and at the Georgia Environmental Protection Division, Land Protection Branch, Solid Waste Management Program, 4244 International Parkway, Suite 104, Atlanta, Georgia, 30354. Files are currently available for review and copying by appointment, on Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., excluding holidays. To set an appointment, email askepd@dnr.ga.gov with your name, email and phone number and the subject line “Proposed Tire Management Rule Amendments” and an associate will reach out to you. Copies may also be requested by contacting the Land Protection Branch, Recovered Materials and Abatement Program at (404) 362-2696 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 Rule, a public hearing will be held on **September 13, 2023 (1:00 PM – 3:00 PM)**. 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/93669830369>

Meeting ID: 936 6983 0369

To dial in by phone, please call this number: 888-788-0099 (Toll free). When prompted, enter the Meeting ID. 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 (4:30 p.m.) on September 22, 2023. Written comments may be emailed to EPDComments@dnr.ga.gov 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 Tire Management Rule Amendments" somewhere in the subject line to help ensure that your comments will be forwarded to the correct staff.

The proposed rule amendments will be considered for adoption by the Board of Natural Resources at its meeting at 9:00 am on December 5, 2023, at the Brasstown Valley Resort Creekside Pavilion 6321 Highway 76 Young Harris, GA, 30582. The meeting will be open to the public.

The rule amendments are proposed for adoption pursuant to authority contained in the Georgia Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act (O.C.G.A. § 12-8-20, *et seq.*).

For further information, please contact the Land Protection Branch, Recovered Materials and Abatement Program at (404) 362-2696.