

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**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:

The Federal Clean Water Act requires States and authorized Indian Tribes to review their water quality standards at least once every three years and to revise them as needed. This process is known as the Triennial Review. Notice is hereby given that the Environmental Protection Division (EPD) of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources is entering the Triennial Review process and is proposing to make changes to the water quality standards found in Chapter 391-3-6-.03 "Water Use Classifications and Water Quality Standards" of the Rules and Regulations for Water Quality Control.

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 22, 2022, beginning at 11:00 a.m. to give the public an opportunity to comment on and provide items to be considered in the Triennial Review process and to serve as an official marker of the beginning of the 2022 Triennial Review. In accordance with safety precautions regarding the COVID-19 virus, EPD will be hosting this public hearing via Zoom. Zoom is a free web conferencing 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/99936301788?pwd=dzhmeG4yYkUvZ09XdHINZ0txb1UwQT09>

Meeting ID: **999 3630 1788**

Passcode: **876883**

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

Written comments to be considered in the Triennial Review process are welcomed. Any written comments should be received on or before April 1, 2022. Written comments may be emailed to EPD.Comments@dnr.state.ga.us or sent via regular mail addressed to: Gillian Gilbert-Wason, 2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Suite 1152, Atlanta, Georgia 30334. Email comments are preferred. 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.

Additional meetings and public hearing(s) will be held throughout the Triennial Review process to allow the public additional opportunities to provide input. All comments received during the public comment periods will be taken into consideration before the proposed rule revisions are presented to the Board of Natural Resources for their consideration and adoption. Additional technical materials and public meeting notices will be posted to the EPD Water Quality Standards webpage at <https://epd.georgia.gov/watershed-protection-branch/georgia-water-quality-standards>.