

Response to Comments

Dawnville Elementary School Water Pollution Control Plant

NPDES Permit No. GA0034002

Whitfield County, Coosa River Basin

Comment	EPD Response
<p>The website listed in the public notification did not provide the depth of information I would like to know about the permit in question.</p> <p>I have noticed soap bubbles and foam in the Moody Branch constantly and some times an excessive amount. I can send pictures and video if you like.</p> <p>I would like to know more about the facility especially since the intake for drinking water for Dalton Utilities is just downstream. Is it possible to get a tour of the treatment facility?</p>	<p>The application, fact sheet, draft permit and final permit can be accessed at: https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Public/Client/GA_GEOS/Public/Pages/PublicApplicationList.aspx by searching under the Permit No. GA0034002. For prior permit applications and permits, a file review can be requested. Procedures for a file review are at https://epd.georgia.gov/file-review-procedures.</p> <p>The permit is developed to be protective of water quality. If you suspect a noncompliance issue, please contact the EPD Mountain District (Cartersville) Office at 770-387-4900.</p> <p>EPD is unable to schedule a tour of the treatment plant. Please contact staff of the Dawnville Elementary School or Whitfield County Board of Education directly if you want to access their property.</p>
<p>I would just like to make sure that the water flowing around my property isn't contaminated in any way. Our dogs run through the tributary of Moody Branch that the discharge from the school runs into.</p>	<p>The permit conditions are developed to be protective of the instream water quality standards complying with state and federal regulations. When recreating in a waters of the State, there is always an associated risk as we are unable to control all of the sources of pollution that may enter the waterbody. Please visit https://gaepd.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapJournal/index.html?appid=6ea9e19faf84448f8f00d6ea5228d11b for more information on potential health impacts due to cyanobacteria. Also, please visit https://echo.epa.gov/ to review the monitoring and compliance data submitted to EPD for the facility.</p>

I am just now hearing of the problems the Dawnville School is having with their handling of their sewer problems. I would like to learn more before any applications is approved. I am the property owner that joins the School.

The application and the draft permit can be accessed at https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Public/Client/GA_GEOS/Public/Pages/PublicApplicationList.aspx by searching under the Permit No. and entering GA0034002. For prior permit applications and permits, a file review can be requested. Procedures for a file review are at <https://epd.georgia.gov/file-review-procedures>.

The facility had violations of total residual chlorine in 2016, 2017, and 2018, for exceeding their permit limits. EPD executed a consent order on May 14, 2018 to address the violations. No additional violations have been reported.