

PUBLIC NOTICE
October 14, 2021

NOTICE OF STAKEHOLDER MEETING ON THE PROPOSED REISSUANCE OF NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMITS FOR DISCHARGES FROM PHASE I MEDIUM MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEMS (MS4s) TO THE WATERS OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA.

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) is considering the reissuance of the following Phase I Medium MS4 permits, authorizing stormwater discharges from municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4s) to the waters of the State of Georgia. The permits will require implementation of a stormwater management program summarizing the activities to be used by the permittee to reduce pollutants to the maximum extent practicable. These NPDES Permits will be valid for a maximum of five years:

Augusta-Richmond County	GAS000200
Bloomington	GAS000207
Chatham County	GAS000206
Columbus	GAS000202
Forsyth County	GAS000300
Garden City	GAS000208
Macon-Bibb County	GAS000301
Pooler	GAS000209
Port Wentworth	GAS000210
Savannah	GAS000205
Thunderbolt	GAS000211
Tybee Island	GAS000212

A draft permit template and other information are available electronically upon request or on the Division's website at <https://epd.georgia.gov/watershed-protection-branch/storm-water/municipal-stormwater>. In addition, the documents are available for review 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 schedule an appointment, email gorarequest.water@dnr.ga.gov with your name, email and phone number and an associate will reach out to you. A copy of the permit template and additional information may be obtained by contacting Lisa Perrett of the Watershed Protection Branch at lisa.perrett@dnr.ga.gov.

The EPD will hold a virtual stakeholder meeting to discuss the proposed draft permits. The purpose of the meeting is to inform and solicit input from the public on the proposed changes to the draft permits. At the meeting, anyone may offer comments. EPD will listen to comments and address stakeholder questions during the meeting. However, lengthy comments or statements should be submitted in writing. The meeting will be held on the Zoom web conferencing platform:

Zoom Meeting Details:

November 30, 2021, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Link to join:

<https://gaepd.zoom.us/j/91536349472?pwd=aFJLazI2eWkvRnFES3E2Vjc3ODFWQT09>

Meeting ID: 915 3634 9472

Passcode: 837160

Those joining via computer can use their computer audio, or may also dial in.
Dial-in number 1-877-853-5247 (with same Meeting ID & Passcode as above)

Persons wishing to comment on the proposed permits can submit written comments by the close of business on December 10, 2021 to the following Division address:

Georgia Environmental Protection Division
NonPoint Source Program, Stormwater Unit
2 MLK Jr. Drive
Suite 1462 East
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Comments may also be e-mailed to EPDComments@dnr.ga.gov no later than the close of business December 10, 2021. The words “Draft Phase I Medium MS4 Permit” should be placed at the top of the first page of comments and in the email subject line (if sent via email) to ensure that your comments will be forwarded to the appropriate staff. All comment received or postmarked prior to the deadline will be considered.