

PUBLIC NOTICE
January 21, 2022

NOTICE OF 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

Public Review

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 Mildred Granderson of the Watershed Protection Branch at mildred.granderson@dnr.ga.gov.

Public Comments

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed determination are invited to submit their comments in writing by the close of business on Tuesday, March 15, 2022, to the following Division address:

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

Comments can also be submitted via email at EPDcomments@dnr.ga.gov no later than the close of business on **Tuesday, March 15, 2022**. The words “Draft Phase I Medium MS4 Permit” should be placed on the top of the first page of comments and in the email subject line (if sent by email) to ensure that your comments will be forwarded to the appropriate staff. All comments received or postmarked prior to the deadline will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the applications.

Public Meeting/Hearing

A public meeting has been scheduled for March 8, 2022, on the Zoom web conferencing platform. The purpose of the public meeting is to present information on the proposed draft permits and answer any related questions. A public hearing will be held immediately following the public meeting also on the Zoom web conferencing platform. The purpose of the public hearing will be to receive formal comments on the proposed permit for the official record.

Zoom Meeting Details:

March 8, 2022, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Link to join:

<https://gaepd.zoom.us/j/93802748570?pwd=cmdDd1htRC9abjUzMdR1bXBkUUxnZz09>

Meeting ID: 938 0274 8570

Passcode: 849418

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)