

PUBLIC NOTICE
August 25, 2022

NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED REISSUANCE OF A NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) GENERAL PERMIT FOR DISCHARGES FROM PHASE II SMALL 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 General NPDES Permit No. GAG610000 authorizing stormwater discharges from the Phase II Small municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4s) to the waters of the State of Georgia. To be authorized to discharge stormwater under this permit, the permittee is required to submit a Notice of Intent (NOI). The permittee will submit a stormwater management program summarizing the best management practices to be used by the permittee to reduce pollutants to the maximum extent practicable. This NPDES Permit will be valid for a maximum of five years.

Public Review

The draft permit 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 set an appointment, email gorarequest.water@dnr.ga.gov with your name, email and phone number and an associate will reach out to you. Copies may also be requested by contacting Veronica Craw of the Watershed Protection Branch at veronica.craw@dnr.ga.gov or (470) 938-3384.

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, October 4, 2022 to the following Division address:

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

Comments can also be submitted via e-mail at EPDcomments@dnr.ga.gov no later than the close of business Tuesday, October 4, 2022. The words "Draft Phase II MS4 General Permit GAG610000" should be placed on the top of the first page of comments and in the e-mail subject line (if sent via e-mail) 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 application.

Public Meeting/Hearing

A public meeting has been scheduled for **1:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 29, 2022** on the Zoom web conferencing platform. The purpose of the public meeting is to present information on the proposed permit 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:

September 29, 2022, beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Link to join:

<https://gaepd.zoom.us/j/98006636849pwd=WWRRSVFvcHILdUZjSG1aTXhmNis2Zz09>

Meeting ID: 980 0663 6849

Passcode: 027814

Those joining via computer can use their computer audio, or may also dial-in.
Dial-in number: (888) 788-0099 (with same Meeting ID & Passcode as above)