

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION

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Notice of Informational Meeting Regarding Groundwater Withdrawal Applications for the

Bryan County Mega-Site

This notice is to announce that the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) Watershed Protection Branch will host a meeting to provide information on the technical analysis and modeling assessment of the potential groundwater impacts from the requested groundwater withdrawals for water supply to the Bryan County Mega-Site.

Bulloch County has submitted an application to EPD for two Floridan aquifer wells sited in Bulloch County, asking for up to 3.125 million gallons a day (mgd) on an annual average. Bryan County has submitted an application to EPD for two Floridan aquifer wells sited in Bulloch County, asking for up to 3.500 mgd on an annual average. The cumulative total of 6.625 mgd on an annual average will be used to provide water to the Bryan County Mega-Site.

EPD has run multiple hydrologic models to determine the impacts expected from these Floridan aquifer withdrawals. EPD will present these results and provide a regional overview of the impact on the Floridan aquifer. EPD will also make available an interactive map, which will show the potential modeled impact at specific locations, such as at residential or agricultural wells.

In addition, EPD has prepared draft special conditions for the groundwater withdrawal permits for stakeholder comment. These proposed draft special conditions may be found on the EPD website at: <u>https://epd.georgia.gov/water-withdrawal-permitting</u>.

The meeting will be held on:

Meeting DATE:	February 26, 2024
Meeting TIME:	6 P.M. to 9 P.M.
Meeting LOCATION:	Southeast Bulloch High School, Auditorium
	9184 Brooklet-Denmark Highway, Brooklet, Ga 30415

In addition to the meeting, stakeholders may choose to send written comments to EPD. Written comments may be sent to <u>EPDComments@dnr.ga.gov</u> or mailed to Environmental Protection Division, Watershed Protection Branch, Suite 1470A East Tower, 2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr., Atlanta, GA 30334. The comment period closes on **Friday, March 8**. Please include the words "Groundwater Applications for Bryan County Mega-Site" in the subject line to help ensure that your comments will be forwarded to the correct staff.