

EPD Watershed Protection Branch

Notice of Public Meeting on Draft Rule Amendments Under Consideration for Chapter 391-3-33

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) Watershed Protection Branch will hold a virtual public meeting to discuss draft rule amendments. The meeting will be held on **Wednesday, September 9, 2020 beginning at 2:00 pm** on the Zoom web conferencing platform.

The draft rule amendments to be discussed are to a specific rule under **Chapter 391-3-33, Rules for Public Water Systems to Improve Water Supply Efficiency**. This rule chapter was adopted by the Board of the Department of Natural Resources in 2015 and specifies provisions for public water systems to improve water supply efficiency.

EPD is considering draft amendments to Rule 391-3-33-.05, "Water Supply Efficiency Improvement". This rule, like all rules in Chapter 391-3-33, apply to all "public water systems", as that term is defined in Rule 391-3-33-.02(12), whether they provide water that has been withdrawn under a water withdrawal permit issued by EPD or if they provide water that has been purchased from other sources (referred to as "purchased water systems"). Under Rule 391-3-33-.05(3), public water systems are required to make progress toward improving water supply efficiency over time. A public water systems' demonstration of progress toward improving water supply efficiency over time is considered by EPD when making permitting decisions. The **draft amendments to Rule 391-3-33-.05** would clarify that demonstration of progress is a consideration during EPD's review of renewal applications for purchased water systems, just as it is a consideration during EPD's review of renewal applications for water withdrawal permits.

The purpose of the public meeting is to inform and solicit input from the public and impacted organizations regarding the draft rule amendments. EPD will also listen to comments and address stakeholder questions during the meeting. The draft rule amendments are available for review [at this link](#). A copy of these items may also be requested by contacting Jennifer Welte of the Watershed Protection Branch at jennifer.welte@dnr.ga.gov or (404) 463-1694.

Zoom Meeting Details:

Sept. 9, 2020, beginning at 2:00 p.m.

Link to join:

<https://gaepd.zoom.us/j/96856159533?pwd=RVpYOvG0WHJIMUp5akgrMVhNU0laUT09>

Meeting ID: 968 5615 9533

Passcode: 013562

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)

August 17, 2020

At the public meeting, anyone may present data, make a statement, or offer comments either orally or in writing. Lengthy statements or statements of a considerable technical or economic nature, as well as previously recorded messages, should be submitted in writing.

Written comments are also welcomed and should be received by close of business on **Friday, September 18, 2020**. Written comments may be emailed to EPDComments@dnr.ga.gov or sent via regular mail to: EPD Watershed Protection Branch, 2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr., Suite 1152, East Tower, Atlanta, Georgia, 30334. If you choose to e-mail your comments, please include the words "Watershed Protection Branch Draft Rule Amendments, Chapter 391-3-33" in the subject line to help ensure that your comments will be forwarded to the correct staff.