

**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
GEORGIA'S RULES FOR WATER QUALITY CONTROL
CHAPTER 391-3-6**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the authority set forth below, the Environmental Protection Division (hereinafter, "EPD") of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources proposes amendments to the Rules for Water Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-6. Specific amendments are proposed to Rule 391-3-6-.03, "Water Use Classifications and Water Quality Standards" (hereinafter, the "proposed rule amendments"), pertaining to the Triennial Review process. The Director of EPD certifies that the proposed rule amendments are authorized by 40 CFR 131.4, and EPD is delegated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to implement Section 303, 304(a), and 307(a) of the Clean Water Act.

This notice, together with an exact copy of the proposed rule amendments, a synopsis, and statement of rationale of the proposed rule amendments, is being provided to all persons who have requested in writing that they be placed on a notification list. These documents may be viewed at <https://epd.georgia.gov/chapter-391-3-6-rules-water-quality-control> or 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 askepd@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 the Watershed Protection Branch at (404) 463-1511 or the EPD Director's Office at 1-888-373-5947.

The supporting technical documents for various items in the proposed rule amendments (the Lake Oconee and Lake Sinclair criteria, the secondary contact recreational bacteria criteria, and the designated use changes to recreation) are also available for viewing at <https://epd.georgia.gov/watershed-protection-branch/georgia-water-quality-standards> or on Tuesdays between 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Watershed Protection Branch file room (with an appointment). In addition, more information regarding EPA's recommended aquatic life criteria for acrolein can be found at <https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2018-12/documents/ambient-wqc-acrolein.pdf>. Information regarding EPA's recommended aquatic life criteria for carbaryl can be found at <https://www.epa.gov/wqc/aquatic-life-criteria-carbaryl>.

To provide the public an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed rule amendments, **a public hearing will be held on Monday, December 13, 2021, beginning at 11:00 a.m.** In accordance with safety precautions regarding the COVID-19 virus, EPD will be hosting this public hearing via Zoom. Zoom is a free web conferencing platform that also allows participation by phone. To participate in the public hearing, please click the following link or copy and paste it into your browser:

<https://gaepd.zoom.us/j/96690721042?pwd=RjNKUmdhYVVkUmhoelhRbFdGNGNudz09>

Meeting ID: 966 9072 1042
Passcode: 479681

To dial in by phone, please call this number: 888-788-0099 (Toll-free). When prompted, enter the Meeting ID and/or Passcode shown above.

At the public hearing, anyone may present data, make a statement, comment or offer a viewpoint or argument either orally or in writing. Lengthy statements or statements of a considerable technical or economic nature, as well as previously recorded messages, must be submitted in writing for the official record. Oral statements should be concise.

Written comments are welcomed. In order to be included in EPD's summary to the Board of Natural Resources, written comments should be received on or before December 17, 2021. Written comments may be emailed to EPDComments@dnr.ga.gov or sent via regular mail addressed to: Gillian Gilbert-Wason, Watershed Planning and Monitoring Program, 2 MLK Jr. Drive, SW, Suite 1152, East Tower, Atlanta, Georgia, 30334. If you choose to e-mail your comments, please include the words "Water Quality Standards Triennial Review" in the subject line to help ensure that your comments will be forwarded to the correct staff.

The proposed rule amendments will be considered for adoption by the Board of Natural Resources at its meeting at 9:00 a.m. on January 28, 2022 at the A. W. Jones Heritage Center, 610 Beachview Drive, St. Simons Island, GA 31522. The meeting will be open to the public and held via teleconference. In accordance with necessary safety precautions regarding the COVID-19 virus, members of the public may access the meeting online or by phone using the Zoom platform. The options for online or phone access will be posted on the Board's website under the "DNR Board Menu" header here: <https://gadnr.org/board>.

For further information, please contact Gillian Gilbert-Wason of the Watershed Protection Branch, Watershed Planning and Monitoring Program, at (470) 524-0741.