

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
PUBLIC NOTICE
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

March 31, 2021
Notice Issue Date

Putnam County
City / County

May 1, 2021
Notice Close Date

BV-117-21-01
Control Number

Putnam Erickson II Solar Project
(GPS Coordinates: 33.277045, -83.300775)

Activity

This notice is issued to inform the public of a receipt of an application for a variance submitted pursuant to a state environmental Law. The public is invited to comment during the 30-day period on the proposed activity. Site plans are available for review and are located in the following EPD office: Watershed Protection Branch, 200 Piedmont Avenue SW, Suite 418 West, Atlanta, GA 30334. Please contact Ms. Arnettia Murphy at (404) 656-4147 or email arnettia.murphy@dnr.ga.gov to schedule an appointment to review the plans. Since the EPD has no authority to zone property or determine land use, only those comments addressing environmental issues related to air, water, and land protection will be considered in the application review process. Written comments should be submitted to: Program Manager, NonPoint Source Program, Erosion and Sedimentation Control, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SW, Suite 1462 East, Atlanta, GA 30334.

Type of Permit Application: Variance to encroach within the 25-foot State waters buffer.

Applicable Law: Georgia Erosion and Sedimentation Act O.C.G.A. 12-7-1 et seq.

Applicable Rules: Erosion and Sedimentation Control Chapter 391-3-7

Basis under which variance shall be considered {391-3-7-.05 (2)(a-k)}: (c)

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

This project will construct an access road to a proposed solar energy farm. The road will be 21 feet wide, including the shoulders, and be made of asphalt with a gravel base. The small portion of the construction that effects the buffer will be replanted with permanent multitrophic native riparian vegetation; slopes will be stabilized with geotextile fabric. The proposed project will result in approximately 59 linear feet (3,405 ft²) of buffer disturbance lasting between 6 - 9 months located at an unnamed tributary to Bay Branch, in the Oconee River Watershed.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant: Ms. Katie Kearney
SolAmerica Energy, LLC
1819 Peachtree Road
Atlanta, GA 30309

Summary of Rules Requirements for Variance Application:

The application for a variance must include an approved Erosion and Sediment Control Plan with control measures based on sound conservation and engineering practices which meet or exceed the standards in the "Manual for Erosion and Sediment Control in Georgia" and which will minimize erosion and deposition of sediments on adjacent lands or into State waters.

For Additional Information Contact:

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