

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
PUBLIC NOTICE
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

August 23, 2021
Notice Issue Date

Washington County
City / County

September 23, 2021
Notice Close Date

BV-150-21-01
Control Number

Doolittle Pipeline
(GPS Coordinates: 32.9914, -82.9202)

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)}: (a)

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

The applicant proposes to disturb 9.7 acres to construct a new pipeline for an NPDES treated wastewater outfall. The pipe will be placed 3 feet under the existing grade. The design of this project includes 2 areas which require buffer variance: one stream crossing and one outfall area. BMPs during construction include rock filter dams, temporary diversion berms, sediment barriers, and mulching. Permanent BMPs include native grasses and a riprap apron at the outfall site. Impacts to the stream were kept to a minimum during the design process. The applicant will purchase a total of 1.5 wetland credits and 34 stream credits for mitigation. The proposed project will result in approximately 133 total linear feet (1,882 total square feet) of buffer disturbance lasting approximately 4 months located at Buffalo Creek and an unnamed tributary to Keg Creek, off Pipeline Road and Yank Brown Road, in the Lower Oconee Watershed.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant: Mr. Ryan Van Meter
Secretary on behalf of Imerys Clays, Inc.
100 Mansell Court East
Suite 300
Roswell, GA 30076

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: Victoria A. Adams, Environmental Specialist
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