

May 12, 2020

**NOTICE OF THE OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT
GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
AIR PROTECTION BRANCH**

STATE OF GEORGIA

NOTICE OF DRAFT 2020 AMBIENT AIR MONITORING PLAN – May 2020

To All Interested Parties:

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (GA EPD) announces its intent to issue the *2020 Ambient Air Monitoring Plan* to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in July 2020. The GA EPD is required to produce this annual plan as part of EPA's amended ambient air monitoring regulations established October 17, 2006.

Georgia EPD's *2020 Ambient Air Monitoring Plan* will show how the state agency plans to meet EPA regulations for monitoring air quality in the state by assessing monitoring objectives, site appropriateness for air quality characterization, spatial scale represented by each monitor and appropriate new technologies.

GA EPD's air monitoring network consists of a number of stations located throughout the state. GA EPD uses the air monitoring data to track if air quality standards are being met, to assist in enforcement actions, to determine the improvement or decline of air quality, to trace the extent of allowable industrial expansion and to provide air pollution information to the public.

The draft *2020 Ambient Air Monitoring Plan* will be available for review on the GA EPD Air Protection Branch internet site: <https://epd.georgia.gov/air-protection-branch-public-announcements> and the Ambient Air Monitoring Program website: <https://airgeorgia.org/>.

Persons wishing to comment on the draft *Ambient Air Monitoring Plan* are required to submit their comments, in writing, to GA EPD at the following address:

**Air Protection Branch
Attn: Annual Air Monitoring Plan Comments
4244 International Parkway, Suite 120
Atlanta, Georgia 30354**

In addition, public comments can be submitted in writing to DeAnna Oser, Program Manager of the Ambient Monitoring Program, at DeAnna.Oser@dnr.ga.gov

Comments must be received by GA EPD no later than June 13, 2020. Should the comment period end on a weekend or holiday, comments will be accepted up until the next working day. GA EPD, in soliciting comments for the final draft before submittal to EPA as required by 40CFR58, will consider all comments received on or prior to that date.

After the comment period has expired, GA EPD will consider all comments received. GA EPD's responses to comments and any other relevant information will be included in the final document published on <https://airgeorgia.org/>.

For additional information, contact the manager of the Ambient Air Monitoring Program, DeAnna Oser at the Atlanta address, or by phone at 404-363-7000. Please refer to this notice when requesting information.