

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

**PUBLIC NOTICE NO. 2026-8ML**

**APRIL 15, 2026**

The Environmental Protection Division (EPD) has reviewed applications and is considering the issuance, modification, or termination of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES), Land Application System (LAS), and/or Pretreatment permits, Sludge Management Plans, and/or Industrial Pretreatment Programs to the following applicants, subject to specific pollutant limitations and special conditions.

NPDES, LAS, and Pretreatment permits are valid for a maximum of five years. A new application must be submitted 180 days prior to the expiration date of the existing permit, evaluated by EPD, and the draft permit be placed on public noticed for a prescribed period of time.

For proposed new or expanded NPDES point source discharge permits, an antidegradation analysis is conducted. The analysis evaluates whether allowing lower water quality is necessary to accommodate important economic or social development in the area in which the waters are located. In all cases, existing instream water uses and the level of water quality necessary to protect the existing designated use is maintained and protected.

All municipalities must be in compliance with the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) Service Delivery Strategy (SDS) in order to receive a permit.

EPD issues permits in compliance with the governing regulations and is not involved in local zoning, land use, or property value issues. The issuance or modification of a permit, plan or program does not authorize the facility to violate local ordinances. Please contact your local county or municipal officials for questions or concerns on these issues.

Individual draft permits, applications, supporting documents, and fact sheets are available on EPD's website accessible through the publicly available Georgia EPD Online System (GEOS). A direct link to the draft permit and fact sheet is listed below the individual notice.

For General permits, the draft permit, notice of intent, fact sheet, and supporting documents are accessible through the EPD Watershed Protection Branch Permit and Public Comments Clearinghouse website at the following address: <https://epd.georgia.gov/forms-and-permits/watershed-protection-branch-forms-permits/watershed-protection-branch-permit-and>

For Industrial Pretreatment Programs, new or modified program documents may be available on EPD's website accessible through the Watershed Protection Branch Permit and Public Comments Clearinghouse website at the following address: <https://epd.georgia.gov/forms-and-permits/watershed-protection-branch-forms-permits/watershed-protection-branch-permit-and>

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### **Directions on how to comment on a proposed action, comment deadlines, and obtain copies of permit files:**

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed permit determinations are invited to submit same in writing to the EPD address below or via e-mail at [EPDcomments@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:EPDcomments@dnr.ga.gov), no later than **May 15, 2026** (30-day notice period). In the case of Industrial Pretreatment Program Approvals and Modifications, comments are to be submitted to EPD no later than **May 30, 2026** (45-day notice period). Please use the words “**Public Notice No. 2026-8ML**” and the name of the subject facility that you are commenting on in the subject line to ensure that your comments will be forwarded to the correct staff. All comments received prior to or on that date will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the application. In the case of the permits which are on this notice for proposed modification, only those conditions subject to modification are open to public comment. A public hearing may be requested or additional information regarding public hearing procedures is available by writing to the EPD at 2 MLK Jr. Dr., 1470A East Tower, Atlanta, Georgia 30334.

If the direct hyperlink provided is not functional, the permit application, supporting documents, fact sheet, and draft permit are available on EPD’s website, GEOS at the below address and specific directions to locate the documents can be found at the end of this notice document.

**[Public Notice GEOS Instructions Directions to Access the Georgia EPD Online System July 2020.pdf](#)**

**<https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Public/GovEnt/Shared/Pages/Main/Login.aspx>**

For additional wastewater permitting information, or information regarding industrial, UIC, CAFO, or pretreatment please contact Ian McDowell, Industrial Permitting Unit Manager, at [ian.mcdowell@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:ian.mcdowell@dnr.ga.gov)

For additional information regarding municipal, domestic wastewater, septage, pesticide, or GEFA please contact Benoit Causse, Municipal Permitting Manager, at [benoit.causse@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:benoit.causse@dnr.ga.gov)

Please bring or attach this notice to the attention of interested persons.

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### **Hall County**

**EPD Notice Type:** NPDES Permit Reissuance

**Permit No.:** GA0039217

**Facility Name:** Americold Logistics (Gainesville Facility)

**Mailing Address:** 86 Jackson Concourse, Pendergrass, Georgia 30567

**Facility Address:** 1680 Candler Road, Gainesville, Georgia 30507

**River Basin:** Oconee

**Receiving Water:** Unnamed Tributary of North Walnut Creek

**Description:** This facility discharges an average of 0.007 MGD of noncontact cooling water.

**GEOS Submittal ID:** 864181

**GEOS Hyperlink:**

<https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Agency/EnSuite/Shared/Pages/util/StreamDoc.ashx?id=326087&type=attachment>

### **Henry County**

**EPD Notice Type:** NPDES Permit Issuance

**Permit No.:** GA0050350

**Facility Name:** Equinix, Inc. – AT10x

**Mailing Address:** 1 Lagoon Drive, Redwood City, California 94065

**Facility Address:** 1100 Site Parkway, Hampton, Georgia 30228

**River Basin:** Flint

**Receiving Water:** Clear Creek

**Description:** This facility is a data center and will discharge a maximum of 0.35 MGD of non-contact cooling water.

**GEOS Submittal ID:** 912787

**Hyperlink:**

[https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Public/EnSuite/Shared/pages/util/StreamDoc.ashx?id=1167588&type=PERMIT\\_FILLED\\_OBJECT](https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Public/EnSuite/Shared/pages/util/StreamDoc.ashx?id=1167588&type=PERMIT_FILLED_OBJECT)

EPD will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on May 21, 2026. The hearing will be held at Hampton High School located at 795 Hampton Locust Grove Road, Hampton, Georgia 30228. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive comments on the draft NPDES permit for Equinix, Inc. – AT10x.

The public hearing is a formal process to receive comments on the draft permit. Participants who wish to comment for the record are requested to sign in upon arrival. Hearing participants will not be subject to questions from the audience, but may be questioned by the Hearing Officer for clarification of technical points or to develop a better understanding of statements. Questions asked by participants making statements will be answered by EPD in writing at a later date. Lengthy statements or statements of a considerable technical or economic nature should be submitted in writing for the official record. During the hearing, oral statements shall be limited to three (3) minutes to allow everyone an opportunity to be heard. Comments should be confined to water quality issues.

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Written comments are welcomed. To ensure their consideration, written comments should be received by close of business on May 27, 2026. Please address written comments to the address listed below, or via e-mail at [EPD.comments@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:EPD.comments@dnr.ga.gov). If you choose to e-mail your comments, please be sure to include the words “NPDES Permit Issuance – Equinix, Inc. – AT10x” in the subject line to ensure that your comments will be forwarded to the correct staff. A fact sheet or copy of the draft permit is available by writing the Environmental Protection Division. The permit application, draft permit, comments received, and other information are available for review at 2 MLK Jr. Drive, Suite 1470A, Atlanta, GA 30334. Please call or email to schedule a review. Please bring this notice to the attention of interested persons.

### **Jackson County**

**EPD Notice Type:** NPDES Permit Reissuance

**Permit No.:** GA0039195

**Facility Name:** Americold Logistics (Pendergrass Facility)

**Mailing Address:** 86 Jackson Concourse, Pendergrass, Georgia 30567

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**River Basin:** Oconee

**Receiving Water:** Unnamed Tributary of Walnut Creek

**Description:** This facility discharges an average of 0.02 MGD of noncontact cooling water commingled with stormwater.

**GEOS Submittal ID:** 864183

**GEOS Hyperlink:**

[https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Agency/EnSuite/Shared/pages/util/StreamDoc.ashx?id=1170462&type=PERMIT\\_FILLED\\_PDF](https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Agency/EnSuite/Shared/pages/util/StreamDoc.ashx?id=1170462&type=PERMIT_FILLED_PDF)

### **Newton County**

**EPD Notice Type:** LAS Permit Reissuance

**Permit No.:** GAJ040055

**Facility Name:** City of Covington – Covington Water Reclamation Facility (WRF)

**Mailing Address:** Post Office Box 1527, Covington, Georgia 30015

**Facility Address:** 10192 Covington Bypass Road, Covington, Georgia 30014

**River Basin:** Ocmulgee River Basin

**Receiving Water:** None

**Description:** Up to 5.6 MGD of treated domestic wastewater is land applied onto a dedicated site in Newton County.

**GEOS Submittal ID:** 709023

**GEOS Hyperlink:**

[https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Public/EnSuite/Shared/pages/util/StreamDoc.ashx?id=1170518&type=PERMIT\\_FILLED\\_PDF](https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Public/EnSuite/Shared/pages/util/StreamDoc.ashx?id=1170518&type=PERMIT_FILLED_PDF)

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### **Newton County**

**EPD Notice Type:** LAS Permit Reissuance

**Permit No.:** GAJ040013

**Facility Name:** Newton County Water and Sewerage Authority – Yellow River Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP)

**Mailing Address:** 11325 Brown Bridge Road, Covington, Georgia 30016

**Facility Address:** 90 Riverfront Road, Covington, Georgia 30014

**River Basin:** Ocmulgee River Basin

**Receiving Water:** None

**Description:** Up to 4.0 MGD of treated domestic wastewater is land applied onto a dedicated site, operated by the City of Covington.

**GEOS Submittal ID:** 686865

**GEOS Hyperlink:**

[https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Public/EnSuite/Shared/pages/util/StreamDoc.ashx?id=1170519&type=PERMIT\\_FILLED\\_PDF](https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Public/EnSuite/Shared/pages/util/StreamDoc.ashx?id=1170519&type=PERMIT_FILLED_PDF)

### **Pierce County**

**EPD Notice Type:** NPDES Permit Reissuance

**Permit No.:** GA0050247

**Facility Name:** The Chemours Company FC, LLC – Mineral Sand Plant

**Mailing Address:** 2649 Zero Bay Road, Patterson, Georgia 31557

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**River Basin:** Satilla

**Receiving Waters:** Unnamed Tributary to Zero Bay

**Description:** This facility is a mineral sand processing plant which discharges a maximum of 0.72 MGD of titanium ore mineral sand processing wastewater.

**GEOS Submittal ID:** 938696

**GEOS Hyperlink:**

[https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Public/EnSuite/Shared/pages/util/StreamDoc.ashx?id=1170618&type=PERMIT\\_FILLED\\_OBJECT](https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Public/EnSuite/Shared/pages/util/StreamDoc.ashx?id=1170618&type=PERMIT_FILLED_OBJECT)

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### **Walker County**

**EPD Notice Type:** LAS Permit Reissuance

**Permit No.:** GAJ030708

**Permittee Name:** McLemore Sewer Inc.

**Facility Name:** McLemore Water Reclamation Facility

**Mailing Address:** 820 Broad Street, Suite 400, Chattanooga, TN 37402

**Facility Address:** 14651 Highway 157, Rising Fawn, GA 30738

**River Basin:** Tennessee River Basin

**Receiving Water:** Not Applicable

**Description:** Up to 0.034 MGD of treated wastewater is being distributed to reuse customers. The permit also includes effluent limitations and monitoring requirements for the expanded flows of 0.05 MGD (December to February) and 0.07 MGD (March to November). Furthermore, the permit includes language for an approved Sludge Management Plan to deliver sludge to a third party for further treatment and ultimate disposal.

**GEOS Submittal ID:** 975072

**GEOS Hyperlink:**

[https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Public/EnSuite/Shared/pages/util/StreamDoc.ashx?id=1170474&type=PERMIT\\_FILLED\\_OBJECT](https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Public/EnSuite/Shared/pages/util/StreamDoc.ashx?id=1170474&type=PERMIT_FILLED_OBJECT)

### **Washington County**

**EPD Notice Type:** NPDES Permit Issuance

**Permit No.:** GA0050362

**Facility Name:** Adoette Minerals, LLC – Adoette Deepstep Mine

**Mailing Address:** 1266 West Paces Ferry Road #560, Atlanta, Georgia 30327

**Facility Address:** Smyrna Church Road, Deepstep, Georgia 31082

**River Basin:** Oconee

**Receiving Water:** Deepstep Creek

**Description:** The facility is a kaolin surface mine, which discharges a maximum of 1.0 MGD of mine dewatering discharges comprised of groundwater seepage and stormwater.

**GEOS Submittal ID:** 941741

**GEOS Hyperlink:**

[https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Public/EnSuite/Shared/pages/util/StreamDoc.ashx?id=1170616&type=PERMIT\\_FILLED\\_OBJECT](https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Public/EnSuite/Shared/pages/util/StreamDoc.ashx?id=1170616&type=PERMIT_FILLED_OBJECT)

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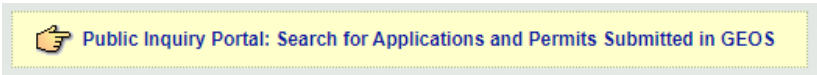
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1. Navigate to the GEOS homepage:

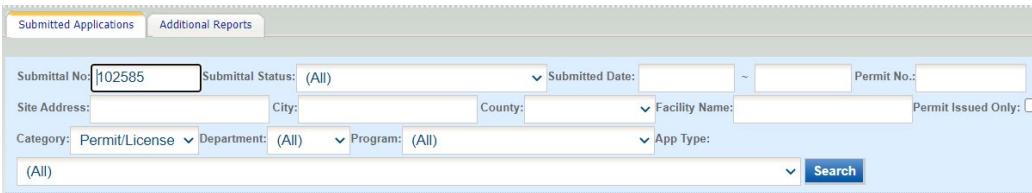
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2. Find the Public Inquiry Portal link in the middle of the page or navigate directly to:

[https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Public/Client/GA\\_GEOS/Public/Pages/PublicApplicationList.aspx](https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Public/Client/GA_GEOS/Public/Pages/PublicApplicationList.aspx)

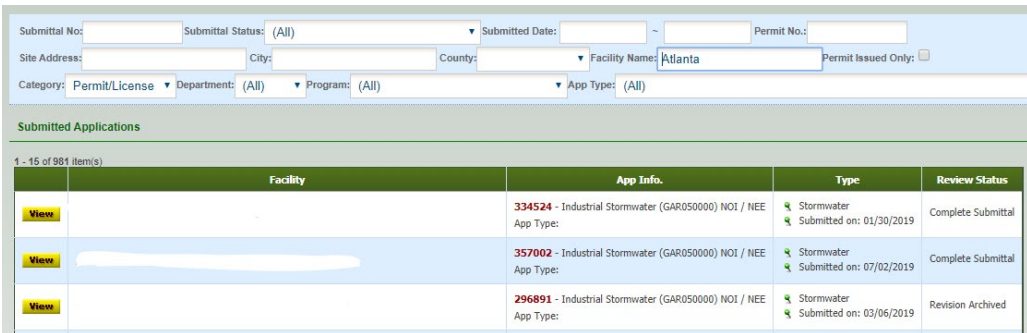


3. The easiest way to locate the facility and associated documents is to only enter the GEOS submittal ID provided in the public notice.



A screenshot of the GEOS search interface. The search criteria are: Submittal No.: 102585, Submittal Status: (All), Submitted Date: (empty), Permit No.: (empty), Site Address: (empty), City: (empty), County: (empty), Facility Name: (empty), Permit Issued Only: (unchecked), Category: Permit/License, Department: (All), Program: (All), App Type: (empty). A "Search" button is visible at the bottom right.

4. If the GEOS submittal ID was not provided or it's not working, enter the site address or facility name and select "Search" to find a submittal. Note that partial search terms are allowed and encouraged when exact terms including punctuation are not precisely known. Less is more when searching in the GEOS portal. As you can see below, the search results provide the facility name, application information, application type, and the application review status.



A screenshot of the GEOS search results table. The search criteria are: Submittal No.: (empty), Submittal Status: (All), Submitted Date: (empty), Permit No.: (empty), Site Address: (empty), City: (empty), County: (empty), Facility Name: Atlanta, Permit Issued Only: (checked), Category: Permit/License, Department: (All), Program: (All), App Type: (All). The table shows 1 - 15 of 981 item(s).

View	Facility	App Info.	Type	Review Status
<a href="#">View</a>		334524 - Industrial Stormwater (GAR050000) NOI / NEE App Type:	Stormwater Submitted on: 01/30/2019	Complete Submittal
<a href="#">View</a>		357002 - Industrial Stormwater (GAR050000) NOI / NEE App Type:	Stormwater Submitted on: 07/02/2019	Complete Submittal
<a href="#">View</a>		296891 - Industrial Stormwater (GAR050000) NOI / NEE App Type:	Stormwater Submitted on: 03/06/2019	Revision Archived

5. Selecting "View" will allow the searcher to view the submittal information, application form, attachments, and where applicable, the draft and final issued permit.