

**PUBLIC NOTICE
GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION**

PUBLIC NOTICE NO. 2019-14ML

JULY 30, 2019

I. NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION FOR A NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT TO DISCHARGE TREATED WASTEWATER INTO WATERS OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

NPDES permits are valid for a maximum of five years. Prior to expiration of an existing permit, a new application must be submitted and evaluated.

An antidegradation analysis is conducted, as applicable, for new or expanded point source discharges that are proposed. 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 use is maintained and protected.

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

Having reviewed such applications, the Environmental Protection Division (EPD) is considering the issuance of NPDES permits to the following applicants, subject to specific pollutant limitations and special conditions.

NPDES PERMIT REISSUANCE

Douglas County

Google, LLC, 300 Riverside Pkwy SW Lithia Springs, Georgia 30122, NPDES Permit No. GA0038920, for its data processing and preparation facility located at 300 Riverside Pkwy SW Lithia Springs, Georgia 30122 in Douglas County. An average of 0.123 MGD of noncontact cooling water and sand filter backwash is discharged to an unnamed tributary of the Chattahoochee River in the Chattahoochee River Basin.

NPDES PERMIT MODIFICATION

Chatham County

City of Savannah, P.O. Box 1027, Savannah, Georgia 31402, NPDES Permit No. GA0020427 for the Travis Field Water Pollution Control Plant located at 198 Darque Road, Savannah, Georgia 31408 (Chatham County). The facility is currently permitted to discharge 1.5 MGD to Pipe Makers Canal (downstream of the tide gate) in the Savannah River Basin. The permit is being modified to include effluent limitations and monitoring requirements for 4.0 MGD and the future expanded discharge flows of 8.0 MGD. In addition, provisions have been included in the permit to allow distribution of treated effluent to reuse customers.

Habersham County

City of Cornelia, P.O. Box 785, Cornelia, Georgia 30531, NPDES Permit No. GA0021504 for the Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) located at 514 Nicolon Drive, Cornelia, Georgia 30531. The facility is permitted to discharge up to 3.0 MGD to the South Fork Mud Creek tributary to Mud Creek tributary in the Chattahoochee River Basin. The permit is being modified to include an annual phosphorus effluent limit to comply with the waste load allocation listed in the December 2017 Final Total Maximum Daily Load Evaluation for Lake Lanier in the Chattahoochee River Basin for Chlorophyll a.

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Jefferson County

KaMin, LLC, 2069 Howard Mill Road Wrens, Georgia 30833, NPDES Permit No. GA0002542, for its Kaolin mining facility located in Wrens, Jefferson County, Georgia. A maximum of 9.11 MGD of process water and stormwater is discharged to Brier Creek and Reedy Creek in the Savannah River Basin. Outfall 001 will be relocated and effluent limits for outfall 002 have been reevaluated using a 7Q10 that more accurately represents the receiving waters.

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Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations are invited to submit same in writing to the EPD address below or via e-mail at EPDcomments@dnr.ga.gov, no later than **August 29, 2019**. Please use the words “**Public Notice No. 2019-14ML**” 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. In the case of the Industrial Pretreatment Program Approvals and Modifications comments are to be submitted to EPD no later than **September 13, 2019**. A public hearing may be requested or additional information regarding public hearing procedures is available by writing the EPD at the address noted below.

A fact sheet or copy of draft permits are 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. Dr. S.W., 1152 East Tower, Atlanta, Georgia 30334. For additional information contact: Audra Dickson, Wastewater Regulatory Program, phone (404) 463-1511. Please bring this notice to the attention of interested persons.