

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

**PUBLIC NOTICE NO. 2025–10ML**

**JUNE 3, 2025**

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 **July 3, 2025** (30-day notice period). In the case of Industrial Pretreatment Program Approvals and Modifications, comments are to be submitted to EPD no later than **July 18, 2025** (45-day notice period). Please use the words “**Public Notice No. 2025-10ML**” 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 information regarding industrial, UIC, CAFO, or pretreatment please contact Kelli-Ann Schrage, Industrial Permitting Manager, at [kelli-ann.schrage@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:kelli-ann.schrage@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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### **Fannin County**

**EPD Notice Type:** NPDES Permit Reissuance

**Permit No.:** GA0026948

**Facility Name:** Blue Ridge Hydro Plant

**Mailing Address:** 1101 Market Street LP 2K Chattanooga, Tennessee 37402

**Facility Address:** Old US Highway 76, Blue Ridge, Georgia 30513

**River Basin:** Tennessee

**Receiving Water:** Toccoa River

**Description:** Blue Ridge Hydro (hydroelectric generating plant) is located near Blue Ridge, Georgia at Toccoa River Mile 53.0. The plant has a hydraulic turbine generator with a capacity of 20 megawatts and a 1 megawatt turbine generator which is used to maintain minimum flows downstream when the main unit is not in operation.

**GEOS Submittal ID:** 404376

**GEOS Hyperlink:**

<https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Agency/EnSuite/Shared/Pages/util/StreamDoc.ashx?id=290376&type=attachment>

### **Liberty County**

**EPD Notice Type:** NPDES Permit Reissuance

**Permit No.:** GA0038491

**Facility Name:** Riceboro Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP)

**Mailing Address:** P.O. Box 269, Riceboro, Georgia 31323

**Facility Address:** 793 Barrington Ferry Road, Riceboro, Georgia 31323

**River Basin:** Ogeechee

**Receiving Water:** Unnamed tributary of Riceboro Creek

**Description:** Up to 0.35 MGD (monthly average) of treated domestic wastewater is land applied onto a dedicated site in Liberty County. Groundwater beneath the land treatment system is collected by an underdrain system and discharged to an unnamed tributary of Riceboro Creek in the Ogeechee River Basin from three outfalls.

**GEOS Submittal ID:** 736209

**GEOS Hyperlink:**

[https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Agency/EnSuite/Shared/pages/util/StreamDoc.ashx?id=1145873&type=PERMIT\\_FILLED\\_PDF](https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Agency/EnSuite/Shared/pages/util/StreamDoc.ashx?id=1145873&type=PERMIT_FILLED_PDF)

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### **Union County**

**EPD Notice Type:** NPDES Permit Reissuance

**Permit No.:** GA0026956

**Facility Name:** Nottely Hydro Plant

**Mailing Address:** 1101 Market Street LP 2K Chattanooga, Tennessee 37402

**Facility Address:** GA Highway 325, Blairsville, Georgia 30512

**River Basin:** Tennessee

**Receiving Water:** Nottely River

**Description:** Nottely Hydro (hydroelectric generating plant) is located near Blairsville, Georgia at Nottely River Mile 21.0. The plant has a hydraulic turbine generator with a capacity of 15 megawatts and a 0.75-megawatt sluice generator which is used to maintain minimum flows downstream when the main unit is not in operation.

**GEOS Submittal ID:** 405263

**GEOS Hyperlink:**

<https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Agency/EnSuite/Shared/Pages/util/StreamDoc.ashx?id=290378&type=attachment>

### **Wilkes County**

**EPD Notice Type:** NPDES Permit Modification

**Permit No.:** GA0031101

**Facility Name:** City of Washington - Rocky Creek WPCP

**Mailing Address:** Post Office Box 9, Washington, Georgia 30673

**Facility Address:** 801 Andrew Drive, Washington, Georgia 30673

**River Basin:** Savannah

**Receiving Water:** Rocky Creek

**Description:** Up to 4.0 MGD (monthly average) of treated domestic wastewater is discharged to Rocky Creek in the Savannah River Basin. The permit is being modified to include effluent limitations and monitoring requirement for the intermediary flows of 0.95, 1.5, and 2.0 MGD.

**GEOS Submittal ID:** 928552

**GEOS Hyperlink:**

[https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Agency/EnSuite/Shared/pages/util/StreamDoc.ashx?id=1145487&type=PERMIT\\_FILLED\\_PDF](https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Agency/EnSuite/Shared/pages/util/StreamDoc.ashx?id=1145487&type=PERMIT_FILLED_PDF)

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### Directions to Access the Georgia EPD Online System (GEOS) Public Portal

1. Navigate to the GEOS homepage:

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

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

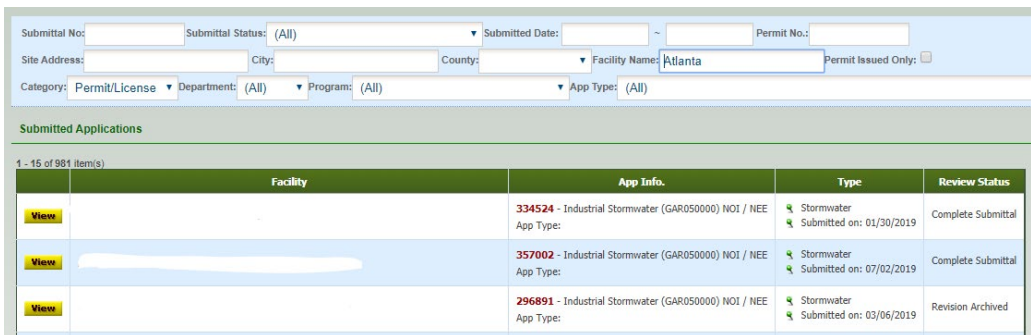
[https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Public/Client/GA\\_GEOS/Public/Pages/PublicApplicationList.aspx](https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Public/Client/GA_GEOS/Public/Pages/PublicApplicationList.aspx)

 **Public Inquiry Portal: Search for Applications and Permits Submitted in GEOS**

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



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.



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.