

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE NO. 2019-08ML**

**APRIL 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**

**Burke County**

Southern Nuclear Operating Company – Plant Vogtle Units 1&2, P.O. Box 1295, Birmingham, Alabama 35201, NPDES Permit No. GA0026786, for its nuclear powered electric generating facility located at 7821 River Road, Waynesboro, Georgia 30830 in Burke County. A maximum of 152.8 MGD of cooling tower blowdown, low volume wastewater, sanitary wastewater, intake screen backwash, and stormwater is discharged to the Savannah River (Outfalls 001, 011, and 013) and an Unnamed Tributary of Beaverdam Creek (Outfall 014) in the Savannah River Basin.

**Chatham County**

Savannah Yacht Club, Inc., 730 Bradley Point Road, Savannah, Georgia 31410, NPDES Permit No. GA0033189, for the Savannah Yacht Club Water Pollution Control Plant located at Bradley Point Road, Savannah, Georgia 31410. Up to 0.00825 MGD of treated wastewater is being discharged to the Wilmington River in the Ogeechee River Basin. In addition, the permit has been modified to include language for an approved Sludge Management Plan to deliver sludge to another facility for further treatment and disposal.

**Cherokee County**

Waleska Ventures, LLC, P.O. Box 129, Ball Ground, Georgia 30107, NPDES Permit No. GA0034959, for the Mountainbrook Center Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP), located at 417 Grady Street, Waleska, Georgia 30183. Up to 0.006 MGD of treated wastewater is being discharged to a tributary of Moore Creek in the Coosa River Basin.

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**Gwinnett County**

City of Buford, 2300 Buford Highway, Buford, Georgia, 30518, NPDES Permit No. GA0023175, for the Westside Water Pollution Control Plant located at 3380 South Richland Creek Road, Buford, Georgia, 30518. Up to 0.25 MGD of treated wastewater is being discharged to Richland Creek in the Chattahoochee River Basin. In addition, language for an approved Sludge Management Plan to deliver sludge to another permitted facility has been included in the draft permit.

**Jackson County**

City of Arcade, P.O. Box 417, Jefferson, Georgia, 30549, NPDES Permit No. GA0039110, for the Water Reclamation Facility located at Holiday Cemetery Road, Arcade, Georgia, 30047. Up to 0.25 MGD of treated wastewater will be discharged to the Middle Oconee River in the Oconee River Basin or distributed to reuse customers. The draft permit also includes effluent limitations and monitoring requirements for expanded flows of 0.5 MGD, 1.0 MGD, 1.5 MGD, and 2.0 MGD.

**Mitchell County**

City of Baconton, Post Office Box 399, Baconton, Georgia 31716, NPDES Permit No. GA0037737, for the Baconton Water Pollution Control Plant located at 289 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, S.E., Baconton, Georgia 31716. Up to 0.1 MGD of treated wastewater is being discharged to the Flint River in the Flint River Basin.

**Richmond County**

PCS Nitrogen Fertilizer, LP – Augusta Plant, P.O. Box 1483, Augusta, Georgia 30903, NPDES Permit No. GA0002071, for its nitrogen, nitrogen-blend, and industrial product manufacturing facility located at 1460 Columbia Nitrogen Road, Augusta, Georgia 30901 in Richmond County. An average of 1.68 MGD of cooling tower(s) blowdown, boiler(s) blowdown, neutralization basin waste, down flow filter backwash, ultra-filtration backwash, stormwater runoff, and utility & firefighting water is discharged to the Savannah River in the Savannah River Basin.

**Screven County**

City of Sylvania, 104 South Main Street, Sylvania, GA 30467, NPDES Permit No. GA0021385, for the Water Pollution Control Plant located at 62 Friendship Road, Georgia 30467. Up to 1.51 MGD of treated wastewater is being discharged to Buck Creek in the Savannah River Basin.

**NPDES PERMIT MODIFICATION**

**Fulton County**

City of Atlanta, 72 Marietta Street NW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303, NPDES Permit No. GA0039012 for the R.M. Clayton Water Reclamation Center located at 2440 Bolton Road, N.W. in Atlanta (Fulton County), Utoy Creek Water Reclamation Center located at 805 Selig Drive, S.W. in Atlanta (Fulton County), and South River Water Reclamation Center located on 2640 Jonesboro Road, S.E. in Atlanta (Fulton County). Up to 188 MGD of treated domestic wastewater is being discharged to the Chattahoochee River in the Chattahoochee River Basin. The permit is being modified to include language for an approved Sludge Management Plan to land apply or to sell or give away in bags and other containers Class A biosolids.

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**Whitfield County**

Trinseo, 1468 Prosser Drive SE, Dalton, Georgia 30720, NPDES Permit No. GA0000426 for its latex manufacturing facility located at 1468 Prosser Drive SE, Dalton, Whitfield County, Georgia 30720. A maximum of 0.272 MGD of process water, sanitary wastewater, blowdown, contaminated groundwater, and contaminated stormwater is discharged to the Conasauga River in the Coosa River Basin. The proposed modification is to remove the total residual chlorine effluent limitation and replace it with a monitoring only requirement based on operational changes at the plant.

**NPDES PERMIT TERMINATION**

**Pickens County**

Imerys Carbonates USA, Inc. PO Box 120 Marble Hill, Georgia 30148, NPDES Permit No. GA0000477, for its Marble Hill Operation located at 9986 Highway 53, Marble Hill, Georgia, 30148 in Pickens County. The Marble Hill Operation has requested coverage under the General Permit for Mining and Processing Facilities. NPDES Permit No. GA0000477 is no longer necessary.

**II. NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION FOR A LAND APPLICATION SYSTEM PERMIT FOR THE DISPOSAL OF WASTEWATER APPLIED TO THE SURFACE OR BENEATH THE SURFACE OF LAND.**

Land Application System (LAS) permits are valid for a maximum of five years. Prior to expiration of an existing permit, a new application must be submitted and evaluated.

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

**LAS PERMIT REISSUANCE**

**Effingham County**

Effingham County Board of Commissioners, P.O. Box 307, Springfield, Georgia 31329, LAS Permit No. GAJ020032, for the Industrial Park Water Reclamation Facility located at Bay Road, Meldrim, Georgia 31318. Up to 0.25 MGD of treated wastewater will be distributed to reuse customers and up to 0.09 MGD will be land applied to a dedicated site in Effingham County in the Savannah River Basin.

**Forsyth County**

Vann's Tavern Community Association, Inc., 9035 Maple Run Trail, Gainesville, Georgia 30506, LAS Permit No. GAJ030917, for the Vann's Tavern Subdivision Water Pollution Control Plant located at Vann's Tavern Road, Gainesville, Georgia 30506. Up to 0.0315 MGD of treated wastewater is being land applied onto a dedicated site in Forsyth County in the Chattahoochee River Basin.

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**Oconee County**

Oconee County Board of Commissioners, P.O. Box 145, Watkinsville, Georgia 30677, LAS Permit No. GAJ020176, for the Rocky Branch Water Pollution Control Plant, located at 1381 Rocky Branch Road, Bogart, Georgia 30677. Up to 0.4 MGD of treated wastewater is being land applied on a dedicated site in Oconee County in the Oconee River Basin.

**Pickens County**

Bent Tree Community, Inc., 40 Little Pine Mountain Road, Jasper, Georgia 30143, LAS Permit No. GAJ030782, for the Water Pollution Control Plant located at Bent Tree Drive, Jasper, Georgia 30143. Up to 0.0175 MGD of treated wastewater is being land applied onto a dedicated site in Pickens County in the Coosa River Basin.

Young Life Properties, 76 Camp Hope Road, Jasper, Georgia 30143, LAS Permit No. GAJ030954, for the Sharp Top Cove Water Pollution Control Plant located at 76 Camp Hope Road, Jasper, Georgia 30143. Up to 0.05 MGD of treated wastewater is being land applied onto a dedicated site in Pickens County in the Coosa River Basin. In addition, the permit has been modified to include language for an approved Sludge Management Plan to deliver sludge to another facility for treatment and disposal.

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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](mailto:EPDcomments@dnr.ga.gov), no later than **May 30, 2019**. Please use the words “**Public Notice No. 2019-08ML**” 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 **June 14, 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.