

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

PUBLIC NOTICE NO. 2019-15ML

AUGUST 15, 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 - NEW ISSUANCE

Gordon County

Pilgrim's Pride Corporation, 1770 Promontory Circle, Greeley, Colorado 80634 NPDES Permit No. GA0050282, for its poultry feed mill facility located at 877 US Highway 411 SE, Ranger, Georgia 30734 in Gordon County. A maximum daily flow of 0.0065 MGD of boiler blowdown and softener wastewater is discharged to an unnamed tributary to Marlowe Branch in the Coosa River Basin.

NPDES PERMIT - REISSUANCE

Haralson County

City of Bremen, 232 Tallapoosa Street, Bremen, Georgia 30110, NPDES Permit No. GA0037435, for the Buck Creek Water Pollution Control Plant located at 512 Pinebrook Drive, Bremen, Georgia 30110. Up to 0.9 MGD of treated wastewater is being discharged to Buck Creek in the Tallapoosa River Basin.

NPDES PERMIT - MODIFICATION

Hall County

City of Gainesville, 757 Queen City Parkway SW, Gainesville, Georgia 30501, NPDES Permit No. GA0020168, for the Linwood Water Pollution Control Plant located at 500 Linwood Drive, Gainesville, Georgia 30501. The facility is permitted to discharge up to 5.0 MGD of treated wastewater into Lake Sidney Lanier. The permit is being modified to include an annual phosphorus effluent limit to comply with the waste load allocation listed in the December 2017 Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Evaluation for Lake Lanier for chlorophyll-*a*.

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City of Gainesville, 757 Queen City Parkway SW, Gainesville, Georgia 30501, NPDES Permit No. GA0021156 for the Flat Creek Water Pollution Control Plant located at 2641 Old Flowery Branch Road, Gainesville, Georgia, 30504. The facility is permitted to discharge up to 12.0 MGD of treated wastewater into Flat Creek 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 Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Evaluation for Lake Lanier for chlorophyll *a*.

Walton County

City of Loganville, P.O. Box 39, Loganville, Georgia 30052, for its Big Flat Creek Water Pollution Control Plant, NPDES Permit No. GA0020788 – The City’s Sludge Management Plan, incorporated under the referenced permit, to land apply sewage sludge is to be amended to include Fields A (approximately 48 acres) and B (approximately 53 acres) on the Sims Properties at US Hwy 78 and Jacks Creek Road in Walton County.

NPDES PERMIT - TERMINATION

Forsyth County

Midsouth Paving, Inc. dba Midsouth Aggregates, 500 Riverhills Business Park, Suite 590, Birmingham, Alabama 35242, NPDES Permit No. GA0047562, for its granite quarry facility located at 3561 Peachtree Pkwy, Hwy 141, Suwanee, Forsyth County, Georgia 30024. Midsouth Paving, Inc. dba Midsouth Aggregates (Forsyth Quarry) facility has requested coverage under the General Permit for Mining and Processing Facilities. NPDES Permit No. GA0047562 is no longer necessary.

II. NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION FOR AN INDUSTRIAL PRETREATMENT PERMITS TO DISCHARGE WASTEWATER TO A PUBLICLY OWNED TREATMENT WORKS.

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

INDUSTRIAL PRETREATMENT PERMIT - REISSUANCE

Washington County

ARI Railcar Services, LLC, 754 Joiner Rd, Tennille, GA 31089, Permit No. GAP050286, for its railcar servicing and repair facility located at 754 Joiner Rd, Tennille, GA 31089. Pretreated covered railcar cleaning rack process wastewater, compressor condensate blowdown, and boiler blowdown is discharged to the City of Tennille – Buffalo Creek WPCP’s sewerage system in the Oconee River Basin.

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INDUSTRIAL PRETREATMENT PERMIT - MODIFICATION

Pierce County

American Egg Products, LLC (a subsidiary of Cal-Maine Foods, Inc.), P.O. Box 408, Blackshear, Georgia 31516, Pretreatment Permit No. GAP050237, for its egg processing facility located at 375 Pierce Industrial Blvd, Blackshear, Georgia 31516 in Pierce County. A maximum of 0.142 MGD of treated egg products processing wastewater, plant & equipment wash down water, and sanitary wastewater is discharged to the City of Blackshear's sewerage system in the Satilla River Basin.

III. NOTICE OF AN INDUSTRIAL PRETREATMENT PROGRAM

INDUSTRIAL PRETREATMENT PROGRAM – MODIFICATION

Cherokee County

In accordance with Chapter 391-3-6-.09, Rules and Regulations for Water Quality Control, notice is hereby given of approval by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division of changes to a local pretreatment program for Cherokee County Water and Sewerage Authority Riverbend Wastewater Treatment Plant (NPDES Permit No. GA0050242). The pretreatment program provides for the administration and enforcement of pretreatment standards for industrial users of the publicly owned treatment works.

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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 **September 16, 2019**. Please use the words “**Public Notice No. 2019-15ML**” 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 30, 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.