

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

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**JANUARY 17, 2024**

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 **February 16, 2024** (30-day notice period). In the case of Industrial Pretreatment Program Approvals and Modifications, comments are to be submitted to EPD no later than **March 2, 2024** (45-day notice period). Please use the words “**Public Notice No. 2024-02ML**” 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, please contact Whitney Fenwick at [whitney.fenwick@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:whitney.fenwick@dnr.ga.gov)

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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### **Dawson County**

**EPD Notice Type:** New NPDES Permit Issuance – LAS Permit Termination

**Permit No.:** GA0050319

**Facility Name:** Etowah Water and Sewer Authority – Dawson Forest Water Reclamation Facility

**Mailing Address:** 1162 Highway 53 East, Dawsonville, Georgia 30534

**Facility Address:** 1349 Martin Road, Dawsonville, Georgia 30534

**River Basin:** Coosa

**Receiving Water:** Etowah River

**Description:** Up to 1.25 MGD (monthly average) of treated domestic wastewater will be discharged to the Etowah River in the Coosa River Basin. The permit also includes effluent limitations and monitoring requirements for a future expanded flow of 2.5 MGD. Furthermore, the permit includes effluent limitations and monitoring requirements for the land application of up to 1.0 MGD of treated domestic wastewater to a dedicated site in Dawson County, which is currently covered under LAS Permit No. GAJ020232. The LAS permit will be terminated upon authorization to operate under NPDES permit GA0050319.

**GEOS Submittal ID:** 660428

**GEOS Hyperlink:**

[https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Agency/EnSuite/Shared/pages/util/StreamDoc.ashx?id=1095877&type=PERMIT\\_FILLED\\_PDF](https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Agency/EnSuite/Shared/pages/util/StreamDoc.ashx?id=1095877&type=PERMIT_FILLED_PDF)

### **Lumpkin County**

**EPD Notice Type:** LAS Permit Issuance

**Permit No.:** GAJ040050

**Facility Name:** DiVine Village Development LLC – Divine Village Motorcoach & Cabin Resort Water Pollution Control Plant

**Mailing Address:** 100 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue South, Suite 1202, St. Petersburg, Florida 33701

**Facility Address:** 3084 Town Creek Church Road, Dahlonega, Georgia 30533

**River Basin:** Chattahoochee

**Receiving Water:** Not applicable

**Description:** Up to 0.04124 MGD of treated domestic wastewater will be land applied on a dedicated site in Lumpkin County.

**GEOS Submittal ID:** 805263

**GEOS Hyperlink:**

[https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Agency/EnSuite/Shared/pages/util/StreamDoc.ashx?id=1091694&type=PERMIT\\_FILLED\\_PDF](https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Agency/EnSuite/Shared/pages/util/StreamDoc.ashx?id=1091694&type=PERMIT_FILLED_PDF)

EPD will host a public hearing at **7:00 p.m.** on **February 29th, 2024**. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive comments on the draft LAS Permit Issuance for DiVine Village Development LLC – Divine Village Motorcoach & Cabin Resort (GAJ040050). The hearing will be held both in person at the **Lumpkin County Community Center, 365 Riley Rd, Dahlonega, GA 30533** and virtually via **Zoom software**. Zoom is a free web conferencing platform that also allows participation by phone.

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To log into the public hearing on your computer, please click this link or copy and paste it into your browser to join the meeting: <https://gaepd.zoom.us/j/6071665276>

To ensure that you are ready to participate when the meeting begins, we recommend that you download Zoom in advance.

**Zoom can be found here: <https://zoom.us/>**

**To dial in by phone, please call this number: 1-470-381-2552**

**The meeting ID is 607 166 5276**

Please note that if you choose to participate by phone, your number may be visible to other meeting attendees.

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 as they relate to the draft permit.

Written comments are welcomed. To ensure their consideration, written comments should be received by close of business on **March 2, 2024**. Please address written comments to the address listed below, or via e-mail at [EPDcomments@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:EPDcomments@dnr.ga.gov). If you choose to e-mail your comments, please be sure to include the words "LAS permit issuance – DiVine Village Development LLC – Divine Village Motorcoach & Cabin Resort" in the subject line to ensure that your comments will be forwarded to the correct staff. 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.

### **Morgan County**

**EPD Notice Type:** NPDES Permit Reissuance

**Permit No.:** GA0025895

**Facility Name:** Rutledge Water Pollution Control Plant

**Mailing Address:** P.O. Box 277, Rutledge, Georgia 30663

**Facility Address:** Centennial Rd, Rutledge, Georgia 30663

**River Basin:** Oconee

**Receiving Water:** Rice Creek

**Description:** Up to 0.05 MGD treated effluent is discharged into Rice Creek.

**GEOS Submittal ID:** 687126

**GEOS Hyperlink:**

<https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Agency/EnSuite/Shared/Pages/util/StreamDoc.ashx?id=235165&type=attachment>

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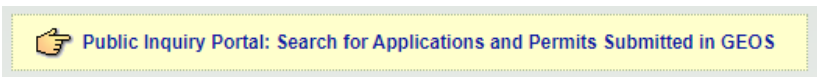
### Directions to Access the Georgia EPD Online System (GEOS) Public Portal

1. Navigate to the GEOS homepage:

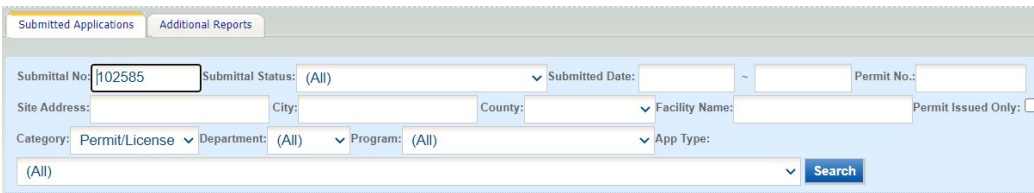
<https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Public/GovEnt/Shared/Pages/Main/Login.aspx>

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)

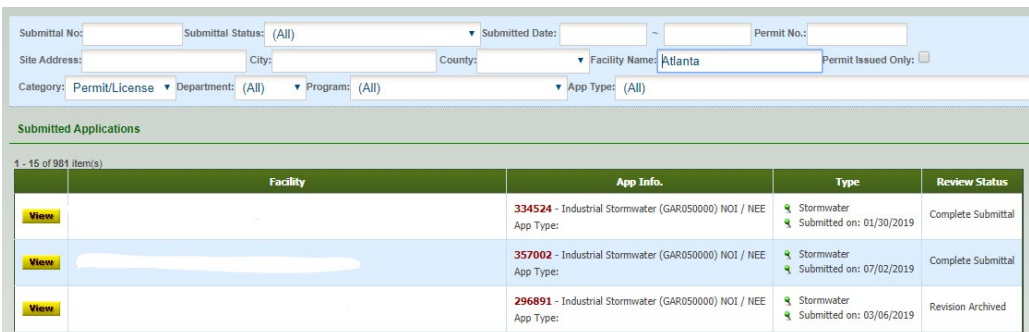


3. The easiest way to locate the facility and associated documents is to only enter the GEOS submittal ID provided in the public notice.



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: , Category: Permit/License, Department: (All), Program: (All), App Type: (All). A blue "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: , Category: Permit/License, Department: (All), Program: (All), App Type: (All). The table shows 1 - 15 of 981 item(s).

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.