

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

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**FEBRUARY 1, 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 **March 2, 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 17, 2024** (45-day notice period). Please use the words “**Public Notice No. 2024-03ML**” 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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### **Bulloch County**

**EPD Notice Type:** Notice of Intent for Coverage Under the General LAS Permit for Large Community Systems (GAG278000)

**Permit No.:** GAG278118

**Facility Name:** Youngblood Estates

**Mailing Address:** 236 North Main Street Statesboro, GA 30458

**Facility Address:** Youngblood Road (Parcel 107 000023 020) (Bulloch County)

**River Basin:** Savannah

**Description:** An average of 0.032 MGD of sanitary wastewater is land applied on a dedicated site.

**GEOS Submittal ID:** 815922

**GEOS Hyperlink:**

[https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Public/EnSuite/Shared/pages/util/StreamDoc.ashx?id=1097304&type=PERMIT\\_FILLED\\_OBJECT](https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Public/EnSuite/Shared/pages/util/StreamDoc.ashx?id=1097304&type=PERMIT_FILLED_OBJECT)

### **Effingham County**

**EPD Notice Type:** NPDES Permit Modification

**Permit No.:** GA0046442

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

**Mailing Address:** Post Office Box 232, Rincon, Georgia 31326

**Facility Address:** 500 Ackerman Road, Rincon, Georgia 31326

**River Basin:** Savannah

**Receiving Water:** Unnamed Tributary of Sweigoffer Creek

**Description:** The Facility is authorized to discharge up to 1.0 MGD of treated domestic wastewater. The permit is being modified to include effluent limitations and monitoring requirement for the expanded flow of 2.0 MGD. Only the conditions subject to modification are open to public comment.

**GEOS Submittal ID:** 788731

**GEOS Hyperlink:**

[https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Agency/EnSuite/Shared/pages/util/StreamDoc.ashx?id=1096183&type=PERMIT\\_FILLED\\_PDF](https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Agency/EnSuite/Shared/pages/util/StreamDoc.ashx?id=1096183&type=PERMIT_FILLED_PDF)

### **Floyd County**

**EPD Notice Type:** NPDES Permit Reissuance

**Permit No.:** GA0001457

**Facility Name:** Georgia Power Company – Plant Hammond

**Mailing Address:** 241 Ralph McGill Blvd NE, Bin 10221, Atlanta, Georgia 30308

**Facility Address:** 5963 Alabama Hwy SW, Rome, Georgia 30129

**River Basin:** Coosa

**Receiving Waters:** Coosa River (Outfall Nos. 001, 003, 004, and 005)

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**Description:** The facility is a retired steam electric power plant, which discharges an average of 0.46 MGD of ash pond wastewater commingled with stormwater and groundwater, low volume wastes, landfill leachate, intake sump return, and industrial stormwater.

**GEOS Submittal ID:** 664644

**GEOS Hyperlink:**

[https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Public/EnSuite/Shared/pages/util/StreamDoc.ashx?id=1097010&type=PERMIT\\_FILLED\\_OBJECT](https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Public/EnSuite/Shared/pages/util/StreamDoc.ashx?id=1097010&type=PERMIT_FILLED_OBJECT)

### **Jasper County**

**EPD Notice Type:** NPDES Permit Reissuance

**Permit No.:** GA0020150

**Facility Name:** City of Monticello - White Oak Creek Water Pollution Control Plant

**Mailing Address:** Post Office Box 269, Monticello, Georgia 31064

**Facility Address:** Jordan Road, Monticello, Georgia 31064

**River Basin:** Oconee River Basin

**Receiving Water:** White Oak Creek

**Description:** Up to 0.115 MGD of treated domestic wastewater is being discharged.

**GEOS Submittal ID:** 656123

**GEOS Hyperlink:**

[https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Public/EnSuite/Shared/pages/util/StreamDoc.ashx?id=1096779&type=PERMIT\\_FILLED\\_PDF](https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Public/EnSuite/Shared/pages/util/StreamDoc.ashx?id=1096779&type=PERMIT_FILLED_PDF)

### **Wayne County**

**EPD Notice Type:** NPDES Permit Reissuance

**Permit No.:** GA0003620

**Facility Name:** Rayonier Performance Fibers, LLC

**Mailing Address:** 4470 Savannah Highway, Jesup, Georgia 31545

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**River Basin:** Altamaha

**Receiving Water:** Altamaha River

**Description:** An average of 56.05 MGD of process wastewater, sanitary wastes, and stormwater runoff is discharged to the Altamaha River in the Altamaha River Basin. In addition, the facility's Sludge Management Plan for the land application of industrial biosolids onsite has been approved and incorporated into the permit.

**GEOS Submittal ID:** 485594

**GEOS Hyperlink:**

[https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Public/EnSuite/Shared/pages/util/StreamDoc.ashx?id=1034511&type=PERMIT\\_FILLED\\_OBJECT](https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Public/EnSuite/Shared/pages/util/StreamDoc.ashx?id=1034511&type=PERMIT_FILLED_OBJECT)

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### **Wilkinson County**

**EPD Notice Type:** Pretreatment Permit Issuance

**Permit No.:** GAP050360

**Facility Name:** Zschimmer & Schwarz, Inc. (Ivey Plant)

**Mailing Address:** P.O. Box 1105, Gordon, Georgia 31031

**Facility Address:** 7400 Gordon McIntyre Road, Gordon, Georgia 31031

**River Basin:** Oconee

**Receiving Water:** City of Gordon WPCP

**Description:** A maximum of 0.05 MGD of pretreated process wastewater, non-contact cooling water, boiler blowdown, air pollution control wastewater, plant & equipment washdown wastewater, and sludge dewatering wastewater will be discharged to the City of Gordon's sewerage system in the Oconee river basin.

**GEOS Submittal ID:** 733174

**GEOS Hyperlink:**

[https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Public/EnSuite/Shared/pages/util/StreamDoc.ashx?id=1097009&type=PERMIT\\_FILLED\\_OBJECT](https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Public/EnSuite/Shared/pages/util/StreamDoc.ashx?id=1097009&type=PERMIT_FILLED_OBJECT)

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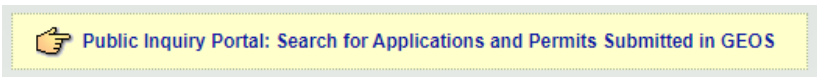
### Directions to Access the Georgia EPD Online System (GEOS) Public Portal

1. Navigate to the GEOS homepage:

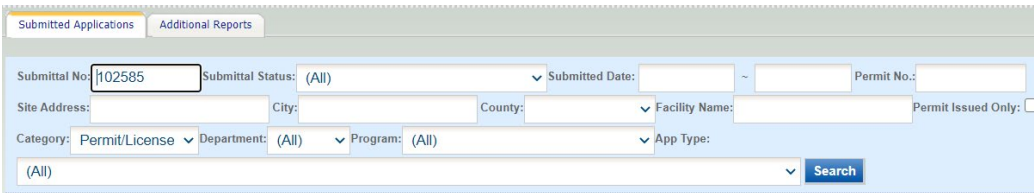
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2. Find the Public Inquiry Portal link in the middle of the page or navigate directly to:

[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)

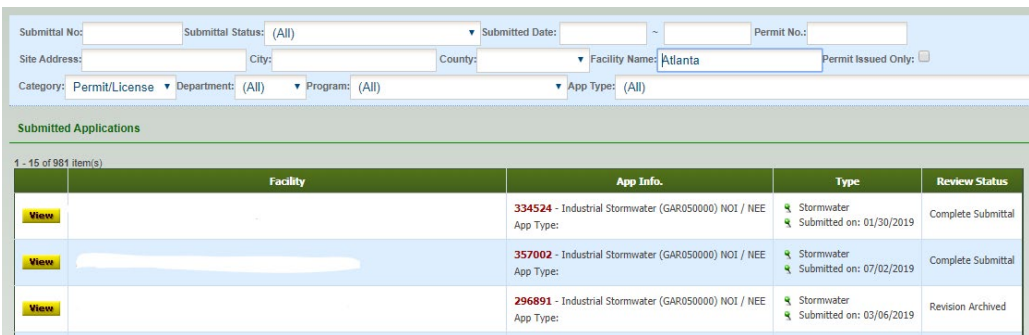


3. The easiest way to locate the facility and associated documents is to only enter the GEOS submittal ID provided in the public notice.



A screenshot of the GEOS search interface. The "Submitted Applications" tab is active. Search filters include: Submittal No. (102585), Submittal Status: (All), Submitted Date, Permit No., Site Address, City, County, Facility Name, Permit Issued Only (checkbox), Category: Permit/License, Department: (All), Program: (All), App Type, and a Search button.

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 include Facility Name: Atlanta. The table shows 1-15 of 981 items. The table has columns: Facility, App Info., Type, and 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.