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NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO GEORGIA'S RULES FOR THE WATER WELL STANDARDS ADVISORY COUNCIL, DEPARTMENT 770

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the authority set forth below, the Water Well Standards Advisory Council (hereinafter, "Council") proposes amendments to the Rules, Department 770. The proposed amendments would provide various updates, reformatting and clarifications that refresh the rules and align them more closely with the Water Well Standards Act, O.C.G.A. §§ 12-5-120 et seq.

This notice, together with an exact copy of the proposed rule amendments, a synopsis, and statement of rationale of the proposed rule amendments, is being provided to all persons who have requested in writing that they be placed on a notification list. These documents may be viewed online at https://epd.georgia.gov/watershed-protection-branch/water-well-standards. The documents may also be reviewed during normal business hours of 8:00 am to 4:30 pm at the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD), Tifton office, located at 531 Main Street, Suite D, Tifton, Georgia 31794. To set an appointment, or to request copies, please contact the EPD Tifton office at (229) 391-2400.

To provide the public an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed rule amendments, a public hearing will be held on September 21, 2023, beginning at 2:00 p.m., to be held in conjunction with the Council's next scheduled meeting. The Council's will be meeting in person at the Savannah Marriott, 100 General McIntosh Blvd., Savannah, GA 31401. The Meeting will also be hosted via Zoom, a free web conferencing platform that also allows participation by phone. To participate in the public hearing via Zoom, please click the following link or copy and paste it into your browser:

Join by Zoom: https://gaepd.zoom.us/j/91088156076?pwd=ZTg0K1FaZ2RKNGJLY2M2aUUrZnhXQT09

Meeting ID: 910 8815 6076

Passcode: 703163

Join by Phone: (470) 381-2552

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For more information about this meeting, please call (229) 391-2400 or email jacob.elliott@dnr.ga.gov

At the public hearing, anyone may present data, make a statement, comment or offer a viewpoint or argument either orally or in writing. Lengthy statements or statements of a considerable technical nature, as well as previously recorded messages, must be submitted in writing for the official record. Oral statements should be concise.

Written comments are welcomed. In order to be included in the summary given to the Council, written comments should be received on or before October 13, 2023. Written comments may be emailed to Ag.Permits@dnr.ga.gov or sent via regular mail addressed to Water Well Standards Advisory Council, c/o GA EPD, 531 Main St., Suite D, Tifton, GA 31794. If you choose to e-mail your comments, please include the words "WWSA Rules" in the subject line to help ensure that your comments will be forwarded to the correct staff.

The proposed rule amendments will be considered for adoption by the Council at its meeting at 9:00 a.m. on November 1, 2023, which will be held via Zoom. The meeting will be open to the public.

Join by Zoom: https://gaepd.zoom.us/j/91026702122?pwd=bFp6c3lzcUdhcDkrT3lSVWhPZVVtZz09

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The proposed rule amendments are proposed for adoption pursuant to authority contained in the Water Well Standards Act, O.C.G.A. §§ 12-5-120 et seq.

For more information, please contact Edward Rooks, Program Manager, at edward.rooks@dnr.ga.gov or (229) 472-6210.