

EPD Watershed Protection Branch

Notice of Public Meeting on Draft Rule Amendments and Improvements to Public Notification Procedures

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) Watershed Protection Branch will hold a public meeting to discuss draft rule amendments and planned improvements to the Branch's public notification procedures. The meeting will be held on **Wednesday, January 15, 2020 beginning at 10:00 am** at the EPD Tradeport Training Room located at 4244 International Parkway, Suite 116, Atlanta, GA 30354.

The draft rule amendments to be discussed are to specific rules under Chapter 391-3-6, Rules for Water Quality Control, and were prepared to comply with the federal *NPDES: Applications and Program Updates* rule, 84 FR 3324 (eff. 6/12/19). The draft rule amendments incorporate electronic public notice procedures. To facilitate electronic public notice in conjunction with the draft rule amendments, the Branch intends to make improvements to its public notification procedures for both NPDES-related public notices, as well as for other permitting and non-permitting related topics.

The purpose of this meeting is to inform and solicit input from the public and impacted organizations regarding the draft rule amendments and improvements to the Branch's public notification procedures. EPD will also listen to comments and address stakeholder questions during the meeting.

- [The draft rule amendments are available for review here.](#)
- [A description of the planned improvements to the Branch's public notification procedures may be found here.](#)

A copy of these items may also be requested by contacting the Watershed Protection Branch at (404) 463-1511.

At the public meeting, anyone may present data, make a statement, or offer comments either orally or in writing. Lengthy statements or statements of a considerable technical or economic nature, as well as previously recorded messages, should be submitted in writing.

Written comments are also welcomed and should be received by close of business on **January 17, 2020**. Written comments may be emailed to EPDComments@dnr.ga.gov or sent via regular mail to: EPD Watershed Protection Branch, 2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr., Suite 1152, East Tower, Atlanta, Georgia, 30334. If you choose to e-mail your comments, please include the words "Watershed Protection Branch Rule Updates and Public Notification Procedures" in the subject line to help ensure that your comments will be forwarded to the correct staff.