

EPD Watershed Protection Branch

Notice of Public Meeting on Drinking Water Program Updates to Minimum Standards for Public Water Systems, Boil Water Advisory Guidance, and Draft Rule Amendments

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) Watershed Protection Branch will hold a virtual public meeting to discuss the Drinking Water Program's updates to two guidance documents and draft rule amendments. The meeting will be held on **Wednesday, September 2, 2020 beginning at 1:00 pm** on the Zoom web conferencing platform. The Georgia Association of Water Professionals will be hosting this meeting on behalf of EPD, and the login information for the meeting is below.

The Drinking Water Program has prepared [draft updates to the Boil Water Advisory Guidance](#) for public review and comment. The draft updates address when boil water advisories may be issued, and what steps should be taken to lift a boil water advisory.

The Drinking Water Program has also prepared [draft updates to the Minimum Standards for Public Water Systems](#) for public review and comment. The draft updates are designed to bring the current minimum standards up to date with the most recent 2018 "Ten State Standards".

The Branch has also prepared [draft amendments to Chapter 391-3-5, Rules for Safe Drinking Water](#) for public review and comment. The draft rule amendments are a compilation of revisions that: address comments that have been received from EPA on prior rule amendments that impact the state's primacy to implement the drinking water program; address revisions to state-only requirements that do not implicate EPA's review, such as expanding the delegated authority provisions of Rule 391-3-5-.04(2) to larger privately-owned public water systems, and removing details that are now addressed in the revised Minimum Standards document; or correct inaccurate cross-references or address typographical or grammatical errors.

All three of these items will be discussed during the public meeting. The purpose of this meeting is to inform and solicit input from the public and impacted organizations regarding these items. EPD will also listen to comments and address stakeholder questions during the meeting. A copy of these items may also be requested by contacting Manny Patel of the Watershed Protection Branch at manny.patel@dnr.ga.gov or (404) 657-2044.

Zoom Meeting Details:

Sept. 2, 2020, beginning at 1:00 p.m.
Link to join: <https://zoom.us/j/92576726754>
Meeting ID: 925 7672 6754

Those joining via computer can use their computer audio, or may also dial-in.
Dial-in number: 1- 301-715-8592 (with same Meeting ID as above)

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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 **Friday, September 18, 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, Drinking Water Program Updates" in the subject line to help ensure that your comments will be forwarded to the correct staff.