

**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND PROPOSED AMENDMENTS
TO GEORGIA'S RULES FOR AIR QUALITY CONTROL
CHAPTER 391-3-1**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the authority set forth below, the Environmental Protection Division (hereinafter, "EPD") of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources proposes Amendments to Georgia's Rules for Air Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-1 (hereinafter, "the proposed Air Rule Amendments"). The Director of EPD certifies that the revisions to rule 391-3-1-.03 are required to comply with Section 502(b)(3) of the Federal Clean Air Act. The proposed Air Rule Amendments are described below:

Rule 391-3-1-.03(9), "Permit Fees," is being revised to add a new annual maintenance fee for Title V sources, specify the dollar-per-ton rate for annual emission fees, and reference the Fee Manual for state fiscal year 2021 fees. Annual emission fees based on emissions from calendar year 2019, including the new annual maintenance fee, will be due beginning September 1, 2020, and will fund state fiscal year 2021 permit-related activities. Although not referenced in the new rulemaking, updates in the Fee Manual include an increase in all permit application fees effective March 1, 2021 and increases in the annual Synthetic Minor and New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) Permit Fees. Rule 391-3-1-.03(9) will be submitted as a Part 70 Permit Program revision to EPA.

This notice, together with an exact copy of the proposed Air Rule Amendments, a synopsis, and a statement of rationale of the rule revisions, is being provided to all persons who have requested in writing that they be placed on a notification list. These documents may be viewed at <https://epd.georgia.gov/chapter-391-3-1-air-quality-control> or during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Georgia Environmental Protection Division, Air Protection Branch, 4244 International Parkway, Suite 104, Atlanta, Georgia 30354. Copies may also be requested by contacting James Boylan, 404-363-7014 or Elisabeth Munsey, 404-363-7131 at the Air Protection Branch or the Environmental Protection Division Director's Office at 1-888-373-5947.

To provide the public an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed Air Rule Amendments, a public hearing will be held at 2:00 p.m. on March 30, 2020, in the EPD Training Center located at 4244 International Parkway, Suite 116, Atlanta, Georgia 30354. At the hearing, anyone may present data, make a statement, comment, or offer a viewpoint or argument either orally or in writing. Oral statements should be concise. Lengthy statements or statements of a considerable technical or economic nature, as well as previously recorded messages, must be submitted in writing for the official record.

Written comments are welcomed. To ensure their inclusion in EPD's package for the Board of Natural Resources, written comments should be received by close of business on April 6, 2020. Written comments may be emailed to EPDComments@dnr.state.ga.us or sent via regular mail addressed to: Branch Chief, Air Protection Branch, 4244 International Parkway, Suite 120, Atlanta, Georgia, 30354.

The proposed Air Rule Amendments will be considered for adoption by the Board of Natural Resources at its meeting at 9:00 a.m. on May 19, 2020, at the Idlewilde Event Center located at 678 Lake Clark Road, Flowilla, Georgia 30216. The meeting is open to the public.

The proposed Air Rule Amendments are proposed for adoption pursuant to authority contained in the Georgia Air Quality Act (O.C.G.A. Section 12-9-1 et. seq.). For further information, contact Elisabeth Munsey, 404-363-7131 at the Air Protection Branch.