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 (1) the amendments to rule 391-3-1-.01 are required to comply with Section 110(a) of the Federal Clean Air Act, (2) the amendments to rule 391-3-1-.02 are required to comply with Sections 110(a), 111(c)(1), and 112(l) of the Federal Clean Air Act and to exercise authority approved and/or delegated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to implement Section 110 of the Federal Clean Air Act, and (3) the amendments to rule 391-3-1-.03 are required to comply with Sections 110(a) and 172 of the Federal Clean Air Act. The proposed Air Rule Amendments are described below:

Rule 391-3-1-.01, “Definitions,” is being revised to update the definitions of “Pollution control project.” Rule 391-3-1-.01 will be submitted as a SIP revision to EPA.

Rule 391-3-1-.02(7), “Prevention of Significant Deterioration of Air Quality,” is being amended so that the most recent version of federal modeling requirements is incorporated by reference and to ensure consistency between State and Federal programs. Rule 391-3-1-.02(7) will be submitted as a SIP revision to EPA.

Rule 391-3-1-.02(8), “New Source Performance Standards,” is being revised to adopt the Federal Performance Standards into the Georgia Rules by reference to ensure consistency between the State and Federal programs.

Rule 391-3-1-.02(9), “Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants,” is being revised to adopt the Federal Emission Standards into the Georgia Rules by reference to ensure consistency between the State and Federal programs.

Rule 391-3-1-.03(6), “Exemptions,” is being revised to ensure consistency between the exemptions listed in subparagraph .03(6) and the exemptions listed in subparagraph 391-3-1-.01(qqqq) for the definition of “Pollution control project.” Rule 391-3-1-.03(6) will be submitted as a SIP 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 by appointment only during the
COVID-19 pandemic at the Georgia Environmental Protection Division, Air Protection Branch, 4244 International Parkway, Suite 104, Atlanta, Georgia 30354. To set an appointment, email askepd@dnr.ga.gov with your name, email and phone number and an associate will reach out to you. Copies may also be requested by contacting James Boylan, James.Boylan@dnr.ga.gov or Elisabeth Munsey, Elisabeth.Munsey@dnr.ga.gov or the Environmental Protection Division Director’s Office at askepd@dnr.ga.gov.

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 April 29, 2020. In accordance with EPD’s safety precautions regarding the COVID-19 virus and in keeping with the Governor’s Declaration of a Public Health State of Emergency, EPD will be hosting this public hearing via Zoom. Zoom is a free web conferencing platform that also allows participation by phone.

To log into the public hearing on your computer, please click this link or copy and paste it into your browser to join the meeting: https://gaepd.zoom.us/j/828232363?pwd=aVlzVEQ2dEVoTzU4VGdxRDU0SVZVQT09

To ensure that you are ready to participate when the meeting begins, we recommend that you download Zoom in advance. Zoom can be found here: https://zoom.us

To dial in by phone, please call this number: 888-788-0099 (Toll free).

The meeting ID is 828 232 363
Password: 508715

Please note that if you choose to participate by phone, your phone number may be visible to other meeting attendees.

During 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 May 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 June 23, 2020, in the DNR Board Room located at 2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Suite 1252, East Tower, Atlanta, Georgia 30334. 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.