

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION**

**PUBLIC NOTICE NO. 2019-18ML**

**OCTOBER 16, 2019**

**I. NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION FOR A NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT TO DISCHARGE TREATED WASTEWATER INTO WATERS OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA**

NPDES permits are valid for a maximum of five years. Prior to expiration of an existing permit, a new application must be submitted and evaluated.

An antidegradation analysis is conducted, as applicable, for new or expanded point source discharges that are proposed. The analysis evaluates whether allowing lower water quality is necessary to accommodate important economic or social development in the area in which the waters are located. In all cases, existing instream water uses and the level of water quality necessary to protect the existing use is maintained and protected.

All municipalities must be in compliance with the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) Service Delivery Strategy in order to receive a permit.

Having reviewed such applications, the Environmental Protection Division (EPD) is considering the issuance of NPDES permits to the following applicants, subject to specific pollutant limitations and special conditions.

**NPDES PERMIT REISSUANCE**

**Bartow County**

Allatoona Landing Marine Resort, 24 Allatoona Landing Road, Cartersville, Georgia 30121, NPDES Permit No. GA0022616, for the Allatoona Campground Water Pollution Control Plant located at 24 Allatoona Landing Road, Cartersville, Georgia 30121. Up to 0.02 MGD (monthly average) of treated wastewater is being discharged to Allatoona Lake in the Coosa River Basin. In addition, the permit has been modified to include language for an approved Sludge Management Plan to deliver sludge to another permitted facility for further treatment and ultimate disposal.

**Fannin County**

Ninth District Opportunity, Inc. Post Office Drawer L, Gainesville, Georgia 30503, NPDES Permit No. GA0022225, for the Ninth District Opportunity Water Pollution Control Plant located at 8731 Lakewood Highway, Mineral Bluff, Georgia 30559. Up to 0.01 MGD of treated wastewater is being discharged to Hemptown Creek in the Tennessee River Basin.

Tennessee Valley Authority, 1101 Market Street LP 2K, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37402, NPDES Permit No. GA0026948, for its Blue Ridge Hydroelectric Plant located at Old US Highway 76, Blue Ridge, Georgia 30513 in Fannin County. An average of 4.36 MGD of station sump discharge consisting of wheel pit leakage, powerhouse floor drains, turbine and generator cooling water, and drainage from the small turbine as well Unit 1 scroll case unwatering discharges are discharged to the Toccoa River in the Tennessee River Basin.

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**Union County**

Tennessee Valley Authority, 1101 Market Street LP 2K, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37402, NPDES Permit No. GA0026956, for its Nottely Hydroelectric Plant located at GA Highway 325, Blairsville, Georgia 30512 in Union County. An average of 2.55 MGD of Unit 1 station sump discharge consisting of wheel pit leakage and powerhouse floor drains, Unit 1 unwatering operations discharge, Unit 1 turbine oil cooling water, Unit 1 generator surface air cooling, Unit 1 generator guide and thrust bearing cooling, and sluice generator cooling water is discharged to the Nottely River in the Tennessee River Basin.

**NPDES PERMIT TERMINATION**

**Richmond County**

Martin Marietta Materials, Inc., 3019 Riverwatch Parkway, Augusta, Georgia, 30907, NPDES Permit No. GA0002909, for its crushed and broken granite facility located at 3098 Superior Road, Augusta, Richmond County, Georgia 30907. The Martin Marietta Materials, Inc.- Augusta Quarry facility has requested coverage under the General Permit for Mining and Processing Facilities (No. GAG300000). NPDES Permit No. GA0002909 is no longer necessary.

**II. NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION FOR A LAND APPLICATION SYSTEM PERMIT FOR THE DISPOSAL OF WASTEWATER APPLIED TO THE SURFACE OR BENEATH THE SURFACE OF LAND.**

Land Application System (LAS) permits are valid for a maximum of five years. Prior to expiration of an existing permit, a new application must be submitted and evaluated.

All municipalities must be in compliance with the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) Service Delivery Strategy in order to receive a permit.

**LAS PERMIT REISSUANCE**

**Evans County**

City of Hagan, PO Box 356, Hagan, Georgia 30429, LAS Permit No. GAJ020042, for the Hagan Water Pollution Control Plant located at 905 Edgar Griffin Rd, Claxton, Georgia 30417. Up to 0.15 MGD of treated wastewater is being land applied on a dedicated site in Evans County in the Ogeechee River Basin.

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Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations are invited to submit same in writing to the EPD address below or via e-mail at [EPDcomments@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:EPDcomments@dnr.ga.gov), no later than **November 15, 2019**. Please use the words “**Public Notice No. 2019-18ML**” and the name of the subject facility that you are commenting on in the subject line to ensure that your comments will be forwarded to the correct staff. All comments received prior to or on that date will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the application. In the case of the permits which are on this notice for proposed modification, only those conditions -subject to modification are open to public comment. In the case of the Industrial Pretreatment Program Approvals and Modifications comments are to be submitted to EPD no later than **December 2, 2019**. A public hearing may be requested or additional information regarding public hearing procedures is available by writing the EPD at the address noted below.

A fact sheet or copy of draft permits are available by writing the Environmental Protection Division. The permit application, draft permit, comments received, and other information are available for review at 2 MLK Jr. Dr. S.W., 1152 East Tower, Atlanta, Georgia 30334. For additional information contact: Audra Dickson, Wastewater Regulatory Program, phone (404) 463-1511. Please bring this notice to the attention of interested persons.

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**Notice of application for the General Land Application System Permit for Large  
Community Systems, General Permit No. GAG278000**

**Forsyth County**

Having reviewed the application which has been submitted, the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) is considering covering the following applicant under LAS General Permit GAG278000, subject to specific pollutant limitations and special conditions:

Forsyth County Board of Education, 1120 Dahlonega Highway Cumming, Georgia 30040, for its East Forsyth High School On-Site Subsurface System located at 8910 Jot-Em-Down Road, Cumming, Georgia 31416 (Effingham County).

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**Notice of Reissuance of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System General Permit for Private and Institutional Developments, General Permit No. GAG550000**

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division proposes to reissue the existing National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System General Permit for Private and Institutional Developments. The proposed General Permit authorizes applicants to discharge treated wastewater to Georgia State Waters and places conditions on the discharge of pollutants from the water pollution control plant. In addition, the permit has been modified to include language for an approved Sludge Management Plan to deliver sludge to another permitted facility for further treatment and ultimate disposal. The proposed General Permit coverage is state-wide and is valid for a maximum of five years.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations are invited to submit same in writing to the EPD address below, or via e-mail at [EPDcomments@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:EPDcomments@dnr.ga.gov), no later than thirty (30) days after this notification. If you choose to e-mail your comments, please be sure to include the words "NPDES General Permit for Private and Institutional Developments – General Permit No. GAG550000" in the subject line to ensure that your comments will be forwarded to the correct staff. All comments received prior to or on that date will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the application. A public hearing may be held where the EPD Director finds a significant degree of public interest in a proposed permit or group of permits. Additional information regarding public hearing procedures is available by writing the Environmental Protection Division.

The Notice of Intent, summary of changes, fact sheet, and/or copy of the draft permit is available for review. To request documents, please contact Alyssa Thomson, Wastewater Regulatory Program, phone (404) 463-4946 or email [alyssa.thomson@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:alyssa.thomson@dnr.ga.gov). These documents are also available for review at 2 MLK, Jr. Dr., Suite 1152E, Atlanta, GA 30334, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For additional information contact: Benoit Causse, Wastewater Regulatory Program, phone (404) 463-4958 or e-mail [benoit.causse@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:benoit.causse@dnr.ga.gov).

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**Notice of Reissuance for the General Land Application System Permit for Large Community Systems, General Permit No. GAG278000**

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) is proposing the reissuance of a General Permit for land application systems (LAS) that utilize subsurface disposal. The General LAS Permit No. GAG278000 allows Class V septic systems to obtain coverage under the permit if those facilities treat domestic wastewater, have a design flow between 10,000 gpd and 150,000 gpd, and they discharge the pretreated domestic wastewater into a subsurface fluid distribution system. This general permit does not allow coverage for the discharge of hazardous substances. The coverage area of the proposed General Permit (No. GAG278000) is statewide. In addition, the permit has been modified to include language for an approved Sludge Management Plan to deliver sludge to another permitted facility for further treatment and ultimate disposal.

Persons wishing to comment on the proposed permit are invited to submit their comments in writing to the EPD address below or via e-mail at [EPDcomments@dnr.state.ga.us](mailto:EPDcomments@dnr.state.ga.us), within thirty (30) days after this notification. If you choose to e-mail your comments, please be sure to include the words “LAS permit reissuance – General LAS Permit for Large Community Systems – GAG278000” in the subject line to ensure that your comments will be forwarded to the correct staff. All comments received prior to or on that date will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the application. A public hearing may be held if the EPD Director finds a significant degree of public interest in the proposed permit. A public hearing may be requested, or additional information regarding public hearing procedures is available, by writing the EPD at the address noted below.

The Notice of Intent, summary of changes, fact sheet, and/or copy of the draft permit is available for review. To request documents, please contact Stephanie Reed, Wastewater Regulatory Program, phone (404) 463-0665 or email [stephanie.reed@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:stephanie.reed@dnr.ga.gov). These documents are also available for review at 2 MLK, Jr. Dr., Suite 1152E, Atlanta, GA 30334, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For additional information contact: Benoit Causse, Wastewater Regulatory Program, phone (404) 463-4958 or e-mail [benoit.causse@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:benoit.causse@dnr.ga.gov).