

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

PUBLIC NOTICE NO. 2019-20ML

NOVEMBER 15, 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

New Riverside Ochre Company, Inc., Post Office Box 460, Cartersville, Georgia 30120, NPDES Permit No. GA0029823, for its mining and beneficiation of barite and ochre facility located at 75 Old River Road, SE, Cartersville, Georgia 30120 in Bartow County. A maximum of 7.61 MGD of barite washer, barite flot plant, ochre wash water, and stormwater is discharged to unnamed tributaries to the Etowah River in the Coosa River Basin.

Cobb County

Thomas Concrete of Georgia, 2500 Cumberland Parkway, Suite 200, Atlanta, Georgia 30339, NPDES Permit No. GA0050232, for its ready-mixed concrete facility located at 951 Duncan Road, Kennesaw, Georgia 30144 in Cobb County. A maximum of 0.002 MGD of concrete truck washout water and batch plant process wastewater commingled with stormwater is discharged to an unnamed tributary to Noonday Creek in the Coosa River Basin.

Richmond County

Prayon, Inc. P.O. Box 1473 Augusta, Georgia 30903 NPDES Permit No. GA0002178, for its inorganic chemical manufacturing facility located at 1610 Marvin Griffin Road Augusta, Georgia, 30906 in Richmond County. A maximum of 0.12 MGD of cooling tower blowdown, boiler blowdown, steam condensate, stormwater, and containment area stormwater is discharged to Butler Creek in the Savannah River Basin.

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Union County

Georgia Department of Natural Resources Parks, Recreation and Historic Sites Division, 2500 Highway 155 SW, Suite C, Stockbridge, Georgia 30281, NPDES Permit No. GA0031313, for the Vogel State Park Water Pollution Control Plant located at 405 Vogel State Park Road, Blairsville, Georgia 30512. Up to 0.065 MGD (monthly average) of treated wastewater is being discharged to the East Fork Wolf Creek in the Tennessee 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.

Wilcox County

City of Rochelle, Post Office Box 156, Rochelle, GA 31079, NPDES Permit No. GA0024236, for the Rochelle Southeast Water Pollution Control Plant located at 378 Seventh Avenue, Rochelle, Georgia 31079. Up to 0.04 MGD of treated wastewater is being discharged to Mill Creek in the Suwanee River Basin.

NPDES PERMIT MODIFICATION

Coweta County

Coweta County Water & Sewage Authority, 545 Corinth Road, Newnan, Georgia 30265, NPDES Permit No. GA0038822, for the Shenandoah Water Reuse Facility located at 1519 Poplar Road, Newnan, Georgia 30265, Newnan, Georgia 30265. The facility is authorized to discharge up to 2.0 MGD of treated domestic wastewater into White Oak Creek in the Flint River Basin. The permit is being modified to include a total recoverable zinc effluent limit and to remove total recoverable copper monitoring

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

Hall County

Hall County Board of Education, 711 Green Street, Gainesville, Georgia 30501, LAS Permit No. GAJ040026, for the Myers Elementary School Water Pollution Control Plant located at 611 Green Street, Gainesville, Georgia 30501. Up to 0.00376 MGD of treated wastewater is being land applied on a dedicated site in Hall County in the Oconee River Basin. In addition, the permit has been modified to include language for an approved Sludge Management Plan to allow sewage sludge generated at the plant to be delivered to another permitted facility for further treatment and ultimate disposal.

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Paulding County

Ridge Crossing Wastewater Management, LLC, 4200 Northside Parkway, Building 10 Suite 101, Atlanta, Georgia 30328, LAS Permit No. GAJ030850, for the Ridge Crossing Water Pollution Control Plant located at 4815 Ridge Road, Douglasville, Georgia 30141. Up to 0.013 MGD of treated wastewater is being land applied on a dedicated site in Paulding County in the Coosa River Basin. In addition, the permit has been modified to include language for an approved Sludge Management Plan to allow sewage sludge generated at the plant to be delivered to another permitted facility for further treatment and ultimate disposal.

Walton County

Walton County Board of Education, 200 Double Springs Church Road, Monroe, Georgia 30656, LAS Permit No. GAJ030776, for the Youth Middle School Water Pollution Control Plant located at 1804 GA Hwy 81 South, Loganville, Georgia 30052. Up to 0.0225 MGD of treated wastewater is being land applied on a dedicated site in Walton County in the Ocmulgee 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.

LAS PERMIT MODIFICATION

McDuffie County

City of Thomson, Post Office Box 1017, Thomson, GA 30824, for its Dearing Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP), LAS Permit No. GAJ020007 – The City has an approved Sludge Management Plan (SMP), authorized under NPDES Permit No. GA0020974, to land apply sewage sludge on sites in McDuffie and Jefferson Counties. The above referenced permit is being modified to allow sludge generated at the Dearing WPCP to be land applied under the City’s existing SMP.

City of Thomson, Post Office Box 1017, Thomson, GA 30824, for its Mattox Creek Water Pollution Control Plant, LAS Permit No. GAJ020252 – The City has an approved Sludge Management Plan (SMP), authorized under NPDES Permit No. GA0020974, to land apply sewage sludge on sites in McDuffie and Jefferson Counties. The above referenced permit is being modified to allow sludge generated at the Mattox Creek WPCP to be land applied under the City’s existing SMP.

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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, no later than **December 16, 2019**. Please use the words “**Public Notice No. 2019-20ML**” 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 31, 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.