PUBLIC NOTICE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION

PUBLIC NOTICE NO. 2019–23ML

DECEMBER 30, 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

Madison County

City of Danielsville, Post Office Box 339, Danielsville, GA 30633, NPDES Permit No. GA0048224, for the Danielsville Water Pollution Control Plant located at 451 Colbert-Danielsville Road, Danielsville, Georgia 30633. Up to 0.075 MGD of treated wastewater is being discharged to the South Fork Broad River in the Savannah River Basin.

Wilcox County

City of Rochelle, Post Office Box 156, Rochelle, GA 31079, NPDES Permit No. GA0024244, for the Rochelle Northwest Water Pollution Control Plant located at 10348 Cemetery Road, Rochelle, Georgia 31079. Up to 0.336 MGD of treated wastewater is being discharged to Unnamed Tributary of Reynolds Creek in the Suwanee River Basin.

NPDES PERMIT MODIFICATION

Cobb County

Cobb County Water System, 680 South Cobb Drive, Marietta, GA 30060, NPDES Permit No. GA0026140, for the R.L. Sutton Water Reclamation Facility located at 5175 Atlanta Road, Smyrna, GA 30080. The permit is being modified to replace effluent limitations and monitoring requirements at 40.0 MGD with those for an expanded effluent discharge flow of 50.0 MGD (monthly average). The proposed modified permit also removes the combined total phosphorus effluent limitation, since it has been replaced with a facility-specific limitation.

Cobb County Water System, 680 South Cobb Drive, Marietta, GA 30060, NPDES Permit No. GA0026158, for the South Water Reclamation Facility located at 490 Lee Industrial Blvd., Mableton, GA 30059. The permit is being modified to replace the combined total phosphorus effluent limitation with a facility-specific limitation.

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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

Banks County

North Georgia Church of God, 962 Parkside Walk Lane, Lawrenceville, Georgia 30043, LAS Permit No. GAJ030613, for the Legacy Retreat Center Water Pollution Control Plant located at 1803 Wilson Bridge Road, Homer, Georgia 30547. Up to 0.035 MGD of treated wastewater is being land applied on a dedicated site in Banks County in the Savannah 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.

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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 **January 29, 2020**. Please use the words **"Public Notice No. 2019-23ML**" 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 modifications are open to public comments are to be submitted to EPD no later than **February 13, 2020**. 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.