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To Whom it May Concern

RE: Notification of Change to GA EPD’s Public Notice Announcement Procedures

The Board of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources adopted amendments to our Chapter 391-3-6 rules to comply with the federal NPDES: Applications and Program Updates rule, 84 FR 3324 (eff. 6/12/19). Those amendments incorporate electronic public notice procedures into the rules, and in the near future, the Watershed Protection Branch will begin to utilize an e-mail subscription-based service through the GovDelivery delivery platform. Once the rule amendments have been approved by EPA, the Watershed Protection Branch will discontinue mailed notices regarding NPDES wastewater and stormwater permitting activities and will only use the GovDelivery system.

If you would like to subscribe for email notifications regarding NPDES wastewater and stormwater permitting activities, please send an email to Ms. Nicki Dorsey at andronicki.dorsey@dnr.ga.gov. In that email, please indicate the mailing address to which you currently receive these notices, and whether you will be accepting email notifications on behalf of a particular organization. Once your request is received, Ms. Dorsey will add your email address to a new email subscriber list for the Watershed Protection Branch’s “Permit-related Notices” subscription topic and will discontinue to send you mailed notices via U.S. Postal Service.

The Watershed Protection Branch intends to begin utilizing this new email subscription topic in the near future. Those subscribed will begin to receive emails whenever a permit-related notices is posted to the Branch’s announcements website (https://epd.georgia.gov/watershed-protection-branch-public-announcements). In addition to NPDES wastewater and stormwater permitting activities, this topic will provide email notification to subscribers regarding permit-related public notices posted to the website related to land application systems, water withdrawals, pretreatment, State Environmental Review Process reviews of GEFA-funded projects, and permit-related public meetings or hearings.

If you have any questions or concerns about this notification, please contact Jennifer Welte at jennifer.welte@dnr.ga.gov or (404) 463-1694.

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The Environmental Protection Division (EPD) has reviewed applications is considering the issuance, modification, or termination of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES), Land Application System (LAS), and/or Pretreatment permits, Sludge Management Plans, and/or Industrial Pretreatment Programs to the following applicants, subject to specific pollutant limitations and special conditions.

NPDES, LAS, and Pretreatment permits are valid for a maximum of five years. A new application must be submitted 180 days prior to the expiration date of the existing permit, evaluated by EPD, and the draft permit be placed on public noticed for a prescribed period of time.

For proposed new or expanded NPDES point source discharge permits, an antidegradation analysis is conducted. 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 designated use is maintained and protected.

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

EPD issues permits in compliance with the governing regulations and is not involved in local zoning, land use, or property value issues. The issuance or modification of a permit, plan or program does not authorize the facility to violate local ordinances. Please contact your local county or municipal officials for questions or concerns on these issues.

Individual draft permits, applications, supporting documents, and fact sheets are available on EPD’s website accessible through the publicly available Georgia EPD Online System (GEOS). A direct link to the draft permit and fact sheet is listed below the individual notice.

For General permits, the draft permit, notice of intent, fact sheet, and supporting documents are accessible through the EPD Watershed Protection Branch Permit and Public Comments Clearinghouse website at the following address: https://epd.georgia.gov/forms-and-permits/watershed-protection-branch-forms-permits/watershed-protection-branch-permit-and

For Industrial Pretreatment Programs, new or modified program documents may be available on EPD’s website accessible through the Watershed Protection Branch Permit and Public Comments Clearinghouse website at the following address: https://epd.georgia.gov/forms-and-permits/watershed-protection-branch-forms-permits/watershed-protection-branch-permit-and

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Directions on how to comment on a proposed action, comment deadlines, and obtain copies of permit files

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed permit 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 August 14, 2020 (30-day notice period). In the case of Industrial Pretreatment Program Approvals and Modifications, comments are to be submitted to EPD no later than August 31, 2020 (45-day notice period). Please use the words “Public Notice No. 2020-13ML” 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. A public hearing may be requested or additional information regarding public hearing procedures is available by writing to the EPD at 2 MLK Jr. Dr. S.W., 1152 East Tower, Atlanta, Georgia 30334.

If the direct hyperlink provided is not functional, the permit application, supporting documents, fact sheet, and draft permit are available on EPD’s website, GEOS at the below address and specific directions to locate the documents can be found at the end of this notice document.

https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Public/GovEnt/Shared/Pages/Main/Login.aspx

For additional wastewater permitting information, please contact Audra Dickson, Wastewater Regulatory Program, phone (404) 463-1511 or at audra.dickson@dnr.ga.gov

For additional information regarding industrial, UIC, CAFO, or pretreatment please contact Whitney Fenwick, Industrial Permitting Manager, at whitney.fenwick@dnr.ga.gov

For additional information regarding municipal, domestic wastewater, septage, pesticide, or GEFA please contact Benoit Causse, Municipal Permitting Manager, at benoit.causse@dnr.ga.gov

If you are having trouble locating documents using the online portal, GEOS, please contact Connie Coleman, Watershed Data Manager, at connie.coleman@dnr.ga.gov

Please bring or attach this notice to the attention of interested persons.
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Barrow County

EPD Notice Type: Industrial Pretreatment Program Modification Approval
Permit No.: GA0023191 & GA0038776
Facility Name: City of Winder, Marburg Creek Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) & Cedar Creek Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP)
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 566, Winder, Georgia 30680
Facility Address: 341 Monroe Highway, Pearson, Georgia 30680 & 431 Miles Patrick Road, Winder, Georgia 30680
River Basin: Oconee
Receiving Water: Marburg Creek WPCP, Outfall No. 001 discharges to the Marburg Creek & Cedar Creek WPCP, Outfall No. 001 discharges to the Cedar Creek
Description: Pretreated industrial wastewater

Bartow County

EPD Notice Type: Industrial Pretreatment Program Modification
Permit No.: GA0024091
Facility Name: City of Cartersville Water Department, City of Cartersville Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP)
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1390, Cartersville, Georgia 30120
Facility Address: 102 Walnut Grove Road, Cartersville, Georgia 30120
River Basin: Coosa
Receiving Water: City of Cartersville WPCP, Outfall No. 001 discharges to the Etowah River
Description: Pretreated industrial wastewater
Cherokee County

EPD Notice Type: Industrial Pretreatment Program Modification Approval  
Permit No.: GA0046451, GA0038555  
Facility Name: Cherokee County Water & Sewerage Authority, Rose Creek Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) and Fitzgerald Creek Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP)  
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 5000, Canton, Georgia 30114  
Facility Address: Rose Creek WPCP, 1957 Authority Drive, Woodstock, Georgia 30189; Fitzgerald WPCP, 260 Coleman's Bluff Drive, Woodstock, Georgia 30188  
River Basin: Coosa  
Receiving Water: Rose Creek WPCP, Outfall No. 001 discharges to Etowah River Arm of Lake Allatoona; Fitzgerald WPCP, Outfall No. 001 discharges to Little River to Lake Allatoona  
Description: Pretreated industrial wastewater  

Columbia County

EPD Notice Type: NPDES Permit Issuance  
Permit No.: GA0050290  
Facility Name: City of Harlem, Harlem Water Pollution Control Plant  
Mailing Address: Post Office Box 99, Harlem, Georgia 30814  
Facility Address: 700 North Louisville Street, Harlem, Georgia 30814  
River Basin: Savannah  
Receiving Water: Outfall No. 001 discharges to Uchee Creek (also known as Euchee Creek)  
Description: Up to 0.75 MGD of treated domestic wastewater. Once the City receives authorization to operate under this permit, NPDES Permit No. GA0020389 will be terminated.  
GEOS Submittal ID: 496400  
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EPD Notice Type: NPDES Permit Termination
Permit No.: GA0020389
Facility Name: City of Harlem, Harlem Water Pollution Control Plant
Mailing Address: Post Office Box 99, Harlem, Georgia 30814
Facility Address: 700 North Louisville Street, Harlem, Georgia 30814
River Basin: Savannah
Receiving Water: Outfall No. 001 discharges to Uchee Creek (also known as Euchee Creek)
Description: The City has authorization to discharge up to 0.25 MGD of treated domestic wastewater. Once the City receives authorization to operate at the expanded flow of 0.75 MGD under NPDES Permit No. GA0050290, this permit will be rescinded.
GEOS Submittal ID: 496400
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Franklin County

EPD Notice Type: NPDES Permit Modification
Permit No.: GA0021491
Facility Name: City of Royston, Royston Water Pollution Control Plant
Mailing Address: 684 Franklin Springs Street, Royston, Georgia 30662
Facility Address: 310 Spring Street Extension, Royston, Georgia 30062
River Basin: Savannah
Receiving Water: Outfall No. 001 discharges to Hannah Creek to Broad River
Description: The permit is being modified to reduced measurement frequency for Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET) testing from quarterly to annually, to be released from the WET testing compliance schedule, to add a total recoverable copper effluent limitation and to remove downstream hardness monitoring.
GEOS Submittal ID: 477370
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Harris County

EPD Notice Type: NPDES Permit Modification
Permit No.: GA0020052
Facility Name: City of West Point, West Point Water Pollution Control Plant
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 487, West Point, Georgia 31833-0487
Facility Address: 1 Georgian Terrace, West Point, Georgia 31833
River Basin: Chattahoochee
Receiving Water: Outfall No. 001 discharges to Chattahoochee River
Description: Up to 2 MGD (monthly average) of treated domestic wastewater is discharged to Chattahoochee River in the Chattahoochee River Basin. The permit is being modified to include language for an approved SMP to deliver sludge to a third party for further treatment and disposal.
GEOS Submittal ID: 454944
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Houston County

EPD Notice Type: Pretreatment Permit Issuance
Permit No.: GAP050344
Facility Name: Sandler Nonwoven Corporation
Mailing Address: 401 Airport Road, Perry, Georgia 31069
Facility Address: 401 Airport Road, Perry, Georgia 31069
River Basin: Ocmulgee
Receiving Water: Outfall No. 01 discharges to the City of Perry WPCP.
Description: Sandler Nonwoven Corporation discharges a maximum of 0.065 MGD of process wastewater from nonwoven textile manufacturing.
GEOS Submittal ID: 465748
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Stephens County

EPD Notice Type: NPDES Permit Reissuance
Permit No.: GA0024368
Facility Name: Sage Automotive Interiors
Mailing Address: 1068 Historic Hwy 17 Toccoa, Georgia 30577
Facility Address: 8564 Highway 17 Toccoa, Georgia 30577
River Basin: Savannah
Receiving Water: Outfall No. 001 discharges to an unnamed tributary to Big Tom's Creek
Description: The facility discharges up to 0.305 MGD of process wastewater, non-process wastewater, sanitary wastewater, and stormwater
GEOS Submittal ID: 454974

EPD Notice Type: Industrial Pretreatment Program Modification Approval
Permit No.: GA0021806 (to be removed from the Program), GA0021814
Facility Name: City of Toccoa Water & Wastewater Department, Toccoa Creek Water Pollution Control Plant (to be removed from the Program) and Eastanollee Creek Water Pollution Control Plant
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 579, Toccoa, Georgia 30577
Facility Address: Toccoa Creek WPCP, 548 Scenic Drive, Toccoa, Georgia 30577; Eastanollee Creek WPCP, 1607 Rose Lane, Toccoa, Georgia 30577
River Basin: Savannah
Receiving Water: Toccoa Creek WPCP, Outfall No. 001 discharges to Toccoa Creek; Eastanollee Creek, Outfall No. 001 discharges to Eastanollee Creek
Description: Pretreated industrial wastewater
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Warren County

EPD Notice Type: NPDES Permit Reissuance
Permit No.: GA0050233
Facility Name: City of Warrenton, Warrenton Water Pollution Control Plant
Mailing Address: Post Office Box 109, Warrenton, Georgia 30828
Facility Address: 74 Garland Circle, Warrenton, Georgia 30828
River Basin: Ogeechee
Receiving Water: Outfall No. 001 discharges to Goldens Creek
Description: Up to 0.5 MGD of treated domestic wastewater.
GEOS Submittal ID: 345850
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Directions to Access the Georgia EPD Online System (GEOS) Public Portal

1. Navigate to the GEOS homepage:
https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Public/GovEnt/Shared/Pages/Main/Login.aspx

2. Find the Public Inquiry Portal link in the middle of the page or navigate directly to:
https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Public/Client/GA_GEOS/Public/Pages/PublicApplicationList.aspx

3. The easiest way to locate the facility and associated documents is to only enter the GEOS submittal ID provided in the public notice.

4. If the GEOS submittal ID was not provided or it’s not working, enter the site address or facility name and select “Search” to find a submittal. Note that partial search terms are allowed and encouraged when exact terms including punctuation are not precisely known. Less is more when searching in the GEOS portal. As you can see below, the search results provide the facility name, application information, application type, and the application review status.

5. Selecting “View” will allow the searcher to view the submittal information, application form, attachments, and where applicable, the draft and final issued permit.