

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

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**DECEMBER 14, 2022**

The Environmental Protection Division (EPD) has reviewed applications and 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](mailto:EPDcomments@dnr.ga.gov), no later than **January 17, 2023** (30-day notice period). In the case of Industrial Pretreatment Program Approvals and Modifications, comments are to be submitted to EPD no later than **January 31, 2023** (45-day notice period). Please use the words “**Public Notice No. 2022-23ML**” 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 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:benoit.causse@dnr.ga.gov)

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

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### **Chatham County**

**EPD Notice Type:** NPDES Permit Modification

**Permit No.:** GA0002798

**Facility Name:** International Paper Company – Port Wentworth Mill

**Mailing Address:** 1 Bonnybridge Road, Port Wentworth, Georgia 31407

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**River Basin:** Savannah

**Receiving Water:** Savannah River (external outfall nos. 01A, 001, 004, and 005)

**Description:** The facility is an integrated kraft pulp and paper complex that primarily produces bleached pulp and discharges a maximum of 24 MGD of process wastewater, sanitary wastewater, and stormwater.

**GEOS Submittal ID:** 613385

**GEOS Hyperlink:**

[https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Public/EnSuite/Shared/pages/util/StreamDoc.ashx?id=1050777&type=PERMIT\\_FILLED\\_OBJECT](https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Public/EnSuite/Shared/pages/util/StreamDoc.ashx?id=1050777&type=PERMIT_FILLED_OBJECT)

### **Hancock County**

**EPD Notice Type:** LAS Permit Reissuance

**Permit No.:** GAJ040002

**Facility Name:** Sparta Water Pollution Control Plant

**Mailing Address:** City of Sparta P.O. Box H Sparta, Georgia 31087

**Facility Address:** 747 Johnny Britt Rd Sparta, Georgia 31087

**River Basin:** Oconee

**Receiving Water:** Not applicable

**Description:** Up to 0.8 MGD of treated domestic wastewater is being land applied.

**GEOS Submittal ID:** 590716

**GEOS Hyperlink:**

[https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Public/EnSuite/Shared/pages/util/StreamDoc.ashx?id=1050817&type=PERMIT\\_FILLED\\_OBJECT](https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Public/EnSuite/Shared/pages/util/StreamDoc.ashx?id=1050817&type=PERMIT_FILLED_OBJECT)

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### **Laurens County**

**EPD Notice Type:** NPDES Permit Reissuance

**Permit No.:** GA0037630

**Facility Name:** Rentz Water Pollution Control Plant

**Mailing Address:** P.O Box 127 Rentz, Georgia 21075

**Facility Address:** 900 Rentz Dexter Road, Rentz, Georgia 31075

**River Basin:** Oconee

**Receiving Water:** Bluewater Creek

**Description:** Up to 0.12 MGD of treated domestic wastewater is being discharged.

**GEOS Submittal ID:** 601623

**GEOS Hyperlink:**

[https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Public/EnSuite/Shared/pages/util/StreamDoc.ashx?id=1050990&type=PERMIT\\_FILLED\\_PDF](https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Public/EnSuite/Shared/pages/util/StreamDoc.ashx?id=1050990&type=PERMIT_FILLED_PDF)

### **Richmond County**

**EPD Notice Type:** NPDES Permit Reissuance

**Permit No.:** GA0002470

**Facility Name:** Covia Clay, LLC - Hephzibah Facility

**Mailing Address:** 2700 Forest Technology Blvd 100, Woodlands, Texas 77381

**Facility Address:** #1 Albion Road, Hephzibah, Georgia 30815

**River Basin:** Savannah

**Receiving Water:** Grindstone Branch

**Description:** Up to 1.28 MGD maximum of treated process wastewater from kaolin mining is discharged.

**GEOS Submittal ID:** 608948

**GEOS Hyperlink:**

[https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Public/EnSuite/Shared/pages/util/StreamDoc.ashx?id=1051041&type=PERMIT\\_FILLED\\_OBJECT](https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Public/EnSuite/Shared/pages/util/StreamDoc.ashx?id=1051041&type=PERMIT_FILLED_OBJECT)

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### **Walker County**

**EPD Notice Type:** NPDES Permit Reissuance

**Permit No.:** GA0020478

**Facility Name:** Walker County WSA Water Pollution Control Plant

**Mailing Address:** P.O Box 248 Flintstone, Georgia 30725

**Facility Address:** 444 Kington Street Walker, Georgia 30725

**River Basin:** Tennessee

**Receiving Water:** West Chickamauga Creek

**Description:** Up to 3.5 MGD of treated domestic wastewater is being discharged.

**GEOS Submittal ID:** 541132

**GEOS Hyperlink:**

[https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Public/EnSuite/Shared/pages/util/StreamDoc.ashx?id=1050784&type=PERMIT\\_FILLED\\_PDF](https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Public/EnSuite/Shared/pages/util/StreamDoc.ashx?id=1050784&type=PERMIT_FILLED_PDF)

### **Washington County**

**EPD Notice Type:** NPDES Permit Reissuance

**Permit No.:** GA0050253

**Facility Name:** Imerys Clays, Inc. - Danzy Mine

**Mailing Address:** 618 Kaolin Road, Sandersville, Georgia 31082

**Facility Address:** 390 Deepstep Creek Road, Deepstep, Georgia 31082

**River Basin:** Oconee

**Receiving Water:** Unnamed tributary of Deepstep Creek

**Description:** Up to 2.3 MGD maximum of mine dewatering and stormwater from a kaolin mining, blundging and degritting operation is discharged.

**GEOS Submittal ID:** 627084

**GEOS Hyperlink:**

[https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Public/EnSuite/Shared/pages/util/StreamDoc.ashx?id=1051062&type=PERMIT\\_FILLED\\_OBJECT](https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Public/EnSuite/Shared/pages/util/StreamDoc.ashx?id=1051062&type=PERMIT_FILLED_OBJECT)

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### Directions to Access the Georgia EPD Online System (GEOS) Public Portal

1. Navigate to the GEOS homepage:

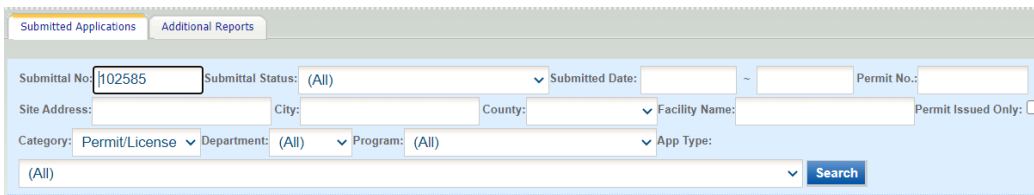
<https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Public/GovEnt/Shared/Pages/Main/Login.aspx>

2. Find the Public Inquiry Portal link in the middle of the page or navigate directly to:

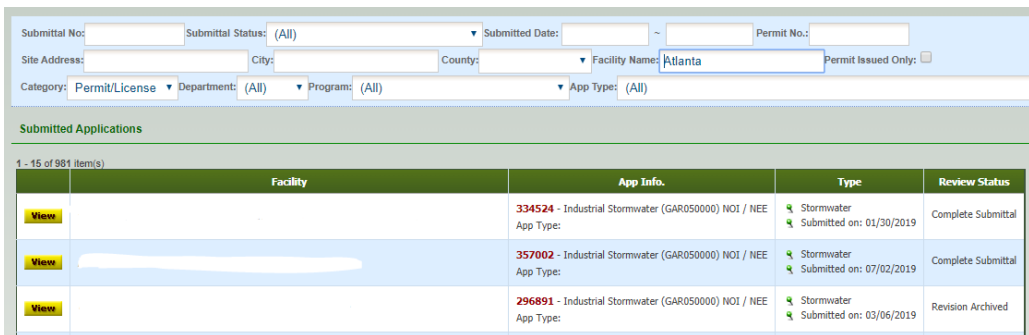
[https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Public/Client/GA\\_GEOS/Public/Pages/PublicApplicationList.aspx](https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Public/Client/GA_GEOS/Public/Pages/PublicApplicationList.aspx)



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.



Facility	App Info.	Type	Review Status
<a href="#">View</a>	334524 - Industrial Stormwater (GAR050000) NOI / NEE App Type:	Stormwater Submitted on: 01/30/2019	Complete Submittal
<a href="#">View</a>	357002 - Industrial Stormwater (GAR050000) NOI / NEE App Type:	Stormwater Submitted on: 07/02/2019	Complete Submittal
<a href="#">View</a>	296891 - Industrial Stormwater (GAR050000) NOI / NEE App Type:	Stormwater Submitted on: 03/06/2019	Revision Archived

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