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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 notice 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 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

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

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

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:  
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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:

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:
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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

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
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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.