



## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

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**FEBRUARY 14, 2023**

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 **March 16, 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 **March 31, 2023** (45-day notice period). Please use the words “**Public Notice No. 2023-03ML**” 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 the Wastewater Regulatory Program, phone (404) 463-1511

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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### **Banks County**

**EPD Notice Type:** Pretreatment Permit Reissuance

**Permit No.:** GAP050325

**Facility Name:** Kerry, Inc.

**Mailing Address:** 171 Diana Way, Commerce, Georgia 30529

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**River Basin:** Savannah

**Receiving Water:** City of Commerce Northside WPCP

**Description:** This facility manufactures liquid and dried broths for the food industry and discharges a maximum of 0.188 MGD of poultry processing process wastewater.

**GEOS Submittal ID:** 703329

**GEOS Hyperlink:**

<https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Public/EnSuite/Shared/pages/util/StreamDoc.ashx?id=1057839&type=PERMIT FILLED OBJECT>

### **Jackson County**

**EPD Notice Type:** NPDES Permit Modification

**Permit No.:** GA0026247

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

**Mailing Address:** P.O Box 348, Commerce, Georgia 30529

**Facility Address:** 578 W.E. King Road, Commerce, Georgia 30530

**River Basin:** Savannah

**Receiving Water:** Beaverdam Creek

**Description:** Up to 2.10 MGD of treated domestic wastewater is being discharged. The permit is being modified to remove effluent limitations and monitoring requirements for the satellite facility and to include monitoring requirements for total recoverable zinc, total recoverable copper, total recoverable mercury and total hardness. Only the conditions subject to modification are open to public comments..

**GEOS Submittal ID:** 736923

**GEOS Hyperlink:**

<https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Agency/EnSuite/Shared/pages/util/StreamDoc.ashx?id=1058597&type=PERMIT FILLED PDF>



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### **Laurens County**

**EPD Notice Type:** NPDES Permit Reissuance

**Permit No.:** GA0048682

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

**Mailing Address:** P.O Box 1145, Dexter, Georgia 31019

**Facility Address:** Pineway Drive, Dexter, Georgia 31019

**River Basin:** Oconee

**Receiving Water:** Stitchihatchie Creek

**Description:** Up to 0.075 MGD of treated domestic wastewater is being discharged.

**GEOS Submittal ID:** 623634

**GEOS Hyperlink:**

[https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Agency/EnSuite/Shared/pages/util/StreamDoc.ashx?id=1058304&type=PERMIT\\_FILLED\\_PDF](https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Agency/EnSuite/Shared/pages/util/StreamDoc.ashx?id=1058304&type=PERMIT_FILLED_PDF)

### **Rockdale County**

**EPD Notice Type:** NPDES Permit Reissuance

**Permit No.:** GA0021610

**Facility Name:** Almand Branch Water Pollution Control Plant

**Mailing Address:** 858 Milstead Avenue, Conyers, Georgia 30012

**Facility Address:** 380 Morris Drive SE, Conyers, Georgia 30094

**River Basin:** Ocmulgee

**Receiving Water:** Almand Branch

**Description:** Up to 1.25 MGD of treated domestic wastewater is being discharged.

**GEOS Submittal ID:** 520116

**GEOS Hyperlink:**

<https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Agency/EnSuite/Permit/Pages/Application/FormWizard/PrintableSubmissionSummary.aspx>



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### **Twiggs County**

**EPD Notice Type:** NPDES Permit Reissuance

**Permit No.:** GA0030848

**Facility Name:** Imerys Kaolin Inc. – Dry Branch Operations

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

**Facility Address:** 774 Georgia Kaolin Road, Dry Branch, Georgia 31020

**River Basin:** Oconee

**Receiving Water:** Big Sandy Creek

**Description:** Up to 6.7 MGD of stormwater is being discharged.

**GEOS Submittal ID:** 636019

**GEOS Hyperlink:**

[https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Public/EnSuite/Shared/pages/util/StreamDoc.ashx?id=1058831&type=PERMIT\\_FILLED\\_OBJECT](https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Public/EnSuite/Shared/pages/util/StreamDoc.ashx?id=1058831&type=PERMIT_FILLED_OBJECT)

### **Walker County**

**EPD Notice Type:** NPDES Permit Reissuance

**Permit No.:** GA0025712

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

**Mailing Address:** Post Office Box 89 LaFayette, Georgia, 30728

**Facility Address:** 710 S Cherokee St LaFayette, Georgia, 30728

**River Basin:** Coosa

**Receiving Water:** Town Creek

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

**GEOS Submittal ID:** 589078

**GEOS Hyperlink:**

[https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Public/EnSuite/Shared/pages/util/StreamDoc.ashx?id=1058389&type=PERMIT\\_FILLED\\_PDF](https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Public/EnSuite/Shared/pages/util/StreamDoc.ashx?id=1058389&type=PERMIT_FILLED_PDF)



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### **Washington County**

**EPD Notice Type:** NPDES Permit Reissuance

**Permit No.:** GA0047309

**Facility Name:** Imerys Clays, Inc. – Doolittle West

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

**Facility Address:** 921 Yank Brown Road, Sandersville, Georgia 31082

**River Basin:** Oconee

**Receiving Water:** Unnamed tributary to Limestone Creek (001) and Buffalo Creek (002)

**Description:** Up to 8.4 MGD of treated process wastewater and stormwater is being discharged.

**GEOS Submittal ID:** 657933

**GEOS Hyperlink:**

[https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Public/EnSuite/Shared/pages/util/StreamDoc.ashx?id=1058834&type=PERMIT\\_FILLED\\_OBJECT](https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Public/EnSuite/Shared/pages/util/StreamDoc.ashx?id=1058834&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)

 **Public Inquiry Portal: Search for Applications and Permits Submitted in GEOS**

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



The screenshot shows the search interface with the following fields filled: Submittal No. (102585), Submittal Status (All), Submitted Date (empty), Permit No. (empty), Site Address (empty), City (empty), County (empty), Facility Name (empty), Permit Issued Only (checkbox), Category (Permit/License), Department (All), Program (All), App Type (All), and a Search button.

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>	234524 - Industrial Stormwater (GA002006) H31 / H32 App Type:	4 Stormwater Submitted on: 04/26/2018	Complete Submittal
<a href="#">View</a>	257092 - Industrial Stormwater (GA002006) H31 / H32 App Type:	4 Stormwater Submitted on: 07/03/2018	Complete Submittal
<a href="#">View</a>	296891 - Industrial Stormwater (GA002006) H31 / H32 App Type:	4 Stormwater Submitted on: 03/06/2018	Review 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.