

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

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**JUNE 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 **July 14, 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 **July 31, 2023** (45-day notice period). Please use the words “**Public Notice No. 2023-11ML**” 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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### **Decatur County**

**EPD Notice Type:** NPDES Permit Modification

**Permit No.:** GA0024678

**Facility Name:** City of Bainbridge – Bainbridge Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP)

**Mailing Address:** Post Office Box 158, Bainbridge, Georgia 39818

**Facility Address:** 1200 Cox Avenue, Bainbridge, Georgia 39818

**River Basin:** Flint

**Receiving Water:** Flint River

**Description:** Up to 2.5 MGD of treated wastewater is being discharged to Flint River in the Flint River Basin. The permit is being modified to include an expanded phase of 3.3 MGD. Only the conditions subject to modification are open to public comment.

**GEOS Submittal ID:** 738638

**GEOS Hyperlink:**

[https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Agency/EnSuite/Shared/pages/util/StreamDoc.ashx?id=1070085&type=PERMIT\\_FILLED\\_PDF](https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Agency/EnSuite/Shared/pages/util/StreamDoc.ashx?id=1070085&type=PERMIT_FILLED_PDF)

### **Forsyth County**

**EPD Notice Type:** NPDES Permit Reissuance

**Permit No.:** GA0038695

**Facility Name:** Forsyth County - Fowler Water Reclamation Facility

**Mailing Address:** 110 East Main Street, Suite 150, Cumming, Georgia 30040

**Facility Address:** 4050 Carolene Way, Cumming, Georgia 30040

**River Basin:** Chattahoochee

**Receiving Water:** Big Creek

**Description:** Up to 5.0 MGD of treated domestic wastewater is being discharged.

**GEOS Submittal ID:** 647514

**GEOS Hyperlink:**

[https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Agency/EnSuite/Shared/pages/util/StreamDoc.ashx?id=1069322&type=PERMIT\\_FILLED\\_PDF](https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Agency/EnSuite/Shared/pages/util/StreamDoc.ashx?id=1069322&type=PERMIT_FILLED_PDF)

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### **Glynn County**

**EPD Notice Type:** NPDES Permit Reissuance

**Permit No.:** GA0003794

**Facility Name:** Georgia Power Company – Plant McManus

**Mailing Address:** 241 Ralph McGill Blvd NE, Bin 10221, Atlanta, Georgia 30308

**Facility Address:** 1 Crispen Island Dr, Brunswick, Georgia 31523

**River Basin:** Satilla

**Receiving Water:** Burnett Creek

**Description:** The facility is a retired steam electric power plant, which discharges a maximum of 1.18 MGD of stormwater and groundwater.

**GEOS Submittal ID:** 683496

**GEOS Hyperlink:**

[https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Public/EnSuite/Shared/pages/util/StreamDoc.ashx?id=1069839&type=PERMIT\\_FILLED\\_OBJECT](https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Public/EnSuite/Shared/pages/util/StreamDoc.ashx?id=1069839&type=PERMIT_FILLED_OBJECT)

### **Hart County**

**EPD Notice Type:** NPDES Permit Reissuance

**Permit No.:** GA0031011

**Facility Name:** Colors & Effects USA, LLC

**Mailing Address:** P.O. Box 390, Hartwell, Georgia 30643

**Facility Address:** 29 Pinciario Lane, Hartwell, Georgia 30643

**River Basin:** Savannah River Basin

**Receiving Water:** Boyd Creek (outfall 001 and 005), Cedar Creek (outfall 002 and 004), and an unnamed tributary to Cedar Creek (outfall 006)

**Description:** An average of 3.65 MGD of stormwater runoff, mine dewatering, groundwater, washwater from mica storage warehouse, and process wastewater is discharged to Boyd Creek, Cedar Creek, and an unnamed tributary to Cedar Creek in the Savannah river basin.

**GEOS Submittal ID:** 605172

**GEOS Hyperlink:**

[https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Public/EnSuite/Shared/pages/util/StreamDoc.ashx?id=1069855&type=PERMIT\\_FILLED\\_OBJECT](https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Public/EnSuite/Shared/pages/util/StreamDoc.ashx?id=1069855&type=PERMIT_FILLED_OBJECT)

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**Oconee County**

**EPD Notice Type:** Pretreatment Permit Reissuance

**Permit No.:** GAP050114

**Facility Name:** Ameripride Services, Inc.(Watkinsville)

**Mailing Address:** 1081 Experiment Station Rd, Watkinsville, Georgia 30677

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**River Basin:** Oconee River Basin

**Receiving Water:** Oconee County Calls Creek Water Reclamation Facility

**Description:** A maximum of 0.15 MGD of pretreated plant & equipment wash down wastewater, boiler blow down, sanitary wastewater, and process wastewater to the Oconee County Calls Creek’s sewerage system.

**GEOS Submittal ID:** 694626

**GEOS Hyperlink:**

[https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Agency/EnSuite/Shared/pages/util/StreamDoc.ashx?id=1069938&type=PERMIT\\_FILLED\\_PDF](https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Agency/EnSuite/Shared/pages/util/StreamDoc.ashx?id=1069938&type=PERMIT_FILLED_PDF)

**Washington County**

**EPD Notice Type:** Pretreatment Permit Reissuance

**Permit No.:** GAP050317

**Facility Name:** Howard Sheppard, Inc.

**Mailing Address:** P.O. Box 797, Sandersville, Georgia 31082

**Facility Address:** 755 Waco Drive, Sandersville, Georgia 31082

**River Basin:** Oconee River Basin

**Receiving Water:** City of Sandersville Water Pollution Control Plant

**Description:** A maximum of 0.084 MGD of pretreated truck tank wash water is discharged to the City of Sandersville’s sewerage system.

**GEOS Submittal ID:** 644484

**GEOS Hyperlink:**

[https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Public/EnSuite/Shared/pages/util/StreamDoc.ashx?id=1068841&type=PERMIT\\_FILLED\\_OBJECT](https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Public/EnSuite/Shared/pages/util/StreamDoc.ashx?id=1068841&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:

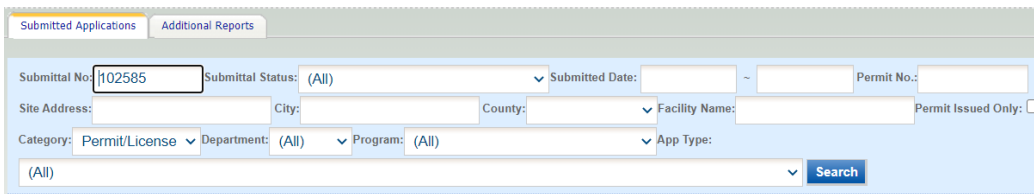
<https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Public/GovEnt/Shared/Pages/Main/Login.aspx>

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)

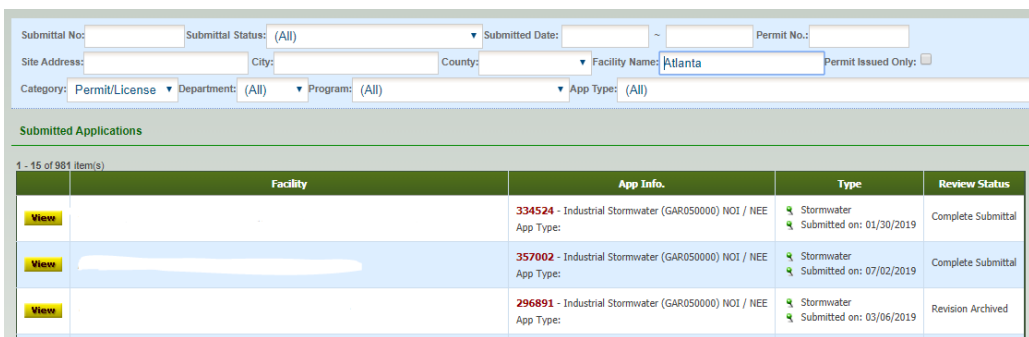
 **Public Inquiry Portal: Search for Applications and Permits Submitted in GEOS**

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: Submittal No. (102585), Submittal Status: (All), Submitted Date, Permit No., Site Address, City, County, Facility Name, 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.



The screenshot shows the search results table with the following data:

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.