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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 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 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 **August 31, 2023** (45-day notice period). Please use the words “**Public Notice No. 2023-13ML**” 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 Whitney Fenwick at whitney.fenwick@dnr.ga.gov

For additional information regarding industrial, UIC, CAFO, or pretreatment please contact Kelli-Ann Sottile, Industrial Permitting Manager, at kelli-ann.sottile@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.

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Brooks County

EPD Notice Type: NPDES General Permit Notice of Coverage and Nutrient Management Plan Approval

Permit No.: GAG930061

Facility Name: BrookSCO Dairy, LLC

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 508, Quitman, Georgia 31643

Facility Address: 1981 Monument Church Road, Quitman, GA 31643

River Basin: Suwanee

Receiving Water: Emergency discharge from Outfall 001 to McCracken Creek

Description: The general permit authorizes categories of applicants to discharge process wastewater from Animal Feeding Operations to waters of the State, and to land apply wastewater under an approved Nutrient Management Plan.

GEOS Submittal ID: 753430

GEOS Hyperlink:

<https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Public/EnSuite/Shared/Pages/util/StreamDoc.ashx?id=215540&type=attachment>

Butts County

EPD Notice Type: NPDES Permit Reissuance

Permit No.: GA0032719

Facility Name: Northeast Water Pollution Control Plant

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 838, Jackson, Georgia 30233

Facility Address: 719 Recreation Drive, Jackson, Georgia 30233

River Basin: Unnamed Tributary of Yellow Water Creek

Receiving Water: Ocmulgee River

Description: Up to 0.14 MGD of treated domestic wastewater is being discharged.

GEOS Submittal ID: 581890

GEOS Hyperlink:

https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Public/EnSuite/Shared/pages/util/StreamDoc.ashx?id=1073305&type=PERMIT_FILLED_PDF

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Butts County

EPD Notice Type: NPDES Permit Reissuance

Permit No.: GA0021831

Facility Name: Yellow Water Creek Water Pollution Control Plant

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 838, Jackson, Georgia 30233

Facility Address: 235 Charlie Sheppard Road, Jackson, Georgia 30233

River Basin: Ocmulgee River Basin

Receiving Water: Yellow water Creek

Description: Up to 0.06 MGD of treated domestic wastewater is being discharged.

GEOS Submittal ID: 594674

GEOS Hyperlink:

https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Public/EnSuite/Shared/pages/util/StreamDoc.ashx?id=1073304&type=PERMIT_FILLED_PDF

Glascok, Hancock, Jefferson, McDuffie, Twiggs, Washington, and Wilkinson Counties

EPD Notice Type: NPDES Permit Modification

Permit No.: GA0045934

Facility Name: Imerys Clays Inc. Mines

Mailing Address: 618 Kaolin Road, Sandersville, Georgia 31082

Facility Address: Mine Sites in Glascok, Hancock, Jefferson, McDuffie, Twiggs, Washington, and Wilkinson Counties

River Basin: Oconee, Ogeechee, and Savannah

Receiving Water: Reedy Creek, Tributary to Big Sandy Creek, Tributary to Bluff Creek, Tributary to Brier Creek, Tributary to Brush Creek, Tributary to Buffalo Creek, Tributary to Charlotte Gin Branch, Tributary to Clear Creek, Tributary to Commissioner Creek, Tributary to Deepstep Creek, Tributary to Fort Branch, Tributary to Gin Branch, Tributary to Hayes Creek, Tributary to Lamar's Creek, Tributary to Little Keg Creek, Tributary to Nelson Branch, Tributary to Panther Run, Tributary to Porter Creek, Tributary to Rosston Creek, Tributary to Sandy Creek, Tributary to Sandy Hill Creek, and Tributary to Spring Creek

Description: This facility discharges a maximum of 1.15 MGD of mine dewatering and stormwater from each of 32 outfalls.

GEOS Submittal ID: 771397

GEOS Hyperlink:

https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Public/EnSuite/Shared/pages/util/StreamDoc.ashx?id=1073086&type=PERMIT_FILLED_OBJECT

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Hancock County

EPD Notice Type: NPDES Permit Reissuance

Permit No.: GA0050320

Facility Name: Thiele Kaolin Company – ICI Hancock County Mines

Mailing Address: 520 Kaolin Road, Sandersville, GA 31082

Facility Address: 956 Veal Road, Deepstep, GA 31082

River Basin: Oconee

Receiving Water: Tributary to Peavy Branch

Description: This facility is used for kaolin mining and processing. Up to 1.15 MGD of mine dewatering commingled with stormwater is discharged to a tributary to Peavy Branch.

GEOS Submittal ID: 737914

GEOS:

https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Public/EnSuite/Shared/pages/util/StreamDoc.ashx?id=1073431&type=PERMIT_FILLED_OBJECT

Lincoln County

EPD Notice Type: NPDES Permit Termination

Permit No.: GA0035742

Facility Name: ABB Inc. Graves Mountain

Mailing Address: 45 Griffin Road South, Bloomfield, CT 06002

Facility Address: Highway 378 West, Lincolnnton, GA 30817

River Basin: Savannah

Receiving Water: Lloyd Creek (outfalls 001 and 002) and Florence Creek (outfalls 003 and 004)

Description: This facility is an inactive mine site. It has not operated as a commercial mine since 1986 and has not generated process-generated wastewater since that time. ABB Inc. has requested termination of the NPDES wastewater permit and will apply for coverage under the General Permit for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Industrial Activity.

GEOS Submittal ID: 771232

GEOS Hyperlink:

https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Public/EnSuite/Shared/pages/util/StreamDoc.ashx?id=1038&subFormId=706368&type=FORM_FILLED_PDF

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Sumter County

EPD Notice Type: NPDES General Permit Notice of Coverage and Nutrient Management Plan Approval

Permit No.: GAG930070

Facility Name: Leatherbrook Holsteins

Mailing Address: 2620 S Lee St, Americus, GA 31709

Facility Address: 1363 US Hwy 19 South, Americus, GA 31719

River Basin: Flint

Receiving Water: Emergency discharge from External Outfall (33.748752, -84.387684) to Muckalee Creek in the Flint River basin.

Description: The general permit authorizes categories of applicants to discharge process wastewater from Animal Feeding Operations to waters of the State, and to land apply wastewater under an approved Nutrient Management Plan.

GEOS Submittal ID: 748372

GEOS Hyperlink:

<https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Public/EnSuite/Shared/Pages/util/StreamDoc.ashx?id=209300&type=attachment>

Twiggs County

EPD Notice Type: NPDES Permit Reissuance

Permit No.: GA0050322

Facility Name: Thiele Kaolin Company – ICI Twiggs County Mines

Mailing Address: 520 Kaolin Road, Sandersville, GA 31082

Facility Address: 956 Veal Road, Deepstep, GA 31082

River Basin: Oconee

Receiving Water: Tributary to Alligator Creek

Description: This facility is used for kaolin mining and processing. Up to 1.15 MGD of mine dewatering commingled with stormwater is discharged to a tributary to Alligator Creek.

GEOS Submittal ID: 737886

GEOS:

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Washington County

EPD Notice Type: NPDES Permit Reissuance

Permit No.: GA0050324

Facility Name: Thiele Kaolin Company – ICI Washington County Mines

Mailing Address: 520 Kaolin Road, Sandersville, GA 31082

Facility Address: 956 Veal Road, Deepstep, GA 31082

River Basin: Oconee

Receiving Water: Unnamed Tributary to Buffalo Creek, Tributary to Brush Creek, and Tributary to Buffalo Creek

Description: This facility is used for kaolin mining and processing. Up to 5.10 MGD of mine dewatering commingled with stormwater is discharged to an unnamed tributary to Buffalo Creek (001, B-45) and unnamed tributary to Brush Creek (B-23).

GEOS Submittal ID: 737940

GEOS:

https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Public/EnSuite/Shared/pages/util/StreamDoc.ashx?id=1073433&type=PERMIT_FILLED_OBJECT

Wilkinson County

EPD Notice Type: NPDES Permit Reissuance

Permit No.: GA0050325

Facility Name: Thiele Kaolin Company – ICI Wilkinson County Mines

Mailing Address: 520 Kaolin Road, Sandersville, GA 31082

Facility Address: 956 Veal Road, Deepstep, GA 31082

River Basin: Oconee

Receiving Water: Tributary to Dry Fork Creek and Tributary to Porter Creek

Description: This facility is used for kaolin mining and processing. Up to 3.46 MGD of mine dewatering commingled with stormwater is discharged to an unnamed tributary to Dry Fork Creek (Outfalls B-8, B-65) and a tributary to Porter Creek (B-73, B-79).

GEOS Submittal ID: 736081

GEOS:

https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Public/EnSuite/Shared/pages/util/StreamDoc.ashx?id=1073434&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:

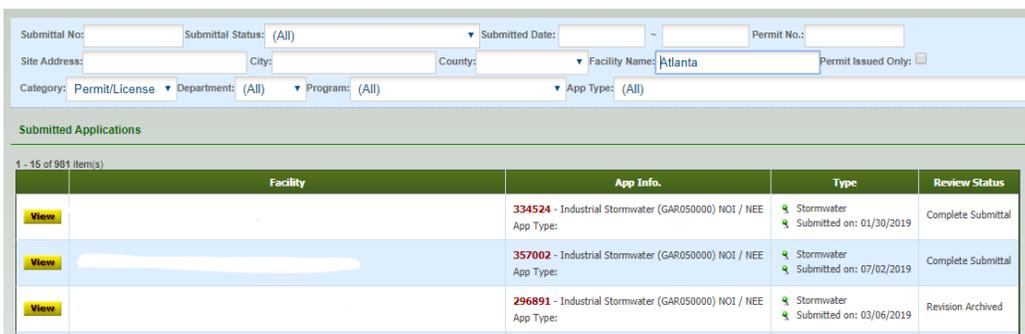
https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Public/Client/GA_GEOS/Public/Pages/PublicApplicationList.aspx

 **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.



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 |
|----------------------|--|--|--------------------|
| View | 334524 - Industrial Stormwater (GAR050000) NOI / NEE App Type: | Stormwater Submitted on: 01/30/2019 | Complete Submittal |
| View | 357002 - Industrial Stormwater (GAR050000) NOI / NEE App Type: | Stormwater Submitted on: 07/02/2019 | Complete Submittal |
| View | 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.