

**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND PROPOSED AMENDMENTS  
TO GEORGIA'S RULES FOR RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS  
CHAPTER 391-3-17**

**TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:**

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the authority set forth below, the Environmental Protection Division (hereinafter, "EPD") of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources proposes Amendments to Georgia's Rules for Radioactive Materials, Chapter 391-3-17 (hereinafter, "the proposed Radioactive Materials Rule Amendments"). The Director of EPD certifies that the revisions to Chapter 391-3-17 are required to comply with and implement section 274 of the Atomic Energy Act. The proposed Radioactive Materials Rule Amendments are described below:

**Rule 391-3-17-.03(12), "Precautionary Procedures,"; Rule 391-3-17-.03(15), "Reports,"; Rule 391-3-17-.05(22), "Training for Radiation Safety Officer,"; Rule 391-3-17-.05(24), "Training for an Authorized Nuclear Pharmacist,"; Rule 391-3-17-.05(26), "Provisions for Experienced Radiation Safety Officer, Teletherapy or Medical Physicist, Authorized Medical Physicist, Authorized User, Nuclear Pharmacist, and Authorized Nuclear Pharmacist,"; Rule 391-3-17-.05(64), "Training for Ophthalmic Use of Strontium-90,"; Rule 391-3-17-.05(75), "Full Calibration Measurements on Gamma Stereotactic Radiosurgery Units,"; Rule 391-3-17-.05(78), "Periodic Spot-Checks for Gamma Stereotactic Radiosurgery Units,"; Rule 391-3-17-.05(111), "Records of Periodic Spot-Checks for Gamma Stereotactic Radiosurgery Units,"; Rule 391-3-17-.08(15), "Conditions of Specific Licenses Issued Under (12),"; Rule 391-3-17-.09(5), "Operation of Irradiators,"; and Rule 391-3-17-.13, "Physical Protection of Category 1 and Category 2 Quantities of Radioactive Materials,"** are being amended to ensure the consistency of the rules with the requirements of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Rule 391-3-17-.10, "Administration,"** is being amended to adjust the fee structure which was established in the Radioactive Materials Rules in October 2014 and has not been adjusted since. Increased equipment cost, large-scale external customer IT Improvements, and new salary requirements have necessitated revising the current Fee Schedule.

This notice, together with an exact copy of the proposed Radioactive Materials Rule Amendments, a synopsis, and a statement of rationale of the rule revisions, is being provided to all persons who have requested in writing that they be placed on a notification list. These documents may be viewed at <https://epd.georgia.gov/chapter-391-3-17> or by appointment only at the Georgia Environmental Protection Division, Air Protection Branch, 4244 International Parkway, Suite 104, Atlanta, Georgia 30354. To set an appointment, email [askepd@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:askepd@dnr.ga.gov) with your name, email and phone number and an associate will reach out to you. Copies may also be requested by contacting Elisabeth Munsey, [Elisabeth.Munsey@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:Elisabeth.Munsey@dnr.ga.gov), Anna Aponte, [Anna.Aponte1@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:Anna.Aponte1@dnr.ga.gov), or the Environmental Protection Division Director's Office at

[askepd@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:askepd@dnr.ga.gov).

To provide the public an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed Radioactive Materials Rule Amendments, a public hearing will be held at 1:00 p.m. on February 5, 2024. EPD will be hosting this public hearing via Zoom. Zoom is a free web conferencing platform that also allows participation by phone.

To log into the public hearing on your computer, please click this link or copy and paste it into your browser to join the meeting:

<https://gaepd.zoom.us/j/92642874661?pwd=QVdIZHJMYmUrbHBnRjhpeU5XbUdRUT09>

To ensure that you are ready to participate when the meeting begins, we recommend that you download Zoom in advance. Zoom can be found here: <https://zoom.us>

To dial in by phone, please call this number: 888-788-0099 (Toll free). When prompted, enter the Meeting ID and/or Passcode shown below.

Meeting ID: 926 4287 4661

Passcode: 184962

Please note that if you choose to participate by phone, your phone number may be visible to other meeting attendees.

During the hearing, anyone may present data, make a statement, comment, or offer a viewpoint or argument either orally or in writing. Oral statements should be concise. Lengthy statements or statements of a considerable technical or economic nature, as well as previously recorded messages, must be submitted in writing for the official record.

Written comments are welcomed. To ensure their inclusion in EPD's package for the Board of Natural Resources, written comments should be received by close of business on February 12, 2024. Written comments may be emailed to [EPDComments@dnr.state.ga.us](mailto:EPDComments@dnr.state.ga.us) or sent via regular mail addressed to: Branch Chief, Air Protection Branch, 4244 International Parkway, Suite 120, Atlanta, Georgia, 30354.

The proposed Radioactive Materials Rule Amendments will be considered for adoption by the Board of Natural Resources at its meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 26, 2024. The meeting will be open to the public and held in the DNR Board Room located at 2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, SE, Suite 1252, East Tower, Atlanta, Georgia 30334.

The proposed Radioactive Materials Rule Amendments are proposed for adoption pursuant to authority contained in the Georgia Radiation Control Act (O.C.G.A. Section 31-13-1, et seq.). For further information, contact Anna Aponte, (470) 251-2942 at the Air Protection Branch.