

**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO GEORGIA'S  
RULES FOR PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS TO IMPROVE WATER SUPPLY  
EFFICIENCY, CHAPTER 391-3-33**

This is a second notice, to change the date for the Board of Natural Resources' consideration for adoption of the proposed rule amendments and to extend the public comment period. No changes have been made to the proposed rule amendments since the first notice issued on Nov. 16, 2020.

**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 the Rules for Public Water Systems to Improve Water Supply Efficiency, Chapter 391-3-33. EPD proposes to amend Rule 391-3-33-.05 to make clear that public water systems serving at least 3,300 individuals that do not otherwise hold a water withdrawal permit (referred to as "purchased water systems") are required to demonstrate progress toward improving water supply efficiency when renewing their drinking water permit, and that the Director may take permitting action where such system fails to demonstrate progress

This notice, together with an exact copy of the proposed rule amendments, a synopsis, and statement of rationale of the proposed rule amendments, is being provided to all persons who have requested in writing that they be placed on a notification list. These documents may be viewed online at <https://epd.georgia.gov/chapter-391-3-33> or on Tuesdays between 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Georgia Environmental Protection Division, Watershed Protection Branch file room, 2 MLK Jr. Drive, SW, West Tower, Balcony, Suite 418, Atlanta, Georgia, 30334. 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 the Watershed Protection Branch at (404) 463-1511 or the Environmental Protection Division Director's Office at 1-888-373-5947.

Written comments are welcomed. In order to be included in EPD's summary to the Board of Natural Resources, **written comments should be received on or before February 5, 2021**. Written comments may be emailed to: [EPDComments@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:EPDComments@dnr.ga.gov) or sent via regular mail addressed to Branch Chief, Watershed Protection Branch; 2 MLK Jr. Drive, SW, Suite 1152, East Tower, Atlanta, Georgia, 30334. If you choose to e-mail your comments, please include the words "Rules for Water Supply Efficiency" in the subject line to help ensure that your comments will be forwarded to the correct staff.

The proposed rule amendments will be considered for adoption by the Board of Natural Resources at its meeting at 9:00 am on Tuesday, February 23, 2021. The meeting will

be open to the public and held via teleconference. In accordance with necessary safety precautions regarding the COVID-19 virus, members of the public may access the meeting online or by phone using the Zoom platform. The options for online or phone access will be posted on the Board's website under the "DNR Board Menu" header here: <https://gadnr.org/board> and distributed by e-mail to those who have signed up for notices from EPD regarding proposed rules.

The proposed rule amendments are proposed for adoption pursuant to authority contained in the O.C.G.A. Secs. 12-5-4, 12-5-4.1, 12-5-20 et seq., 12-5-90 et seq., and 12-5-170 et seq.

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