

NOTICE OF THE OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

**GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
AIR PROTECTION BRANCH**

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF FULTON

**NOTICE OF CASE-BY-CASE REASONABLY AVAILABLE CONTROL TECHNOLOGY (RACT)
DETERMINATION AND DRAFT AIR QUALITY PERMIT**

To All Interested Parties:

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division announces its intent to issue an Air Quality Permit that includes a case-by-case Reasonably Available Control Technology (RACT) determination to Alcon Laboratories, Inc. The facility is located at 11460 Johns Creek Parkway, Johns Creek, Georgia. The company operates a contact lens manufacturing facility.

The primary purpose of this permit is to allow the construction and operation of the LS3 production lines, LS1 production lines, JCM boiler, five storage tanks, and a distillation system and to incorporate the case-by-case RACT requirements under Georgia Rule 391-3-1-.02(2)(tt). The Air Quality Permit will be enforceable by the Georgia EPD, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and other persons as otherwise authorized by law.

The draft permit and all information used to develop the draft permit are available for review. This includes the application and all other relevant materials available to the permitting authority. This information is available for review at the office of the Air Protection Branch, 4244 International Parkway, Atlanta Tradeport– Suite 120, Atlanta, Georgia 30354. Copies of the draft permit and narrative will be available through our internet site <http://epd.georgia.gov/air/psd112gnaa-nsrcp-permits-database>. (Please note that the Internet is generally accessible from most public libraries in Georgia.)

If copies are desired, a copying machine for public use is provided by EPD at the Atlanta Air Protection Branch office. There will be a copying charge of \$0.10 per page. Copies will be made on a first-come, first-served basis. Files are available for review and copying 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday - Friday, excluding holidays.

You are hereby notified of the opportunity to submit written public comments concerning the draft Air Quality Permit. Persons wishing to comment on the draft Air Quality Permit are required to submit their comments, in writing, to EPD at the above Atlanta Air Protection Branch address. Comments must be received by the EPD no later than 30 days after the date on which this notice is published in the newspaper. (Should the comment period end on a weekend or holiday, comments will be accepted up until the next working day.) The Division, in making its final decision to issue the Air Quality Permit, will consider all comments received on or prior to that date.

Any requests for a public hearing must be made within the 30-day public comment period. A request for a hearing should be in writing and should specify, in as much detail as possible, the air quality related issues that constitute the basis for the request. Where possible, the individual making the request should also identify the portion(s) of the Georgia Rules for Air Quality Control and/or the Federal Rules that the individual making the request is concerned may not have been adequately incorporated into the draft permit. If a public hearing on the draft Air Quality Permit is to be held, the date, time, and location of the hearing will be provided in a subsequent, separate public notice. At that hearing, anyone may present data, make a statement or comment, or offer a viewpoint or argument either orally or in writing concerning the draft Air Quality Permit. During the Division's decision-making procedures to issue the Air Quality Permit, any information received during a public hearing will be considered together with information received during the comment period.

After the comment period has expired, the EPD will consider all comments, make any necessary changes, and issue the Air Quality Permit. Copies of the final Air Quality Permit, comments received, EPD's responses to comments, and any other relevant information will then be made available for public review during normal business hours at the office of the Air Protection Branch. A summary of comments and any changes made to the final permit will be found in an addendum to the narrative. A copy of this narrative and the final Air Quality Permit will be added to the information already available at the internet address given above.

For additional information, contact the manager of the Stationary Source Permitting Program, at the Atlanta address, or by phone at 404/363-7000. Please refer to this notice when requesting information.