

**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND PROPOSED AMENDMENTS  
TO GEORGIA'S RULES FOR SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT  
CHAPTER 391-3-4**

**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 Georgia Rules for Solid Waste Management, Chapter 391-3-4 (hereinafter, "proposed Rule amendments").

EPD proposes to amend the Rules by: (1) Adding new definitions, amending one definition, and updating the reference in one definition; (2) Adding a requirement for (391-3-4-.03) to prominently display public notices regarding the potential siting of a solid waste handling facility; and (3) Adding requirements for the responsible management of leftover material (stone fines and spalls) resulting from dimension stone manufacturing operations (391-3-4-.04 and 391-3-4-.06). Additional minor edits are contained in 391-3-4-.01 mainly to restore the definitions to alphabetical order and in 391-3-4-.08 to correct a misspelled word.

This notice, together with an exact copy of the proposed 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-391-3-4-solid-waste-management> and at the Georgia Environmental Protection Division, Land Protection Branch, Solid Waste Management Program, 4244 International Parkway, Suite 104, Atlanta, Georgia, 30354. Files are currently available for review and copying by appointment, on Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., excluding holidays. To set an appointment, email [askepd@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:askepd@dnr.ga.gov) with your name, email and phone number and the subject line "Proposed Solid Waste Management Rule Amendments" and an associate will reach out to you. Copies may also be requested by contacting the Land Protection Branch, Solid Waste Management Program at (404) 362-2696 or the Environmental Protection Division Director's Office at 1-888-373-5947.

To provide the public an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed Rule, a public hearing will be held on **April 26, 2023 (1:00 PM – 3:00 PM)**. EPD will be hosting this public hearing via Zoom. Zoom is a free web conferencing platform that also allows participation by phone. 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 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/99571814945>

Meeting ID: 995 7181 4945

To dial in by phone, please call this number: 888-788-0099 (Toll free). When prompted, enter the Meeting ID. 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. 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. Oral statements should be concise

Written comments are welcomed. In order to be included in EPD's summary to the Board of Natural Resources, written comments should be received by close of business (4:30 p.m.) on May 5, 2023. Written comments may be emailed to [EPDComments@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:EPDComments@dnr.ga.gov) or sent via regular mail addressed to Branch Chief, Land Protection Branch, 4244 International Parkway, Suite 104, Atlanta, Georgia 30354. If you choose to email your comments, please be sure to include the words "Proposed Solid Waste Management Rule Amendments" somewhere 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 June 27, 2023 in the DNR Board Room, located at 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, SE, Suite 1252, East Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334. The meeting will be open to the public.

The rule amendments are proposed for adoption pursuant to authority contained in the Georgia Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act (O.C.G.A. § 12-8-20, et seq.).

For further information, please contact the Land Protection Branch, Solid Waste Management Program at (404) 362-2696.