

Air Protection Branch Website Announcement

Stakeholder Meeting on EPD's Air Permit Fees Update

January 17, 2020

Stakeholder Meeting to Discuss New Permit Fees for State Fiscal Year 2021

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) Air Protection Branch (APB) will hold a stakeholder meeting on January 17, 2020 to review changes to the Permit Fees expected in State Fiscal Year 2021, which begins July 1, 2020. This will be an update to the Georgia Air Quality Control Rules 391-3-1-.03(9) and the accompanying Fee Manual. The Permit Fees Advisory Committee (PFAC) consisting of industry experts was established to provide advice and recommendations to Georgia EPD and the DNR Board regarding any changes to the Title V fee structure. As a result of this workgroup plus the stakeholder engagement process, new permit application fees were approved in 2018 and became effective in 2019. After a more recent review of projected revenue and expenses and additional meetings with the PFAC, EPD determined that it would be necessary to complete the phase-in of the permit application fees and increase the annual emission fees to help offset the remaining revenue shortfall. Specifically, EPD has proposed the following:

- Double all permit application fees (complete phase-in)
- Raise the annual synthetic minor permit fee
- Raise the annual NSPS fee
- Add an annual maintenance fee for Title V sources

This meeting will provide a platform for stakeholders to offer input on the rules and fee manual changes. Stakeholders will be presented with the proposed Permit Fee Rule and Fee Manual changes. Following the presentations, time will be allotted for general questions from attendees.

Please contact Maria Geonczy at maria.geonczy@dnr.ga.gov if you have any additional questions.

Attendance is limited to 80 registrants. To register for the stakeholder meeting click the following link - <https://geco.gaepd.org/EventRegistration/Details.aspx?eventid=80>

The stakeholder meeting will be held at the Atlanta Tradeport Training Center - 4244 International Parkway, Suite 116, Atlanta, GA 30354 - on Friday, January 17 from 10 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Please see the Air Protection Branch website for links to current Permit Fee Rules and the Fee Manual.

<http://rules.sos.ga.gov/gac/391-3-1>

<https://epd.georgia.gov/air-protection-branch-technical-guidance-0/types-air-quality-permits/air-permit-fees>