

**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-.01, "General Provisions,"; Rule 391-3-17-.02, "Licensing of Radioactive Material,"; Rule 391-3-17-.03, "Standards for Protection Against Radiation,"; Rule 391-3-17-.04, "Special Radiation Safety Requirements for Industrial Radiographic Operations,"; Rule 391-3-17-.05, "Use of Radionuclides in the Healing Arts,"; Rule 391-3-17-.06(7), "General License: NRC-Approved Packages,"; Rule 391-3-17-.08, "Regulation and Licensing of Naturally-Occurring Radioactive Materials (NORM),"; 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.

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 <http://epd.georgia.gov/chapter-391-3-17-rules-radioactive-materials> or by appointment only during the COVID-19 pandemic 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 with your name, email and phone number and an associate will reach out to you. Copies may also be requested by contacting James Boylan, James.Boylan@dnr.ga.gov or Elisabeth Munsey, Elisabeth.Munsey@dnr.ga.gov or the Environmental Protection Division Director's Office at 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 2:00 p.m. on January 4, 2021. In accordance with EPD's safety precautions regarding the COVID-19 virus and in keeping with the Governor's Declaration of a Public Health State of Emergency, 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/97835193750?pwd=L3doM2txSVhGZW9iNjhXaWUxQ0ozUT09>

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.

The meeting ID is 978 3519 3750

Password: 066407

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 January 11, 2021. Written comments may be emailed to 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 February 23, 2021, in the DNR Board Room located at 2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Suite 1252, East Tower, Atlanta, Georgia 30334. In accordance with necessary safety precautions regarding the COVID-19 virus, the public may access the meeting remotely via conference call or videoconference. Those options 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 everyone who has signed up for notices from the EPD Air Protection Branch.

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 Elisabeth Munsey, 404-363-7131 at the Air Protection Branch.