

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PROPOSAL FOR REISSUANCE OF A NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) GENERAL PERMIT FOR DISCHARGES FROM SMALL MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEMS (MS4s) TO THE WATERS OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA.

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) is considering the reissuance of General NPDES Permit No. GAG610000 authorizing storm water discharges from Phase II small MS4s to the waters of the State of Georgia. Coverage under this permit will be achieved by submittal of a Notice of Intent (NOI). A stormwater management program summarizing the procedures to be used by the permittee to reduce pollutants to the maximum extent practicable will be submitted by each permittee.

The proposed NPDES permit will authorize the discharge of stormwater from the MS4s to waters of the State. The NPDES permit will be valid for a maximum period of five years.

The draft permit and other information are available for review on the EPD website under epd.georgia.gov/storm-water or by writing EPD. The draft permit and other information also are available for review at:

**Georgia Department of Natural Resources
Environmental Protection Division
Watershed Protection Branch
NonPoint Source Program
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, Suite 1152 East
Atlanta, Georgia 30334**

The materials are available between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (except official State holidays).

Persons wishing to comment on the proposed permit are invited to submit their comments in writing to the EPD address above by close of business on October 16, 2017. All comments received before or on that date will be considered in the formulation of final determinations for this permit. "Draft NPDES Permit GAG610000" should be placed at the top of the first page of comments.

Comments may also be e-mailed to EPDComments@dnr.ga.gov. If you choose to e-mail your comments, please be sure to include the words "Draft NPDES Permit GAG610000" in the subject line to ensure that your comments will be forwarded to the correct staff.

A public meeting has been scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on October 16, 2017, at EPD's Training Room at 4244 International Parkway, Suite 114, Atlanta, Georgia 30354. A public hearing will be held at 10:00 a.m. at the same location, following the public meeting. The purpose of the public hearing will be to present and receive formal comments on the proposed permit for the official record. Additional information regarding public hearing procedures is available by writing EPD.

Participants at the public hearing will be requested to register upon arrival if they intend to give oral or written statements. At the public hearing, anyone may present data, make a statement, or comment, either orally or in writing. Oral statements should be concise and will be limited to five minutes in order to allow everyone an opportunity to be heard. Lengthy or technically complex statements should also be submitted in writing for the official record.

For additional information contact: Anna Truszczynski, Unit Manager, Stormwater Unit, NonPoint Source Program, at 404/651- 8548.

Please bring this to the attention of persons who you know will be interested in the matter.