**I. NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT TO DISCHARGE TREATED WASTEWATER INTO WATERS OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA**

NPDES permits are valid for a maximum of five years. Prior to expiration of an existing permit, a new application must be submitted and evaluated.

An antidegradation analysis is conducted, as applicable, for new or expanded point source discharges that are proposed. The analysis evaluates whether allowing lower water quality is

necessary to accommodate important economic or social development in the area in which the waters are located. In all cases, existing instream water uses and the level of water quality necessary to protect the existing use is maintained and protected.

All municipalities must be in compliance with the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) Service Delivery Strategy in order to receive a permit.

Having reviewed such applications, the Environmental Protection Division (EPD) is considering the issuance of NPDES permits to the following applicants, subject to specific pollutant limitations and special conditions.

**NPDES PERMIT REISSUANCE**

**BARTOW COUNTY**

City of Cartersville, 1 North Erwin Street, Cartersville, Georgia, 30120, Permit No. GA0024091, for its Water Pollution Control Plant, located at 102 Walnut Grove Road, Cartersville, Georgia 30120 (Bartow County).   Up to 15.0 MGD of treated wastewater is being discharged to the Etowah River in the Coosa River Basin.

**BERRIEN COUNTY**

City of Ray City, P.O. Box 128, Ray City, Georgia 31645, NPDES Permit No. GA0033553, for the Ray City Water Pollution Control Plant located at Park Street, Ray City, GA 31645. Up to 0.1MGD of treated wastewater is being discharged to Cat Creek in the Suwannee River Basin. \

**BIBB COUNTY**

Aerospace Defense Coatings of Georgia, 2790 Grace Road, Macon, Georgia 31206, NPDES Permit No. GA0050248, for its electroplating, plating, polishing, anodizing, and coloring facility located in Macon, Bibb County, Georgia.  Approximately 0.0015 MGD of anodizing process water is discharged to an unnamed tributary to Echeconnee Creek in the Ocmulgee River Basin.

**CLAYTON COUNTY**

Vulcan Construction Materials LLC, 800 Mt. Vernon Highway NE Suite 200, Atlanta, Georgia 30328, NPDES Permit No. GA0027073 for its granite quarry facility located at 256 Lees Mill Road, Forest Park, Georgia 30297, Clayton County. Approximately 0.68 MGD of comingled wastewater is discharged into unnamed tributary to Flint River (001) in the Flint River Basin

**COFFEE COUNTY**

Pilgrim’s Pride Corporation, 1025 Ambrose Road, Ambrose, Georgia 31512, NPDES Permit No. GA0038296, for its poultry feed mill located in Coffee County, Georgia. An average of 0.0038 MGD of boiler blowdown is discharged to an unnamed tributary to Bear Creek in the Satilla River Basin.

**COLUMBIA COUNTY**

Columbia County Water Utility, P.O. Box 960, Grovetown, Georgia 30813, NPDES Permit No. GA0031992 for the Reed Creek Water Pollution Control Plant located at 578 Stevens Creek Road, Martinez, GA 30907. Up to 4.6MGD of treated wastewater is being discharged to Reed Creek in the Savannah River Basin.

**FULTON COUNTY**

Georgia Power Company – Morgan Falls Hydroelectric Plant, 241 Ralph McGill Blvd, NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30308, NPDES Permit No. GA0001511, for its hydroelectric power generating facility located at 380 Morgan Falls Road in Sandy Springs, Georgia, Fulton County. Approximately 0.202 MGD of non-contact cooling water is discharged to the Chattahoochee River in the Chattahoochee River Basin.

**JACKSON COUNTY**

Jackson County Water and Sewer Authority, P.O. Box 869, Jefferson, Georgia 30549, NPDES Permit No. GA0002712, for the Middle Oconee Water Pollution Control Plant located at 2359 Winder Highway, Jefferson, GA 30549. Up to 0.5MGD of treated wastewater is being discharged to the Middle Oconee River in the Oconee River Basin.

Wayne Farms Poultry Fresh Plant Pendergrass, 4110 Continental Drive, Oakwood, Georgia 30566, NPDES Permit No. GA0039390, for its poultry processing facility located at 977 Wayne Poultry Road, Pendergrass, Jackson County, Georgia, 30567.  Approximately 0.79 MGD of treated poultry processing wastewater is discharged to Allen Creek in the Oconee River Basin.

**LAURENS COUNTY**

Town of Dexter, P.O. Box 1145, Dexter, Georgia 31019, NPDES Permit No. GA0048682, for the Dexter Water Pollution Control Plant located at Pineway Drive, Dexter, GA 31019.  Up to 0.075MGD of treated wastewater is being discharged to Stitchihatchie Creek in the Oconee River Basin

MUSCOGEE COUNTY

Columbus Water Works, P.O. Box 1600, Columbus, Georgia 31902, NPDES Permit No. GA0000973, for its Fort Benning water pollution control plant located on Dixie Road in Columbus. This facility has been eliminated and flow is diverted to the Columbus South Water Reclamation Facility, NPDES Permit No. GA0020516. The above mentioned NPDES permit is no longer necessary.

**PUTMAN COUNTY**

Georgia Power Company – Plant Branch, 241 Ralph McGill Blvd, NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30308, NPDES Permit No. GA0026051, for its steam electric power generating facility located at 1100 Milledgeville Road in Milledgeville, Georgia, Putnam County. A maximum of 32.54 MGD of steam electric power generating wastewater (coal ash pond B discharge and emergency overflow commingled with stormwater as well as ash pond C and E emergency overflow commingled with stormwater), is discharged to Lake Sinclair (external outfall nos. 03, 04, 05, and 06) in the Oconee River Basin.

**TERRELL COUNTY**

City of Dawson, PO Box 190, Dawson, Georgia, 39842, NPDES Permit No. GA0021326, for the Dawson WPCP located at 827 South Herod Road, Dawson, Georgia 31742. Up to 2.5MGD of treated wastewater is being discharged to the Brantley Creek to the Flint River Basin.

**WASHINGTON COUNTY**

Imerys Clays Inc., 618 Kaolin Road, Sandersville, Georgia 31082, NPDES Permit No. GA0050253, for its kaolin mining facility located at 390 Deepstep Creek Road, Deepstep, Georgia 31082, Washington County.  Approximately 1.15 MGD of mine pit pumpout and stormwater is discharged to a tributary to Deepstep Creek in the Oconee River Basin.

**WILKINSON COUNTY**

BASF Corporation, 1277 Dedrick Road, Mclntyre, Georgia 31054, NPDES Permit No. GA0003131, for its kaolin mining and processing facility located in Mclntyre, Wilkinson County, Georgia.  Approximately 15.29 MGD of treated kaolin processing wastewater comingled with stormwater is discharged to Bluff Creek, Commissioner Creek, Little Commissioner Creek, and Buckhorn Branch in the Oconee River Basin.

BASF Corporation, 1277 Dedrick Road, McIntyre, Georgia 31054, NPDES Permit No. GA0003271, for its kaolin mining and processing facility located in Gordon, Wilkinson County, Georgia. Approximately 4.59 MGD of process wastewater and stormwater is discharged to Little Commissioner Creek and 0.01 MGD of pilot plant, laboratory wastewater, and stormwater is discharged to an unnamed tributary to Little Commissioner Creek in the Oconee River Basin.

Imerys Clays Inc., Gibraltar Operations, 618 Kaolin Road, Sandersville, Georgia 31082, NPDES Permit No. GA0050245, for its kaolin clay mining facility located at 32350 Highway 112 in Toomsboro, Wilkinson County, Georgia. Approximately 1.58 MGD of process wastewater from kaolin blunging operation commingled with stormwater is discharged to Buck Creek in the Oconee River Basin.

**NPDES PERMIT TERMINATION**

**DEKALB COUNTY**

Martin Marietta Materials, Inc., 3325 Paddocks Parkway, Suite 350, Suwanee, Georgia 30024, NPDES Permit No. GA0030066, for its crushed stone quarry facility located in Lithonia, Dekalb County, Georgia. The Martin Marietta – Lithonia Quarry has requested coverage under the General Mining permit no GAG300000. NPDES Permit No. GA0030066 is no longer necessary.

**INDUSTRIAL PRETREATMENT PERMIT**

**FRANKLIN COUNTY**

Latexco, 975 Gerrard Road, Lavonia, GA, 30553, Permit No. GAP050277 for its Latex Foam production facility located at 975 Gerrard Road, Lavonia, GA, 30553. Pretreated process wastewater is discharged to the City of Lavonia Water Pollution Control Plant located in the Savannah River Basin.

**II. LAND APPLICATION SYSTEM PERMIT REISSUANCE**

Land Application System (LAS) permits are valid for a maximum of five years. Prior to expiration of an existing permit, a new application must be submitted and evaluated.

All municipalities must be in compliance with the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) Service Delivery Strategy in order to receive a permit.

**LAS PERMIT REISSUANCE**

**DAWSON COUNTY**

The City of Dawsonville, Post Office Box 6, Dawsonville, Georgia 30534 LAS Permit No. GAJ020025, for its Dawsonville Gold Creek Urban Water Reuse Facility located at Gold Creek Drive in Dawsonville, Georgia. Up to 0.5 MGD of wastewater treated to reuse standards will be distributed for irrigation of a golf course.

HALL COUNTY

Pilgrim’s Pride Corporation, Post Office Box 1810, Gainesville, GA 30503, Permit No. GAJ010518 for a commercial waste treatment facility located at 3561 Athens Road, Talmo, Georgia in Hall County.  Approximately 0.022 MGD of pretreated chicken hatchery waste will be land applied to a site in the Oconee River Basin.

**TOOMBS COUNTY**

Chicken of the Sea International, 129 North Commerce Drive, Lyons, Georgia 30436, LAS Permit No. GAJ010452, for its land application system located on State Road 130 in Toombs County, Georgia.  Approximately 0.42 MGD of food processing wastewater to be land applied in the Altamaha River Basin.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations are invited to submit same in writing to the EPD address below or via e-mail at EPDcomments @dnr.ga.gov, no later than June 2, 2017. Please use the words “Public Notice No. 2017-08 ML” and the name of the subject facility that you are commenting on in the subject line to ensure that your comments will be forwarded to the correct staff. All comments received prior to or on that date will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the application. In the case of the permits which are on this notice for proposed modification, only those conditions subject to modification are open to public comment.

A fact sheet or copy of draft permits is available by writing the Environmental Protection Division. The permit application, draft permit, comments received, and other information are available for review at 2 MLK Jr. Dr. S.W., 1152 East Tower Atlanta, Georgia 30334. For additional information contact: Jeff Larson, Wastewater Regulatory Program, phone (404) 463-1511. Please bring this notice to the attention of interested persons.

**Public Hearing Information:**

EPD will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on June 27, 2017. The hearing will be held at the Putnam County Administrative Complex located at 117 Putnam Drive, Eatonton, Georgia 31024. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive comments on the draft NPDES permit for Georgia Power Company – Plant Branch.

The public hearing is a formal process to receive comments on the draft permit. Participants who wish to comment for the record are requested to sign in upon arrival. Hearing participants will not be subject to questions from the audience, but may be questioned by the Hearing Officer for clarification of technical points or to develop a better understanding of statements. Questions asked by participants making statements will be answered by EPD in writing at a later date. Lengthy statements or statements of a considerable technical or economic nature should be submitted in writing for the official record. During the hearing, oral statements shall be limited to three (3) minutes to allow everyone an opportunity to be heard. Comments should be confined to water quality issues as they relate to the draft permit.

Written comments are welcomed. To ensure their consideration, written comments should be received by close of business on June 29, 2017. Please address written comments to the address listed below, or via e-mail at EPDcomments@dnr.ga.gov . If you choose to e-mail your comments, please be sure to include the words “NPDES Permit Issuance – Georgia Power Company – Plant Branch” in the subject line to ensure that your comments will be forwarded to the correct staff. The permit application, draft permit, comments received, and other information are available for review at 2 MLK Jr. Drive, Suite 1152E, Atlanta, GA 30334, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Please bring this notice to the attention of interested persons.