

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION**

**PUBLIC NOTICE NO. 2015–13ML**

**August 17, 2015**

**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**

**DOUGLAS COUNTY**

Douglasville–Douglas County Water and Sewer Authority (WSA), Post Office Box 1157, Douglasville, Georgia, 30133, NPDES Permit No. GA0047201, for the Sweetwater Creek water pollution control plant located at 1565 Roberts Road in Douglasville. Up to 3.0 MGD of treated wastewater is discharged to the Chattahoochee River in the Chattahoochee River Basin. The permit also contains provisions for an expansion to 6.0 MGD as in the current permit.

**FRANKLIN COUNTY**

Georgia Renewal Power, Plant Carl, 3465 Highway 198, Carnesville, Georgia 30521, NPDES Permit No. GA0039292, for its biomass renewal energy power plant located in Carnesville. Approximately 0.6 MGD of cooling water, boiler blowdown, and other utility water is discharged to an unnamed tributary of Indian Creek in the Savannah River Basin.

**HABERSHAM COUNTY**

Georgia Power – Tallulah Falls Hydroelectric Plant, 241 Ralph McGill Boulevard, NE, Bin 10221, Atlanta, Georgia 30308-3374, NPDES Permit No. GA0004162, for its Hydroelectric Plant located in Tallulah Falls. Approximately 0.60 MGD of cooling water is discharged to the Tallulah River in the Savannah River Basin.

Georgia Power – Tugalo Hydroelectric Plant, 241 Ralph McGill Boulevard, NE, Bin 10221, Atlanta, Georgia 30308-3374, NPDES Permit No. GA0004189, for its Hydroelectric Plant located in Tallulah Falls. Approximately 1.30 MGD of cooling water is discharged to the Tugalo River in the Savannah River Basin.

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**JEFF DAVIS COUNTY**

Beasley Forest Products, Inc., P.O. Box 788, Hazlehurst, Georgia 31539, NPDES Permit No. GA0038628, for its facility on 712 Uvalda Hwy, in Jeff Davis County. The existing discharge of wet deck log storage overflow water enters Mill Branch in the Ocmulgee River Basin.

**MUSCOGEE COUNTY**

Columbus Water Works, P.O. Box 1600, Columbus, Georgia 31902, NPDES Permit No. GA0020516, for the South Columbus Water Reclamation Facility (WRF) located at 3001 South Lumpkin Road in Columbus. Treated wastewater is discharged to the Chattahoochee River in the Chattahoochee River Basin.

**RABUN COUNTY**

Georgia Power – Burton Hydroelectric Plant, 241 Ralph McGill Boulevard, NE, Bin 10221, Atlanta, Georgia 30308-3374, NPDES Permit No. GA0004146, for its Hydroelectric Plant located in Lakemont. Approximately 1.42 MGD of cooling water is discharged to the Tallulah River in the Savannah River Basin.

Georgia Power – Nacoochee Hydroelectric Plant, 241 Ralph McGill Boulevard, NE, Bin 10221, Atlanta, Georgia 30308-3374, NPDES Permit No. GA0004154, for its Hydroelectric Plant located in Lakemont. Approximately 0.14 MGD of cooling water is discharged to the Tallulah River in the Savannah River Basin.

Georgia Power – Terrora Hydroelectric Plant, 241 Ralph McGill Boulevard, NE, Bin 10221, Atlanta, Georgia 30308-3374, NPDES Permit No. GA0004171, for its Hydroelectric Plant located in Tallulah Falls. Approximately 0.32 MGD of cooling water is discharged to the Tallulah River in the Savannah River Basin.

**STEPHENS COUNTY**

Georgia Power – Yohan Hydroelectric Plant, 241 Ralph McGill Boulevard, NE, Bin 10221, Atlanta, Georgia 30308-3374, NPDES Permit No. GA0004197, for its Hydroelectric Plant located in Toccoa. Approximately 1.78 MGD of cooling water is discharged to the Tugalo River in the Savannah River Basin.

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**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**

**MCDUFFIE COUNTY**

City of Thomson, P.O. Box 1017, Thomson, Georgia 30824, LAS Permit No. GAJ020252, for its Thomson land application system located at 425 Stage Coach Road in Thomson. 0.171 MGD of treated wastewater is land applied to a site in McDuffie County in the Savannah 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](mailto:EPDcomments@dnr.ga.gov), no later than **September 16, 2015**. Please use the words "**Public Notice No. 2015-13ML**" 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 public hearing may be requested or additional information regarding public hearing procedures is available by writing the EPD at the address noted below.

A fact sheet or copy of draft permits are 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.

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**REVOCAION OF THE GENERAL PERMIT  
FOR THE LAND APPLICATION (LAS) OF  
ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATIONS (AFOs)**

Georgia Land Application System Permit No. GAU700000

Pursuant to the Georgia Rules and Regulations for Water Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-6, EPD is proposing to revoke the general permit for land application system of animal feeding operations, AFOs, issued on June 13, 2002, that covered owners of existing and new AFOs, including swine feeding operations, with more than 300 but equal to or less than 1000 animal units (AU).

On April 1, 2014, EPD issued two new LAS general permits for AFOs based on the size of the operation. General Permit No. GAG920000 was issued to owners of existing, new, and expanding animal feeding operations (301 to 1000 animal units category) that are required to have a land application system permit. General Permit No. GAG940000 was issued to owners of existing, new, and expanding animal feeding operations (more than 1000 animal units category) that are required to have a land application system permit.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations are invited to submit same in writing to the EPD address listed below, or via email at [EPDcomments@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:EPDcomments@dnr.ga.gov), no later than thirty (30) days after this notification. If you choose to email your comments, please be sure to include the words "LAS Permit Revocation – General Permit for Animal Feeding Operations" 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. A public hearing may be held where the EPD Director finds a significant degree of public interest in a proposed permit or group of permits. Additional information regarding public hearing procedures is available by writing EPD.

A copy of the current permit is available by writing EPD. A copying charge of 10 cents per page will be assessed and is available for review at 2 MLK Jr. Drive, Suite 1152, Atlanta, GA 30334, between the hours of 8:00 A.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For additional information contact: Audra Dickson, Wastewater Regulatory Program, phone (404) 463-4934 or e-mail [audra.dickson@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:audra.dickson@dnr.ga.gov).