**EPD Stakeholder Meeting**

**Watershed Protection Branch**

**Discussion of Possible Future Rule Changes**

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) Watershed Protection Branch is conducting a stakeholder meeting to discuss possible future rule changes. The meeting will be held on October 22, 2014 from 1pm to 3:30pm at the EPD Tradeport Training Room located at 4244 International Parkway, Suite 116, Atlanta, GA 30354.

The purpose of this meeting is to inform and solicit input from the public and impacted organizations regarding possible development of a Drought Management Rule and Water Efficiency Rules. The Drought Management Rule would replace the current Rules for Outdoor Water Use (391-3-30) and the 2003 Drought Management Plan. The Water Efficiency Rules would constitute new rules under Chapter 391-3-33.

EPD’s primary goals and objectives are to ensure that stakeholders are given the opportunity to understand the process of rule revisions and the scope of the possible future rule changes that are under consideration. EPD will also listen to comments and address stakeholder questions. This meeting is the third stakeholder meeting for the Drought Management Rule, and the first stakeholder meeting for the Water Efficiency Rules. All comments received from stakeholders in response to the second stakeholder meeting and July 15, 2014 Drought Management Rule strawman have been posted to EPD’s website at the following link:

<http://epd.georgia.gov/development-possible-new-drought-management-rules>

Two new comments have specifically been added at this page: those from the Georgia Industry Environmental Coalition (dated 08-19-14), and those from the Metro District (dated 09-05-14).

Please note that registration for this meeting is required (no fee) in order for us to ensure that there is adequate seating for interested attendees. If the meeting fills up, EPD may hold additional, duplicate meeting(s). You may register for the meeting at the following link:

<http://geco.georgiaair.org/eventregistration/EventDetails.aspx?eventid=42>

Please print out the handouts available at the links below and bring them to the meeting:

<http://epd.georgia.gov/development-possible-new-drought-management-rules>

<http://epd.georgia.gov/public-meeting-discuss-development-possible-new-water-use-efficiency-rules>

EPD is accepting feedback from stakeholders on these issues through November 14, 2014 at the addresses listed below. You may provide written comments on each rule in one submittal or separately. If you are providing comments on both rules in one submittal, please clearly indicate under separate headings which rule your comment applies to.

 Mail: James A. Capp, Chief, Watershed Protection Branch, EPD

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 RE: Drought Management & Water Efficiency Rules Stakeholder Meeting

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