EPD Stakeholder Meeting

Watershed Protection Branch

Discussion of GDOT NPDES Permit GAR041000 Reissuance

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD), Watershed Protection Branch, is conducting a stakeholder meeting to discuss the reissuance of NPDES Permit GAR041000, a Phase II Municipal Separate Stormwater Sewer System (MS4) Permit, to the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT). This NPDES Permit was first issued in 2012 and will expire in 2017. The Permit reissuance will authorize the discharges of stormwater from the GDOT MS4 to the waters of the State of Georgia for the period from 2017-2022. The draft permit is available for review at the address below:

http://epd.georgia.gov/sites/epd.georgia.gov/files/related_files/site_page/DOT_draft_%2_0permit_6-13-16_stakeholder.pdf

The purpose of the meeting is to provide stakeholders with the opportunity to request clarification on the Permit requirements. Also, stakeholders will be allowed to provide comments which will be considered during finalization of the NPDES Permit. The stakeholder meeting will be held as follows:

Date: June 20, 2016

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

<u>Location:</u> Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Boardroom located at 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, 12th floor, East Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334.

Written comments on this draft permit should be sent by 6/24/2016 to Lisa.Perrett@dnr.ga.gov or Glen.Behrend@dnr.ga.gov, or mailed to Watershed Protection Branch, Environmental Protection Branch, Nonpoint Source Program, Suite 1462 East, 2 Martin Luther King, Jr., Dr., Atlanta, GA 30334.

EPD will consider the discussions held and comments received during the stakeholder process, and will prepare the proposed permit for reissuance. After a 30-day public notice period, a public meeting will be held to discuss the proposed permit. The planned date for the public meeting is 8/31/2016. Please share this information with persons who may be interested.