PUBLIC NOTICE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION

PUBLIC NOTICE NO. 2016-04ML

MARCH 23, 2016

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

APPLING COUNTY

City of Baxley, Post Office Box 290, Baxley, Georgia 31515, NPDES Permit No. GA0038725, for its water pollution control plant located at 493 Howard Brannen Road in Baxley. 2.8 MGD of treated wastewater is being discharged to the Altamaha River in the Altamaha river Basin. The permit also includes provisions to allow land application of treated effluent onto a dedicated site in Appling County.

CHATHAM COUNTY

City of Tybee Island, P.O. Box 2749, Tybee Island, Georgia 31328, NPDES Permit No. GA0020061, for the Tybee Island Water Pollution Control Plant located at 923 Bay Street in Tybee Island. Up to 1.15 MGD (May-September) and 0.89 MGD (October-April) of treated wastewater is discharged to the Savannah River (ocean outfall) in the Savannah River Basin.

EARLY COUNTY

Georgia Pacific Cedar Springs LLC, 12551 Highway 273 West, P.O. Box 44, Cedar Springs, Georgia 39832, NPDES Permit No. GA0001201, for its unbleached linerboard and corrugated medium linerboard using the kraft and semi-chemical pulping processes, old corrugated container (OCC) recycle, and double lined kraft (DLK) processing facility located in Cedar Springs. Approximately 99.6 MGD of treated processing wastewaters, sanitary wastewater, cooling water, boiler blowdown, and other utility water is discharged to the Chattahoochee River in the Chattahoochee River Basin.

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HARALSON COUNTY

City of Tallapoosa, 25 East Alabama Street, Tallapoosa, Georgia 30176, NPDES Permit No. GA0020982, for the City of Tallapoosa Water Pollution Control Plant located at 4679 Georgia Highway 100 in Tallapoosa. Up to 1.0 MGD of treated wastewater is discharged to the Tallapoosa River in the Tallapoosa River Basin.

SLUDGE MANAGEMENT PLAN MODIFICATION

HENRY COUNTY

City of Stockbridge, 4640 N. Henry Boulevard, Stockbridge, Georgia 30281 – Stephen D. Peurifoy Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) – NPDES Permit No. GA0023337 - The City's Sludge Management Plan to land apply sewage sludge is to be amended to include two fields, the Gardner Property (approximately 48 acres, 22.6 usable acres) and the McQueen Property (approximately 10 acres, 0.64 usable acres), both located near the intersection of Davis Lake Road and Colvin Drive in Locust Grove.

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 April 22, 2016. Please use the words "Public Notice No. 2016-04ML" 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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NOTICE OF PROPOSAL FOR MODIFICATION OF NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) GENERAL PERMITS FOR STORM WATER DISCHARGES ASSOCIATED WITH CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) is considering the modification of three General NPDES permits, subject to specific pollutant limitations and special conditions:

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) proposes to modify NPDES general permit number GAR100001, Stand Alone Construction Projects, general permit number GAR100002 for Infrastructure Construction Projects and general permit GAR100003 for Common Development Construction Projects. The general permits will authorize storm water discharges from construction sites as defined in the Federal Regulations promulgated under the Federal Clean Water Act.

Only the conditions subject to modification are open to public comment. 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 EPD.comments@dnr.ga.gov, no later than thirty (30) days after this notification. If you choose to e-mail your comments, please be sure to include the words "General Construction Storm Water NPDES Permit Modifications (GAR100001, GAR100002 and GAR100003)" 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 for these permits. 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 the Environmental Protection Division.

A fact sheet or copies of the draft permits are available by writing the Environmental Protection Division. The draft permits, NOIs, comments received, and other information are available for review at 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Suite 1152 East, Atlanta, Georgia, 30334 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For additional information contact: Glen Behrend, NonPoint Source Program, Phone (404) 463-1511.

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