

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

PUBLIC NOTICE NO. 2017-07 ML

MARCH 31, 2017

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

Dougherty County

Georgia Power Company – Plant Mitchell, 241 Ralph McGill Boulevard NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30308, NPDES Permit No. GA0001465, for its steam electric power generating facility located at 5200 Radium Springs Road Albany, Georgia 31075 in Dougherty County. Approximately 48.96 MGD of steam electric power generating wastewater (coal ash pond wastewater and ash pond emergency wastewater), is discharged to the Flint River (external outfall nos. 01B, 01E, and 04) in the Flint River Basin.

Gwinnett County

Vulcan Construction Materials LLC, 800 Mt. Vernon Highway NE Suite 200, Atlanta, Georgia 30328, NPDES Permit No. GA0033359 for its granite quarry facility located at 1055 Ozora Road, Grayson, Gwinnett County, Georgia 30221. Approximately 0.16 MGD of stormwater runoff and process wastewater is discharged into an unnamed tributary of Bay Creek (001), and approximately 0.16 MGD of non-contact cooling, process wastewater, and stormwater runoff is discharged into Bay Creek (002) in the Ocmulgee River Basin.

Toombs County

City of Lyons, 257 North State Street, Lyons, Georgia 30436, NPDES Permit No. GA0033391, for the Lyons North #2 Water Pollution Control Plant located at 331 Atkins Lane, Lyons, GA 30436. Up to 0.67 MGD of treated wastewater is being discharged to Swift Creek in the Altamaha River Basin.

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Warren County

Thiele Kaolin Company, P.O. Box 337, Wrens, Georgia 30833, NPDES Permit No. GA0032981, for its kaolin mining facility located in Stapleton, Warren County, Georgia. Approximately 5.425 MGD of kaolin mining and process wastewater, pit pump out, groundwater, and stormwater is discharged to Brier Creek, Unnamed Tributaries to Brier Creek, Unnamed Tributary to Thompson Ford Branch, and Unnamed Tributary to Reedy Creek in the Savannah River Basin.

NPDES PERMIT RESCISSION

Chatham County

Epic Midstream, LLC, 7 Foundation Drive Savannah, Georgia 31408 NPDES Permit No. GA0004332, for its petroleum refining facility located in Savannah, Chatham County, Georgia. The Epic Midstream, LLC facility no longer discharges process wastewater at this location. NPDES Permit No. GA0004332 is no longer necessary.

INDUSTRIAL PRETREATMENT MODIFICATION

Haralson County

Venus Thread, Inc., 191 West Atlanta Street, Tallapoosa, Georgia 30116, Permit No.GAP050146, for its textile mill located at 191 West Atlanta Street, Tallapoosa, Georgia 30116. Pretreated process wastewater is discharged to the Tallapoosa Wastewater Treatment Plant in the Tallapoosa 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

BARROW COUNTY

Barrow County Board of Commissioners, 30 North Broad Street, Winder, Georgia 30680, LAS Permit No. GAJ020271 for its Tanner's Bridge Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) located at 1113 Briscoe Mill Road, Bethlehem, Georgia 30620 (Barrow County). 0.5 MGD of treated wastewater is land applied to a dedicated site in Barrow County in the Oconee 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 May 1, 2017. Please use the words "Public Notice No. 2017-07 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.

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Public Hearing

Public Hearing Information:

EPD will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on May 4, 2017. The hearing will be held at the Albany Technical College, Kirkland Conference Center located at 1704 S. Slappey Blvd., Albany, GA 31701. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive comments on the draft NPDES permit for Georgia Power Company – Plant Mitchell.

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 May 8, 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 Mitchell” 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.

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Notice of Proposed National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System General Permit to Discharge Treated Wastewater into Waters of the State of Georgia.

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) proposes to issue a modification to the existing National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System General Permit for Mining and Processing Facility discharges, issued on August 1, 2016. The proposed modification will replace the existing in-stream delta turbidity limit of 25 NTUs with a numeric effluent turbidity daily average limit of 50 NTUs and a daily maximum effluent limit of 75 NTUs. NPDES General Permit No. GAG300000 authorizes categories of applicants to discharge process wastewater from mining and processing facilities to waters of the State under the Federal Clean Water Act. The proposed NPDES General Permit area is state-wide. NPDES Permits are valid for a maximum of five years.

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 thirty (30) days after this notification. If you choose to e-mail your comments, please be sure to include the words "National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System General Permit for Mining and Processing Facilities" 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 the Environmental Protection Division.

A fact sheet or copy of the draft permit is available by writing the Environmental Protection Division. A copying charge of 10 cents per page will be assessed. The permit application, draft permit, comments received, and other information are available for review at 2 MLK, Jr. Dr. Suite 1152E, 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.

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**NOTIFICATION OF CANCELATION
FOR A PUBLIC HEARING**

On March 15, 2017, EPD published Public Notice No. 2017-06 ML to announce an Industrial Pretreatment Permit Public Hearing for DRT America (NPDES Pretreatment Permit No. GAP050304). The hearing was scheduled for April 18, 2017 at 7:00 PM at the Effingham County Board of Commissioners Administrative Complex (Large Conference Room) located at 601 N. Laurel Street Springfield, GA 31329. The public hearing is canceled and will be rescheduled at a later date.

If you have comments or concerns please contact Audra Dickson, Wastewater Regulatory Program at 404-463-4934 or via e-mail at audra.dickson@dnr.ga.gov