

PUBLIC NOTICE
GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION

PUBLIC NOTICE NO. 2017-05 ML

MARCH 6, 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

Butts County

City of Jackson, P.O. Box 838, Jackson, Georgia, 30233, NPDES Permit No. GA0023931, for the Southside Water Pollution Control Plant located at Hickory Ridge Road, Jackson, Georgia, 30233 (Butts County). Up to 0.7 MGD of treated wastewater is being discharged to Town Branch in the Ocmulgee River Basin.

City of Jackson, P.O. Box 838, Jackson, Georgia, 30233, NPDES Permit No. GA0021831, for the Yellow Water Creek Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) located at 235 Charlie Sheppard Road, Jackson, Georgia, 30233 (Butts County). Up to 0.75 MGD of treated wastewater is being discharged to Yellow Water Creek in the Ocmulgee River Basin

Forsyth County

Forsyth County Department of Water & Sewer, 110 East Main Street, Suite 150, Cumming, Georgia 30040, NPDES Permit No. GA0038954 for its Fowler & Shakerag Water Reclamation Facilities located at 4050 Carolene Way, Cumming, Georgia 30040 (Forsyth County) and 545 Kemp Road, Suwanee, Georgia 30024 (Forsyth County). 3.75 MGD of treated wastewater will be discharged into the Chattahoochee River in the Chattahoochee River Basin. The permit also contains provisions for an expansion to 6.0 MGD.

Paulding County

Paulding County, 240 Constitution Blvd., Dallas, Georgia, 30132, NPDES Permit No. GA0038865, for the Coppermine WRF located at 624 Coppermine Road, Hiram, Georgia 30141. Up to 1.0 MGD of treated wastewater is being discharged to Mill Creek in the Chattahoochee River Basin. The permit contains provisions for expansions to 2.0 MGD and 4.0 MGD.

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Richmond County

Unimin Corporation., 1 Albion Road, Hephzibah, Georgia 30815, NPDES Permit No. GA0002470, for its Kaolin facility located in Hephzibah, Richmond County, Georgia. Approximately 0.88 MGD of Pulverized and Crushed Kaolin and Slurried Kaolin and is discharged to Grindstone Branch in the Savannah River Basin.

Screven County

Georgia Department of Economic Development, 75 Fifth Street, NW, Suite 1200, Atlanta, Georgia 30308, NPDES Permit No. GA0030287, for the Georgia Visitor Center- Sylvania Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) located at 8463 Burton's Ferry Highway, Sylvania, Georgia 30467. Up to 0.015 MGD of treated wastewater is to be discharged to an unnamed tributary to the Savannah River in the Savannah River Basin.

Washington County

Ethica Health and Retirement Communities, 107 Ridgeview Drive, Oconee, Georgia 31067, NPDES Permit No. GA0035238, for Oconee Health Care Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) located at 107 Ridgeview Drive, Oconee, Georgia 31067. Up to 0.006 MGD of treated wastewater is being discharged to an unnamed tributary to the Oconee River in the Oconee River Basin.

NPDES TERMINATION

Walton County

Hanson Aggregates Southeast, LLC, 2310 Parklake Drive, Suite 550 Atlanta, Georgia 30345, NPDES Permit No. GA0038385, for its granite quarry located in Good Hope, Walton County, Georgia. The Hanson Aggregates Southeast LLC – Walton Quarry has applied for coverage under the General Mining permit no GAG300000. NPDES Permit No. GA0038385 is no longer necessary.

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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

Clarke County

University of Georgia Environmental Safety Division, 240A Riverbend Rd, Athens, Georgia 30602, LAS Permit No. GAJ020191, for the University of Georgia Composting Facility land application system located at 1155 Whitehall Road in Athens, Georgia. Up to 0.01 MGD of treated wastewater is being land applied to a site in Clarke County in the Oconee River Basin.

Dodge County

City of Chester, P.O. Box 67, Chester, Georgia 31012 LAS Permit No. GAJ020202, for its land application system located at County Road 156 in Chester, Georgia. Up to 0.3 MGD of treated wastewater is being land applied to a site in Dodge County in the Ocmulgee River Basin.

Newton County

HY-LINE North America, LLC, Post Office Box 309, Mansfield, GA 30055, Permit No. GAJ010461 for a chick hatchery located at 4432 Highway 213, Mansfield, GA 30055 in Newton County. An average of 0.002 MGD of stabilized equipment washdown water will be land applied to a site in the Oconee River Basin.

Toombs County

City of Vidalia, Post Office Box 280, Vidalia, Georgia 30474 LAS Permit No. GAJ020100, for its Vidalia South land application system located at Oren Sharpe Road in Vidalia, Georgia. Up to 1.8 MGD of treated wastewater is being land applied to a site in Toombs County in the Altamaha River Basin.

Walton County

City of Loganville, Post Office Box 39, Loganville, Georgia 30052 LAS Permit No. GAJ020174, for its Loganville land application system located at 4895 Highway 81 North in Loganville, Georgia. Up to 0.25 MGD of treated wastewater is being land applied to a site in Walton County in the Ocmulgee River Basin.

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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 7, 2017. Please use the words "Public Notice No. 2017-05 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.