

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE NO. 2018-05ML**

**MARCH 9, 2018**

**I. NOTICE OF AN 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**

**Chatham County**

Imperial Savannah, LP 201 Oxnard Drive Port Wentworth, GA 31407, NPDES Permit No. GA0003611, for its cane sugar refinery plant located at Georgia Highway 25 in Port Wentworth, Chatham County, Georgia. Approximately 1.02 MGD of turbine cooling water and stormwater runoff is discharged to the Savannah River in the Savannah River Basin.

**Forsyth County**

Tyson Poultry Inc., P.O. Box 247, Forsyth, Georgia 30028, NPDES Permit No. GA0001074, for its facility located at 213 Industrial Park Drive, Cumming, Forsyth County, Georgia. An average of 1.1 MGD of treated process wastewater from processing chickens is discharged to Orr Creek in the Chattahoochee River Basin.

**Upson County**

City of Thomaston, PO Box 672, Thomaston, Georgia, 30286, NPDES Permit No. GA0030121, for the City of Thomaston – Town Branch Water Pollution Control Plant located at Goshen Road, Thomaston, Georgia 30286. Up to 2.0 MGD of treated wastewater is being discharged to Potato Creek in the Flint River Basin.

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**NPDES PERMIT TERMINATION**

**Bulloch County**

Smith-Healy Farms, Inc., 5886 Banks Dairy Road, Statesboro, Georgia 30458, NPDES Permit No. GA0038199, for its swine farm located at 5886 Banks Dairy Road, Statesboro, Georgia 30458 in Bulloch County. Smith-Healy Farms, Inc. has requested coverage under the General LAS permit for Animal Feeding Operations – More than 1000 Animal Units (Permit No. GAG940000). NPDES Permit No. GA0038199 is no longer necessary.

**Chatham County**

Georgia Power Company, 241 Ralph McGill Blvd., N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30308, NPDES Permit No. GA0003816 for its facility located at Crossgate Road, Port Wentworth, Chatham County, Georgia 31407. Georgia Power Company's Plant Kraft steam electric generating plant was retired April 16, 2015. Since that time all the associated infrastructure has been demolished and all wastewater discharges have been eliminated and the facility is no longer in need of an NPDES permit.

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 8, 2018**. Please use the words "**Public Notice No. 2018-05ML**" 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. In the case of the Industrial Pretreatment Program Approvals and Modifications comments are to be submitted to EPD no later than **April 23, 2018**. 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.