

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

PUBLIC NOTICE NO. 2016–15 ML

OCTOBER 17, 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

BARROW COUNTY

City of Winder, Post Office Box 566, Winder, Georgia 30680, NPDES Permit No. GA0038776 for its Cedar Creek water pollution control plant (WPCP) located at 431 Miles Patrick Road, Winder, Georgia 30680 (Barrow County). Up to 4.0 MGD of treated wastewater is discharged into Cedar Creek in the Oconee River Basin.

COFFEE COUNTY

City of Douglas, Post Office Box 470, Douglas, Georgia, 31534-0470, NPDES Permit No. GA0024431, for the Douglas Southeast Water Pollution Control Plant located at 622 Iron Road, Douglas, Georgia 31534. Up to 6.0 MGD of treated wastewater is being discharged to the unnamed ditch to Seventeen Mile River to the Satilla River Basin

LOWNDES COUNTY

City of Hahira, 102 South Church Street, Hahira, Georgia 31632, NPDES Permit No. GA0037974, for the City of Hahira Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) located at Hall Street, Hahira, Georgia 31632. Up to 0.275 MGD of treated wastewater is being discharged to an unnamed tributary to Franks Creek in the Suwannee River Basin during November through April. Up to 0.31 MGD of treated wastewater is land applied to a site in Lowndes County during May through October in the Suwannee River Basin. Up to 0.175 MGD of treated wastewater is land applied to a site in Lowndes County during November through April in the Suwannee River Basin.

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PICKENS COUNTY

City of Jasper, 200 Burnt Mountain Road, Jasper, Georgia 30143, NPDES Permit No. GA0032204, for the City of Jasper Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) located at 450 Mountview Drive, Jasper, Georgia 30143. Up to 0.80 MGD of treated wastewater is being discharged to Polecat Creek in the Coosa River Basin.

WALKER COUNTY

City of LaFayette, Post Office Box 89, LaFayette, Georgia, 30728, NPDES Permit No. GA0025712, for the LaFayette Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) located at 710 South Cherokee Street, LaFayette, Georgia 30728. Up to 5.0 MGD of treated wastewater is being discharged to the Town Creek to the Coosa River Basin.

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 MODIFICATION

BUTTS COUNTY

City of Jackson, P.O. Box 838, Jackson, Georgia 30233, for its Southside Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP), NPDES Permit No. GA0023931 and Yellow Water Creek WPCP, NPDES Permit No. GA0021831 – The City’s Sludge Management Plan to land apply sewage sludge is to be amended to include the Jones Property (Approximately 58 acres located on Moore Road, Jackson, GA) in Butts County.

NPDES PERMIT RESCISSION

CHATHAM COUNTY

Herty Advanced Materials Development Center, 110 Brampton Road, Savannah, GA 31408 for its non-contact cooling water discharge at its facility located at 110 Brampton Road, Savannah, Chatham County, Georgia 31408.

GLASCOCK COUNTY

Thiele Kaolin Company, P.O. Box 1056, Sandersville, Georgia 31082, NPDES Permit No. GA0047317, for its kaolin mining and processing facility located in Wrens, Glascock County, Georgia. The Thiele Kaolin Company – Reedy Creek Plant facility has ceased discharging at this location. NPDES Permit No. GA0047317 is no longer necessary.

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INDUSTRIAL PRETREATMENT MODIFICATION

CHATHAM COUNTY

Herty Advanced Materials Development Center, 110 Brampton Road, Savannah, GA 31408, Permit No. GAP050302, for its pulp and paper research and development facility located at 110 Brampton Road, Savannah, GA 31408, to increase daily average and maximum daily flow from 0.075 MGD and 0.10 MGD to 0.2 MGD and 0.2 MGD respectively. Pretreated process wastewater is discharged to the Garden City sewerage system in the Savannah River Basin.

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

BACON COUNTY

City of Alma, Post Office Box 429, Alma, Georgia 31510, LAS Permit No. GAJ020044, for the City of Alma LAS located at 265 Carnation Road, Alma, Georgia 31510. Up to 0.75 MGD of treated wastewater is being land applied to a site in Bacon County in the Satilla River Basin.

NEWTON COUNTY

Newton County Water and Sewerage Authority, 11325 Brown Bridge Road, Covington, Georgia 30016 LAS Permit No. GAJ030736, for its Brick Store Land Application System located at 202 Highway 11, in Covington, Georgia. Up to 0.035 MGD of treated wastewater is being land applied to a site in Newton County in the Ocmulgee Basin.

PUTNAM COUNTY

Piedmont Water Company, 5256 Peachtree Road, Suite 120, Atlanta, Georgia 30341 LAS Permit No. GAJ030632, for its Oconee Crossing Urban Water Reuse Facility located at 163 McGillvray Lane in Eatonton, Georgia. Up to 0.5 MGD of treated wastewater is being distributed to reuse customers for irrigation in the Oconee River Basin.

Piedmont Water Company, P.O. Box 80745, Atlanta, Georgia 30366 LAS Permit No. GAJ020072, for its land application system located at 403 and 470 Wards Chapel Road in Eatonton, Georgia. Up to 0.07 MGD of treated wastewater is being land applied to a site in Putnam County in the Oconee 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 **November 17, 2016**. Please use the words “**Public Notice No. 2016-15ML**” 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.