

**SYNOPSIS OF
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
RELATING TO AIR QUALITY, CHAPTER 391-3-1**

Rule 391-3-1-.02(2)(zz), “Gasoline Dispensing Facilities – Stage II” is being amended.

Purpose: The purpose of this amendment is to remove the requirement for Gasoline Dispensing Facilities to install Stage II vapor controls, which no longer provides an environmental benefit due to federal vehicle requirements, and provide for a decommissioning schedule and guidance.

Main Features: Subparagraph (2)(zz)21. is added to require the decommissioning of Stage II vapor recovery systems between May 1, 2014, and April 30, 2016, and to specify the procedures for decommissioning. Language is added to subparagraphs 4., 5., 18., and 19. to remove compliance requirements once the Stage II vapor recovery system has been removed. Subparagraph 8.(iii) has been added to exempt new and reconstructed gasoline dispensing facilities that started up after December 31, 2011 from Stage II requirements. Subparagraph 3.(xi) is revised to include the replacement of gasoline dispensers in the definition of “replacement”. Other changes are added throughout the rule to incorporate decommissioning requirements consistent with other provisions of the rule. This rule required gas pumps at gas stations to install vapor recovery systems to control gas vapors. New vehicles have vapor controls that can interfere with the control at the gas pump, resulting in more emissions of gas vapors. Federal rule allows states to no longer require Stage II when certain conditions are met. Georgia will have met those conditions in 2014.

STATEMENT OF RATIONALE
Rules for Air Quality Control

Rule 391-3-1-.02(2)(zz) – Gasoline Dispensing Facilities – Stage II

The basis of this subparagraph is to require and define the control equipment requirements for fuel vapor recovery for gasoline pumps at gasoline stations. The purpose of this revision is to require decommissioning of Stage II systems between May 1, 2014, and April 30, 2016, and to provide procedures for decommissioning.

This revision would no longer require fuel suppliers to install and maintain vapor recovery equipment at gas stations in the Atlanta area. This action would result in cost savings for the Environmental Protection Division and the regulated industry.