

**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
GEORGIA'S RULES FOR EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL,  
CHAPTER 391-3-7**

**TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:**

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the authority set forth below, the Environmental Protection Division (hereinafter, "EPD") of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources proposes amendments to the Rules for Erosion and Sedimentation Control, Chapter 391-3-7. EPD proposes to amend Rules 391-3-7-.01 and 391-3-7-.05, and to adopt new Rule 391-3-7-.11 (hereinafter, the "proposed rule amendments"), to ensure consistency between the Rules for Erosion and Sedimentation Control and the 2015 amendments to the Erosion and Sedimentation Act under Senate Bill (SB) 101. Specifically, the proposed rule amendments are designed to incorporate specific updates to the definitions and buffer variance procedures and criteria relating to coastal marshlands.

This notice, together with an exact copy of the proposed rule amendments, a synopsis, and statement of rationale of the proposed rule amendments, is being provided to all persons who have requested in writing that they be placed on a notification list. These documents may be viewed at <https://epd.georgia.gov/chapter-391-3-7-rules-erosion-and-sedimentation-control> or during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Georgia Environmental Protection Division, Watershed Protection Branch file room, 2 MLK Jr. Drive, SW, West Tower, Balcony, Suite 418, Atlanta, Georgia, 30334. Copies may also be requested by contacting the Watershed Protection Branch at (404) 463-1511 or the Environmental Protection Division Director's Office at 1-888-373-5947.

To provide the public an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed rule amendments, a public hearing will be held on December 2, 2015 at the following location:

**Wednesday, December 2, 2015 (1:00 pm – 3:00 pm)** at the Coastal Electric Cooperative headquarters office, located at 1265 South Coastal Highway, Midway, Georgia 31320-0109, (912) 884-3311.

At the public hearing, anyone may present data, make a statement, comment or offer a viewpoint or argument either orally or in writing. Lengthy statements or statements of a considerable technical nature, as well as previously recorded messages, must be submitted in writing for the official record. Oral statements should be concise.

Written comments are welcomed. In order to be included in EPD's summary to the Board of Natural Resources, written comments should be received on or before December 9, 2015. Written comments may be emailed to EPDComments@dnr.state.ga.us or sent via regular mail addressed to: Branch Chief, Watershed Protection Branch, 2 MLK Jr. Drive, SW, Suite 1152, East Tower, Atlanta, Georgia, 30334. If you choose to e-mail your comments, please

include the words "Erosion and Sedimentation Control Rules" in the subject line to help ensure that your comments will be forwarded to the correct staff.

The proposed rule amendments will be considered for adoption by the Board of Natural Resources at its meeting at 9:00 a.m. on January 29, 2016 at the A W Jones Heritage Center, located at 610 Beachview Drive, St. Simons Island, Georgia 31522. The meeting is open to the public.

The proposed rule amendments are proposed for adoption pursuant to authority contained in the O.C.G.A. §§ 12-7-1 et seq.

For more information, please contact Glen Behrend at (404) 651-8511.