

**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO GEORGIA'S
RULES FOR HAZARDOUS SITE RESPONSE
CHAPTER 391-3-19**

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 Georgia Rules for Hazardous Site Response, Chapter 391-3-19 (hereinafter "proposed Rule amendments"). The Rule amendments are proposed for adoption pursuant to authority contained in the Georgia Hazardous Site Response Act (O.C.G.A. § 12-8-90, *et seq.*).

EPD proposes to amend Rules 391-3-19-.02, 391-3-19-.04, 391-3-19-.06 through 391-3-19-.09, and Appendices III and IV. The primary basis for the amendments is to modernize the state soil and groundwater cleanup standards (risk reduction standards) to reflect the most current risk assessment methodology and standard industry practices. These amendments are intended to provide a streamlined, consistent, scientifically sound and defensible risk assessment framework while allowing more flexibility and options in complying with risk reduction standards. Other amendments include clarifying the Brownfield notification exemption, allowing the Director to designate EPA removal actions as compliant with Type 5 cleanup standards, and providing appropriate deed language for properties needing correction action and those with continuing obligations.

This notice, together with an exact copy of the proposed Rule amendments, a synopsis, and a statement of rationale of the rule revisions, 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-391-3-19-rules-hazardous-site-response> or during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Georgia Environmental Protection Division, Land Protection Branch, Response and Remediation Program, 2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive SE, Suite 1052, Atlanta, Georgia, 30334. Copies may also be requested by contacting the Land Protection Branch, Response and Remediation Program at 404-657-8600 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, a public hearing will be held at the following location:

June 21, 2018 (1:00 pm – 3:00 pm); Environmental Protection Division; Tradeport Training Room; 4244 International Parkway, Suite 116, Atlanta, Georgia 30354.

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 or economic 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 by close of business (4:30 p.m.) on July 6, 2018. Written comments may be emailed to EPDComments@dnr.state.ga.us or sent via regular mail addressed to Branch Chief, Land Protection Branch, 2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive SE, Suite 1052, Atlanta, Georgia 30334.

If you choose to email your comments, please be sure to include the words "Proposed Hazardous Site Response Rule Amendments" somewhere in the subject line to help ensure that your comments will be forwarded to the correct staff.

The Rule amendments will be considered for adoption by the Board of Natural Resources at its meeting on August 22, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in the DNR Board Room located at 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, SE, Suite 1252, East Tower, Atlanta, Georgia 30334. The meeting is open to the public.

For further information, please contact the Land Protection Branch, Response and Remediation Program at (404) 657-8600.