

**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
GEORGIA'S RULES FOR SAFE DRINKING WATER, CHAPTER 391-3-5**

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 Safe Drinking Water, Chapter 391-3-5.

EPD proposes to amend Rule 391-3-5-.04 to remove the current requirements pertaining to trust indentures and add requirements for performance bonds or letters of credit exactly as presented in O.C.G.A. § 12-5-179(g). EPD is proposing these amendments to align the Rules for Safe Drinking Water with this statutory authority and recognize this authority as a more effective mechanism to incentivize good system performance.

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-391-3-5-rules-safe-drinking-water> 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 May 17, 2016 at the following location:

Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. in the EPD Training Center located at 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 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 May 26, 2016. Written comments may be emailed to: EPDComments@dnr.ga.gov 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 "Rules for Safe Drinking Water" 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 June 29, 2016 in the DNR Board Room located at 2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Suite 1252, East Tower, Atlanta, Georgia 30334. 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. §§ 12-5-170 et seq.

For more information, please contact Kirk Chase at (404) 657-8283.