

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

PUBLIC NOTICE NO. 2018-01 ML

JANUARY 5, 2018

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

Chatham County

Fuji Vegetable Oil, Inc., 120 Brampton Avenue Savannah, Georgia 31408, NPDES Permit No. GA0038521, for its vegetable oil process and refinery facility located in Savannah, Chatham County, Georgia. Approximately 0.065 MGD of vegetable oil processing, cooling tower blowdown, and boiler blowdown, is discharged to an unnamed tributary to Savannah River in the Savannah River Basin.

Houston County

City of Warner Robins, 202 North Davis Drive, PMB 718, Warner Robins, Georgia, 31093, NPDES Permit No. GA0037796, for the City of Warner Robins – Ocmulgee River WPCP located at 100 Perimeter Road, Warner Robins, Georgia 31099. Up to 3 MGD of treated wastewater is being discharged to Ocmulgee River in the Ocmulgee River Basin. The permit has been modified to include language for an approved sludge management plan to deliver sludge to another permitted facility for further treatment and ultimate disposal.

Montgomery County

City of Ailey, Post Office Box 220, Ailey, Georgia 30410, NPDES Permit No. GA0049247, for the Ailey Water Pollution Control Plant located at John Hancock Drive, Ailey, Georgia, 30410. Up to 0.08 MGD of treated wastewater is being discharged to Flat Creek in the Oconee River Basin.

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Upson County

City of Thomaston, PO Box 672, Thomaston, Georgia, 30286, NPDES Permit No. GA0020079, for the City of Thomaston – Bell Creek WPCP located at Zorn Street, Thomaston, Georgia 30286. Up to 2.0 MGD of treated wastewater is being discharged to Bell Creek in the Flint River Basin.

Washington County

Kentucky-Tennessee Clay Company, 3597 Deepstep Road, Sandersville, Georgia 31082, NPDES Permit No. GA0003387, for its kaolin processing and surface mining facility located in Sandersville, Washington County, Georgia. Approximately 1 MGD of kaolin plant water, pit water, and stormwater runoff is discharged to unnamed tributaries to Limestone Creek, unnamed tributaries to Brush Creek, Little Keg Creek, unnamed tributary to Little Keg Creek, unnamed tributary to Gumm Creek, unnamed tributary to Stone Creek, unnamed tributary to Big Sandy Creek, and unnamed tributary to Dry Fork Creek in the Oconee River Basin.

NPDES PERMIT RESCISSION

Douglas County

Bluegrass Materials Company, LLC, 2015 Ronald Reagan Blvde, Cumming, Georgia 30041, NPDES Permit No. GA0030899, for its granite quarry facility located in Douglasville, Douglas County, Georgia. The Bluegrass Materials Company, LLC – Douglasville Quarry has requested coverage under the General Mining permit No. GAG300000. NPDES Permit No. GA0030899 is no longer necessary.

INDUSTRIAL PRETREATMENT PERMIT

Henry County

Southern States, LLC, 30 Georgia Avenue, Hampton, Georgia 30228, Permit No. GAP050136, for its high voltage electrical switch gear assembly plant located at 30 Georgia Avenue, Hampton, Georgia 30228. Pretreated acid rinse water from electroplating processes, oil water separator and acid gas scrubber wastewater is discharged to the City of Hampton's sewerage system in the Flint River Basin.

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 February 5, 2018. Please use the words "Public Notice No. 2018-01 ML" 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.

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NOTICE FOR A NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) GENERAL PERMIT FOR INTERMITTENT REUSE DISCHARGES INTO THE WATERS OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA.

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) proposes to reissue a NPDES general permit, permit number GAG600000, for reuse and intermittent reuse discharges. The Pooler General Reuse permit will authorize rainfall event and stormwater event discharges to Waters of the State of Georgia from reuse holding ponds in the Ogeechee River Basin that are associated with reclaimed water supplied by the City of Pooler. The General Reuse permit will not result in any increased loadings or less stringent conditions or limitations than which are currently in the NPDES permit.

A Notice of Intent (NOI) must be submitted for any Pooler water reclamation facility supplying reclaimed water and any designated user with a reuse holding pond which may discharge into Waters of the State to obtain coverage under the Pooler General Reuse permit.

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 EPD.comments@dnr.ga.gov, no later than thirty (30) days after this notification. Please be sure to include the words "General NPDES permit GAG600000 reissuance – Pooler General Reuse (Chatham County)" in the subject line to ensure that your comments will be forwarded to the appropriate staff. All comments received prior to or on that date will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the application. A public hearing may be held where the EPD Director finds a significant degree of public interest in a proposed permit or group of permits. Additional information regarding public hearing procedures is available by writing the Environmental Protection Division.

A fact sheet or copy of the draft permit is available by writing the Environmental Protection Division. The permit applications, draft permits, comments received, and other information are available for review at 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Suite 1152 East, Atlanta, Georgia, 30334 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For additional information contact: Jeffrey Larson, Wastewater Regulatory Program, Phone (404) 463-1511.

Please bring this to the attention of persons who you know will be interested in this matter.