

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF INTENT TO MODIFY PERMIT

The Environmental Protection Division (EPD) of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, under the authority of the Georgia Hazardous Waste Management Act, O.C.G.A. Section 12-8-60, et. seq., as amended, announces its intent to modify Hazardous Waste Facility Permit No. HW-077(CA) issued to Moody Air Force Base (MAFB) located in Valdosta, Georgia. Pursuant to the permit, MAFB is required to conduct corrective action to remediate historic releases of hazardous constituents into the environment from operations at the facility. The facility's EPA identification number is GA0570024109.

MAFB is an active U.S. Air Force Base located at 3485 Georgia Street, Valdosta, Georgia. Hazardous and non-hazardous wastes previously and/or currently generated at the base include petroleum fuels, lubricants, solvents, explosives, herbicides, pesticides, paints, paint strippers, fire-fighting agents, and general refuse, some of which have been released to the environment during historic base operations. MAFB was initially issued Hazardous Waste Facility Permit No. HW-077(S) on September 29, 1989 for the storage of hazardous waste in containers, and the investigation of potential releases of hazardous constituents into the environment at solid waste management units (SWMUs). The facility closed its permitted hazardous waste container storage area in 1999. Clean closure of the storage unit was approved by EPD when the permit was renewed on June 26, 2001. On September 24, 2014, the permit was renewed to require MAFB to continue corrective action to remediate releases of hazardous constituents into the environment.

A draft modified permit has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Georgia Rules for Hazardous Waste Management, Chapter 391-3-11, which contains the conditions for the investigation and corrective action for contamination. The draft modified permit does not allow for disposal of hazardous waste on-site. If approved, MAFB will be required to implement Corrective Action Plan (CAP) Addendums and Optimizations at four (4) sites to address soil and groundwater contamination, and update the corrective action status for one (1) site where remediation of contamination is complete; and therefore, no further action is required at this time. MAFB will continue to be held to all other corrective action and monitoring requirements outlined in the permit, as those are not changing.

Before making its final decision to modify the permit, State regulations require that EPD provide an opportunity for public comment. Accordingly, a public comment period has been arranged from April 6 to May 24, 2018. During the public comment period, copies of the draft modified permit and supporting documents will be available for public review at the following location during regular business hours:

Georgia Environmental Protection Division
Hazardous Waste Management Program
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive SE
Floyd Towers East, Suite 1054
Atlanta, Georgia 30334
Phone: 404-656-2833

Salter Hahira Public Library
220 E. Main Street
Hahira, Georgia 31632
Phone: 229-794-3063

EPD will schedule a public hearing on the draft permit if a request for one is received by the Director before the close of the public comment period.

The EPD invites comments during the public comment period. Written comments may be submitted by email at EPDComments@dnr.ga.gov or forwarded to Amy Potter, Unit Coordinator, at the above Atlanta address. If you choose to email your comments, please be sure to include the words "Moody HW Permit" in the subject line to help ensure your comments are forwarded to the correct staff. All comments received on or before May 24, 2018 will be considered when the final decision to issue or deny the permit is made.

Any questions regarding the permit modification or the public participation process should be addressed to Amy Potter at 404-657-8604.