

**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 provisions of eight Rules and add one new Rule in Chapter 391-3-5 to incorporate the requirements of EPA's 2013 Revised Total Coliform Rule. Revisions are also proposed to three Rules in this Chapter to incorporate minor updates unrelated to the Total Coliform Rule.

The proposed amendments are responsive to the directive in the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act, 40 CFR Part 142, which requires States to adopt new or revised federal regulations in order to maintain primacy (primary enforcement authority) over public drinking water systems. The Director of EPD certifies that the amendments of Rule 391-3-5 are required by 40 CFR Parts 141 and 142, and EPD is delegated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to implement Sections 300f-j of the federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

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 October 13, 2015 at the following location:

**Tuesday, October 13, 2015 (2:00 – 3:00 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 October 23, 2015. Written comments may be emailed to: [EPDComments@dnr.ga.gov](mailto: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 December 1, 2015 at Young Harris College, Rollins Campus Center, Charles Suber Banquet Hall, 228 Maple Street, Young Harris, Georgia 30582. 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.