

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF INTENT TO RENEW 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 renew Hazardous Waste Facility Permit No. HW-045(S) issued to Fort Stewart. If renewed, the permit will allow for the storage of 67,980 gallons of hazardous waste in containers and will require the investigation and corrective action of historical releases at solid waste management units (SWMUs) and areas of concern (AOCs) at the facility. Additionally, the permit is being revised to add four (4) new AOCs and update the status of four (4) previously identified SWMUs and AOCs. The facility's EPA identification number is GA9210020872.

Fort Stewart is the largest Army installation east of the Mississippi River. It covers approximately 280,000 acres and includes parts of Liberty, Long, Bryan, Evans, and Tattnall Counties. Hazardous wastes are generated as a result of its various training and maintenance activities. Fort Stewart submitted an application to EPD on February 13, 2017 requesting renewal of their hazardous waste storage permit pursuant to the provisions of the Georgia Rules for Hazardous Waste Management, Chapter 391-3-11. The facility was initially issued Hazardous Waste Facility Permit No. HW-045(S) on August 14, 1987.

A draft 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 storage of hazardous waste in containers and the investigation and corrective action of contamination. The draft permit does not allow for disposal of hazardous waste on-site.

Before making its final decision to renew the permit, state regulations require that EPD provide an opportunity for public comment. Accordingly, a public comment period has been arranged from June 21, 2017 to August 7, 2017. During the public comment period, copies of the draft permit and supporting documents will be available for public review at the following locations 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

Hinesville Library
236 West Memorial Drive
Hinesville, GA 31313
Phone: (912) 368-4003

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.

EPD invites comments during the public comment period. Written comments may be submitted by email at EPDComments@dnr.state.ga.us 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 "Fort Stewart HW Permit" in the subject line to help ensure your comments are forwarded to the correct staff. All comments received on or before August 7, 2017 will be considered when the final decision to issue or deny the permit is made.

Any questions regarding the permit application or the public participation process should be addressed to Adam Hanley at 404-657-8630.